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Unable to resist Christ's call

Jeremiah 1

This book is the most word-rich book in the Bible, and the authors include Jeremiah and his disciple Baruch, and the following is a very typical process of prophetic calling, with the following elements:

- 1 It is God's election and calling; 2 The doubts, the retreats, and the reservations of the prophets; 3 God's strengthening and encouragement; 4 God's confirmation; 5 God's sending.
- I. The Instrument of God's Chosen Word (1:1-6)

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. ..... And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah continually until the last year of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the children of Jerusalem were taken into captivity in the fifth month of the eleventh year." (1:1-3)

God's words and powers are coming, and God is anxious to find a tool to use. When God's words came to Jeremiah, he was used by God to fulfill God's will. When God's call comes, we "do not say that I am young" and do not have to worry about our qualifications, education, or abilities, for God "knows" us better than we do. God calls people not according to their eloquence or experience, but according to God's own ability. Not because people can do it, people want to do it, people are qualified to do it, but because God will do it. Therefore, when we are sure that God's call has come, the only correct response is to obey and accept.

II. The Revelation of God's Word (1:7-10)

"And the LORD said unto me, Say not thou shalt not say that I am a young man: for to whom I send thee, thou shalt go; Whatever I command you, you will say. Do not be afraid, for I am with you to save you. This is what the LORD has said.' (1:7-9)

God Himself stretched out his hand and pressed Jeremiah's mouth to reveal it to him. We can also be the outlet of God's Word because God lays His hand on our mouth. God sent us, was with us, and saved us by revelation of God to pull it out, tear it down, destroy it, overthrow it, build it up, plant it, and God wanted Jeremiah to be a rebuilder.

## 3. God's Revelation of the Word's Response (1:11-19)

"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, What seest thou, Jeremiah? I said, 'I see an almond branch.' The Lord said to me, 'You have seen it well; For I have taken care to keep my word, that it may be done." The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, 'What do you see?' I said, 'I see a boiling pot pouring out from the north." And the LORD said unto me, Evil shall come upon all the inhabitants of the land from the north. | (1:11-14)

There are two visions here, the first one, of God comforting Jeremiah. The apricot tree is like a dead tree in winter, but it has already bloomed before spring, and although the word of God is issued in the harsh winter, it will be fulfilled before it has regained spring, so don't look at the present, but have faith. The second vision refers to the attack of Babylon. Israel was gone, and Babylon was rising, threatening Judah like a boiling cauldron. God revealed to Jeremiah that although he faced this situation, it was all in His reign, so there was no need to be afraid.

A person who is used by God is not able to be used by God all at once, but there needs to be a process, which is longer or shorter. Today, on the road of faith, pray that the Lord will also let us enter this process of God using you, God will help us, guide us, support us, encourage us, and let us encounter, even if there are difficulties, we can rely on the Lord to overcome, the more we serve, the sweeter we are, and become disciples of the Lord. God invited Jeremiah to do his prophetic ministry with determination, because God kept Jeremiah so that no trick from the enemy could hurt him. Jeremiah was convinced of God's protection, and so he faithfully fulfilled his prophetic mission during more than 40 years of suffering. Before a person who is called by God to work in the Lord enters his own harvest field, he must first have two consciousnesses: (1) a clear sense of being called, a worker whom God has called him to be the Lord; (2) The coworker consciousness, God will always be with him when he works for the Lord. Without this, not only will we not be able to accomplish our mission, but we will inevitably fall into pride or discouragement.

How do we conclude that a person is a prophet? Some of the co-workers speak badly, they preach and curse, and then they say, "I am a prophet, so I curse," not necessarily. God has not touched you, and your scolding is flesh; It is God's job for God to move you to speak softly, exhortationally, comfortingly, accusatory, and rebuke. Every prophet needs to have a good understanding of the Bible. If a prophet does not understand the Bible, his impressions conflict with the Bible, and the prophecies are all imaginary feelings, and it is wrong to take his feelings and his own beliefs as prophecies. There are two kinds of false prophets: one is a demon-filled false prophet; There is also the fact that the Holy Spirit did not move him, and that he himself

thought that he was talking to him as if it were the Holy Spirit. How clear God spoke to Jeremiah, to Samuel.

### We pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Pray that the Lord will give us humility to follow God closely and become God's fitting instrument so that God's word will be fulfilled. We follow Jesus Christ as a miniature prophet, priest, and king. We also play the role of preaching God's Word and mission as we practice Christ and follow Christ. Pray that the Lord will also use us to stand firm and speak God's heart. Lord Jesus, we thank You that I knew me before You even existed! I am still in my mother's womb, and You have sanctified me. Thou hast chosen us, sent us, commanded us, and preached to us what thou shalt speak. You are with us, and You are the one who saves us! You have appointed us to serve in positions of authority! It is You who keep Your Word and fulfill Your prophecy! Lord, we thank You and we are willing to respond to Your call!

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

#### Jeremiah 1

- 1:1 Benjamin recounted the words of Jeremiah the son of Helkite, the son of Helkia, among the priests of the city of Nathoth.
- 1:2 Josia, the son of King Yah, reigned thirteen years, and Jehoah came to Jeremiah.
- 1:3 From the time of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah until the last year of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the Jerusalem was taken into captivity in the fifth month of the eleventh year, The words of Jehovah often come to Jeremiah.
- 1:4 Jeremiah said, The word of Yahweh came to me, saying, 1:5 I have not made you in the womb, I have known you, you have not been born in the womb, I have separated you as holy. I have appointed you to be a prophet to the nations. 1:6 And I said, Lord and Wara, I don't know what to say, for I am young.
- 1:7 ye and hua said to me, don't you say that i am young. for to whom I send you, thou shalt go. Whatever I command you to say, you must say it.
- 1:8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to save you. this is what ye and hua said.
- 1:9 So Yahweh stretched out his hand and pressed my mouth and said to me, I have passed on to you what I should have said.
- 1:10 Behold, I have set thee up this day among the nations to be uprooted, to be destroyed, to be destroyed, to be overthrown, and to be erected and planted. 1:11 And the words of Yahweh came to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah? I said, I saw an apricot branch.

- 1:12 ye wohwa said to me, you are right. For I am mindful to keep my word, that I may be successful.
- 1:13 yes and wah came to me for the second time, and said, what do you see. I said, I see a boiling pot pouring from the north.
- 1:14 And the Lord said unto me, Surely evil shall come from the north, and shall come upon all the inhabitants of the land.
- 1:15 And ye said, Behold, I will summon all the nations of the northern nations. And they shall come, and shall take their seats, every man at the gate of Jerusalem, and besiege the walls around him, and shall strike against all the great cities of Jew.
- 1:16 As for all the wickedness of this people, I will forsake me, burn incense to other gods, and bow down to what my hand has made, and I will utter my judgment and attack them.
- 1:17 Therefore gird your loins and arise and tell them all that I command you . Do not be dismayed because of them, lest I cause you to be terrified before them.
- 1:18 Behold, I have made thee a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against all the earth, against the great kings of the earth, against the princes, against the priests, against all the people of the land.
- 1:19 They want to attack you, but they can't beat you. for I am with thee to save thee; this is what ye and hua said.

Chapter 1 of Jeremiah is arguably the opening statement of the entire book, and it focuses on Jeremiah's calling and mission as a prophet, as well as God's judgment and warning to the nation of Israel. Here's an overview of the main idea of Chapter 1 and what it entails:

- God called Jeremiah to be a prophet and gave him an important mission.
- God's judgment and warning to the nation of Israel.

#### Overview:

- Jeremiah was a priest of the tribe of Hasrien, and his ancestors were priests from Anathoth.
- Jeremiah was called by God to be a prophet during the reign of King Josiah of Judah, between 626 and 609 BCE.
- In the year Jeremiah became a prophet, God appeared to him and told him that his mission was to proclaim God's Word to the kings and people of the nations, nations, and Israel.
- God told Jeremiah that he had chosen him as a prophet in his mother's womb, and that God had set him apart as a prophet and sent him among the nations.

- God further told Jeremiah that he was going to speak God's word to the nation of Israel and warned them that they must be converted or God would judge them.
- Jeremiah felt inferior because he was young, but God told him not to be afraid, because God would be with him, protect him, and make him more than victorious.
- Finally, God showed Jeremiah a branch of an almond tree, indicating that God's Word would be fulfilled.

Overall, Jeremiah 1 emphasizes God's authority and God's judgment and warning to the nation of Israel. God called Jeremiah to be a prophet and gave him the important mission of communicating God's Word to the nation of Israel and warning them that they must be converted or face God's punishment.

The Book of Jeremiah is a book in the Old Testament that focuses on the prophet Jeremiah's prophecy of God's Word at the end of the kingdom of Judah, warning the people to repent, and prophesying the invasion of the kingdom of Babylon and the exile of Judah.

Here are a few important passages from Jeremiah 1, along with their sources and contents:

- 1. Jeremiah 1:5: "I did not create you in the womb, but I already knew you; Thou hast not been born in thy womb, and I have sanctified thee; I have appointed you to be a prophet to the nations. This verse is God's call to Jeremiah to be a prophet. God knew Jeremiah before he was born, sanctified him, and appointed him as a prophet to the nations. This shows that God has a predetermined plan and purpose for everyone, and Jeremiah was no exception.
- 2. Jeremiah 1:10: "Behold, I have set you over the nations and nations this day to pull it out, to tear it down, to destroy it, to build it up, to plant it." This verse is God's commission to Jeremiah to pull out, tear down, destroy, and destroy nations and nations that disobey God, and to establish and plant God's kingdom. It also shows that God's plan and purpose is not just to punish, but to build up and save.
- 3. Jeremiah 1:17: "Gird up your loins, rise up and speak to them, and do not shrink from their fear, lest I cause you to be terrified before them." This verse is God's warning and encouragement to Jeremiah. God wanted Jeremiah to stand up boldly and preach God's Word to the people, not because of their opposition

and flinching in terror. At the same time, God promised that he would protect Jeremiah from terror in front of the people.

These are some of the important passages in Jeremiah 1 and their explanations. These verses are not just the calling and mission of the prophet Jeremiah, but also the revelation of God's calling and mission for each of us.

The "Book of Jeremiah" in the Old Testament of the Bible is a prophetic book that records the words and deeds of the prophet Jeremiah and the revelations of God. In Jeremiah 1, the main theological central ideas and theology are as follows:

God's Call and Calling: Jeremiah begins in chapter 1 and tells how God called Jeremiah before he was born and chose him as a prophet to deliver God's Word to the people of Israel. This emphasizes God's active choice of people, not of man's own choice.

God's Destiny and Plan: In Jeremiah 1, God tells Jeremiah that he was set apart as a prophet in his mother's womb, indicating that God knew and predestined Jeremiah's mission at the beginning of creation. This demonstrates God's plan and sovereignty over each person's life.

God's Word and Authority: Jeremiah is God's spokesman, and the words he conveys are inspired by God and have absolute authority. This emphasizes the importance of God's Word in the Bible and its guiding role in people's lives and beliefs.

Human Obedience and Responsibility: Jeremiah was initially hesitant about God's calling, but God encouraged him not to be afraid and to feel comfortable communicating God's Word. Jeremiah's obedience and sense of responsibility demonstrated the need to respond to God's call and obey God's will.

Overall, Jeremiah 1 emphasizes God's sovereignty, predestination, and authority of the Word, as well as the need for people to obey God's call and be accountable. These theological central ideas remind people to rely on God's will in faith and life, and to submit to His guidance.