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My love! My people ! Come back

Jeremiah 3

12 Return, O backslidden Israel! I will not look at you with angry eyes; For I am merciful, and I will not be angry forever.

14 Return, O backslidden children! For I am your husband, and I will take you one from one city and two from one family, and bring you to Zion

The central idea of Jeremiah 3 is God's love and mercy for Israel, as well as the rebellion and unfaithfulness of the nation of Israel. Here's an overview of chapter 3: God gave Jeremiah a voice for the people of Israel who had forsaken him, calling them back to Him. God said, "Return to me, and I will be gracious to you." Jehovah told Jeremiah that the nation of Israel had turned their backs on him and had followed false gods, without thinking about what they had experienced and without fear of God's judgment. God rebuked the nation of Israel and pronounced punishment. God is again calling the nation of Israel back, convincing them that it is pointless in the face of false gods. God reminded them that when they were pursuing false gods, they sought help and fornicated with many people under every high hill and verdant tree. Jehovah is saddened by their betrayal and wants them to repent because his love and mercy for them are eternal. The nation of Israel replied that they were to seek a lover under every high hill and under the verdant tree, and that their souls belonged to false gods, so that they could not return to the true God. They also claimed to be sinless and did not follow other gods. But this is hypocritical, and God is still calling them back.

Transcendent love: God uses marriage as a metaphor that in earthly marriages, a wife who has been divorced for adultery will not marry back, but God said to adulterous Israel, "Turn back and return to me again, and I will receive you." God's standards are high, but when people can't, God lowers them. Verse 3 says, "Therefore the rain ceases, and the spring rain does not fall." You still have the face of a prostitute, without shame." God wanted Israel to be converted quickly, and if they were willing to return, God would still accept them. "Will the LORD keep his wrath forever to the end?" (3:5) This is God's deep love for us, and God will not be angry forever. As long as we are converted, God will still accept it. God's love has the power not to break or bruise a broken reed, not to blow out a dying lamp (Matt. 12:20). Judas at that time sought God only formally, and not only did not repent, but continued to commit spiritual fornication. Therefore the wrath of God will inevitably come upon them. Man is punished by God because he is a sinner, but the main reason is that he is not converted. When man sinned first, God offered reconciliation first. God does not sit back and wait for human beings to repent, but takes an active and unconditional act of redemption: God forgives sin through the substitutionary nature of Jesus Christ by His death; God accepts repentant sinners.

In the New Testament, when the Holy Spirit is with man, the Lord Jesus said in John 14:16-17, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, for He dwells with you and will be in you." All New Testament believers have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit every day, and following the leading of the Holy Spirit, which is the reality of our presence with God and being filled with the Holy Spirit. We are more or less "backslidden children." 1 John 1:9 tells us, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So all we need is that we are willing to respond to the Father's loving call again and again: "Come back!" He will surely embrace us with open arms, for we will always be His beloved children!

Let's pray together:

O Lord! Give us grace to repent truthfully and not to be treacherous. Help us to come to you with our hearts and let the throne of God be set in our hearts. Thank you, Abba Father, for calling us to choose us to be converted to you for your redemption and healing, just as the Israelites did when they backslidden and detoured. If it weren't for your love and mercy, we would have died in our sins and transgressions. It is because of your grace that we are able to stand before You and enjoy the status and blessings of being children today. Pray that the Lord will help us to turn away from all idols and worship and serve You. Strive to follow Your Great Commission and take Your gospel to the ends of the earth.

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

Jeremiah 3

3:1 It is said that if a man divorces his wife and leaves him and becomes someone else's wife, how can his former husband take him back . If you take him back, will not the land be greatly

defiled? But you and many of your loved ones will still come back to me. this is what ye and hua said .

3:2 You look up at the heights of the pure light . where you have not committed adultery . You sit by the wayside and wait, as the Arabians lay in wait in the wilderness, and your defiled the whole earth.

3:3 therefore the rain ceased, the spring [the original text was late] and the rain did not fall . You still have the face of a prostitute and do n't care about shame .

3:4 Will thou not cry unto me henceforth, saying, Thou art my young benefactor, O Father.

3:5 Will Yahweh be angry forever and remain to the end ? Behold, thou hast spoken evil again, and hast done evil deeds, and hast done as thou shalt have done as thou hast whimsed. [Or do evil and indulge your desires in spite of that you say so]

3:6 And it came to pass, in the days of King Josiah, that Jehohua said unto me, Do you see the way of Israel the backslidden? He went up to every high mountain, and committed adultery under every green tree.

3:7 After he has done these things, I said, He will return to me. but he did not return to me . His treacherous sister Judas also saw it. 3:8 backslidden Israelis commit adultery. I gave him a letter of divorce for this reason . And I saw that his treacherous sister Judas, who was not afraid, went into adultery. 3:9 Because Serel neglected his fornication, and committed adultery with stones and wood, and the earth was defiled.

3:10 In spite of all these things, his treacherous sister Judas did not come to me with all her heart, but not to me with a false intention . this is what ye and hua said . 3:11 And Jehohua said unto me, Israel the backslidden is more righteous than the treacherous Judas

3:12 Go and proclaim to the north, and Yahweh says, and Israel the backslidden, return. I will not be angry with you. For I am loving, and I will not be angry forever. this is what ye and hua said .

3:13 Confess your iniquity, that you have rebelled against Yahweh and your God, and have run from other gods under the verdant trees, and have not listened to my words. this is what ye and hua said .

3:14 ye said , backslidden sons , come back and strike . for I am your husband-in-law. And I will take you one man from one city, and two from one tribe, and bring them to Zion.

3:15 I will also give you a shepherd who is of my heart. They will shepherd you with knowledge and wisdom.

3:16 And Yahweh said, Ye have borne many in the land, and in those days no one will speak of the ark of the covenant of Yahweh. do n't remember, don't remember, don't feel missing, don't make it anymore.

3:17 Then they will call Jerusalem the throne of Jehova. and all nations shall come to Jerusalem and gather together in the land of the name of Jehova. They will no longer follow their own stubborn wicked ways.

3:18 In those days the great families of Judah will go with the Israelites from the land of the north, and come together to the land which I give to your fathers as an inheritance. 3:19

And I said, How I have put thee among my sons and daughters, and given thee a good land, it is the fertile industry of all nations. And I said, Ye shall call me Father, and you will not turn any more from me.

3:20 Israelite, thou wilt deceit unto me, as treacherous wives and sons have deceived their husbands. this is what ye and hua said .

3:21 In the high places of the pure light you hear the voices of men, like the weeping and supplication of the Israelites. because they walked in crooked ways, forgetting the God of Yahweh.

3:22 Return, you backslidden daughters; I will heal you of your backsliding. Behold, we are coming to you . for thou art the God of Yahweh.

3:23 It is in vain to look up to the hills or from the noise of the mountains . Surely Eliel was saved by Jehovah, our God.

3:24 From our youth, the shameful image devoured the sheep and cattle of our fathers, and their children.