

## A DISEASED HEART. Jer. 17:9

Intro. Prevalence of heart diseases.

The American Heart Association.

Lk. 21:26, "men's hearts failing  
of them for fear."

## I. The Source of the World's ills.

1. A diseased heart. Jer. 17:9
2. The meaning of the Heb. word is "incurable"
3. Adam Clark says "feeble"
4. <sup>Solomon</sup> Jesus said "out of the heart are the  
issues of life."
5. The world's ills are not in poor politics,  
bad government, or mechanized civilization  
but in the heart of men.
6. Man himself needs to be changed.

## II. The Nature of the disease.

1. A stony heart. Ezek. 11:19  
A hardened heart  
(hardening of the arteries)
2. A faint heart -- Jer. 8:18; Lam. 1:22  
weak
3. Deceitful heart. Jer. 14:14  
(Apparently healthy, but a bad heart)
4. A murmuring heart.  
Jer. 4:19, "my heart maketh a noise."  
A. Complaining, grumbling  
B. Pang of conscience  
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## III. The Cure for the Disease.

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tablets.  
B. Divine therapy needed.
2. Electrocardiogram of God's Word.
3. Diagnosis of the Holy Spirit.
4. Prescription and treatment of the  
Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Cooperation of the patient. (over)



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  - A. Search for God with all your heart. Jer. 29:13.
  - B. Sincerely turn from sin with the whole heart. Jer. 3:10
  - C. Return to God with the whole heart. Jer. 24:7
5. Result of the treatment.
  - A. A new heart, Ezek. 18:31
  - B. A soft heart (of flesh), Ezek. 36:26
  - C. A burning heart. Jer. 20:9; Lk. 24:32
    1. Love for God
    2. Love for God's Word
    3. Love for a lost world.

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