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Pride provokes the wrath of God

The central idea of Jeremiah 13 is about God's punishment for his people who rebel and his blessings for those who are faithful and obedient. At the beginning of this chapter, God asks Jeremiah to perform a strange task of tying a belt around his waist and taking it to the Euphrates River and hiding it there. After some time, God sent Jeremiah back to the river to retrieve the belt, but by this time the belt had been destroyed and was no longer fit for use. Then God commanded Jeremiah to perform another strange task, asking him to buy some wine bags, take them to the temple of the Lord, and pour them out in the temple. This mission symbolized that God would empty the nation of Judah and bring them into trouble.

In 605 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon invaded Judah for the first time and took Jehoiakim king of Judah captive. After Jehoiakim was released back to Judah, he served in Babylon for three years. At this time, the proud Jehoiakim did not heed the prophet Jeremiah's warning and took the opportunity to defect to Egypt and rebel against the king of Babylon. In 598 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar made a second invasion of Judah, and the successor Jehoiachin and the Queen Mother were exiled to Babylon. Through the historical context, we can also see how proud the people of Judah could be even in such a short period of respite, and how the people of Judah turned away from God. This chapter uses the parable of the belt to warn proud Israel that if they turn away from God, they will become useless belts and be abandoned; The parable of wine was used to declare that the proud Israel would be destroyed by God; We should also examine whether we will provoke God's wrath and judgment through pride. We need to be vigilant about our pride and become God's people, so that God may be famous, praised, and glorified. We are born with sinful nature that cannot be improved by ourselves or false idols, and only by the Son

of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, can we purify ourselves from the inside out. If we fail to function as God's people, we will be forsaken and become wine poppies full of God's wrath.

In 13 chapters, "pride" is repeated. To receive God's forgiveness, one must turn away from pride and humble oneself (13:18). The scripture has a clear explanation of pride, that the Jews "refused to listen to the word of God, walked according to their stubborn heart, followed other gods, and served and worshipped." "Pride is a kind of self-aggrandizement and ostentatious display of one's status and achievements, thinking that oneself is great and superior. Pride is overconfidence and even demeaning others. This attitude can lead to strained relationships and loss of trust and support from others. Unwilling to accept the opinions and help of others, missing out on opportunities for growth and learning. Excessive pride and arrogance can lead to strained relationships and even breakdowns. Conceit and complacency can deprive people of the support and help of others, making them feel isolated at critical moments. Excessive complacency can lead to a lack of initiative, missed opportunities for growth and development, and ultimately stagnation in professional and personal life.

The pride of the people of Judah is not to listen to God! When they do not listen to the word of God, they listen to themselves and do what they please, to serve and worship idols. The pride of the human heart is not just complacency about doing something that makes people feel successful, but it is an unwillingness to listen to God's Word, and a rift in the relationship with God. So, we need to put an end to pride and repair our relationship with God. It is only when we humbly surrender before God that we can eliminate pride. There are many verses in the Bible that warn us against pride and emphasize the importance of humility. Here are some related verses:

Proverbs 16:18:

"Pride precedes ruin, and madness before fall."

Proverbs 11:2:

"Pride comes, shame comes; The humble are wise. "

Proverbs 29:23:

"A man's pride will humble him; He who is humble in heart will be honored. "

James 4:6:

"But he gives more grace, so it is written, 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'" "

Philippians 2:3:

"Do not be a party in anything, and do not covet vanity in glory; As long as you are humble in your heart, each one of you will be better than you are. "

These verses remind us to be humble and not to be proud, because pride leads to failure and shame, while humility leads to wisdom, honor, and the grace of God.

Let's pray together:

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for letting us know that God wants us to draw near to you at all times, and for us to see that people can turn away from God with pride at any time. Man's sinful nature can only be improved by the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God for my choice to repent and turn to God before God's judgment, and ask God to keep purifying myself by the blood of the Lord Jesus, to live the life of Jesus Christ, and to make God famous, praised, and glorified.

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

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13:1 Yahweh said to me, Go and buy a linen cloth to gird your loins, and you shall not put it in the water.

13:2 So I did as Yahweh had said, and bought a girdle to girdle my waist.

13:3 the words of the lord and hua came to me for the second time ,

13:4 Take the girdle which thou hast bought, which is the girdle of thy loins, and arise, and go to the river Euphrates, and hide thy girdle in the cave of the rock. 13:5 So I went and hid my girdle by the river Beth, as Jehovah commanded me.

13:6 And after many days Jehovah said unto me, Arise, go to the river Bethrah, and take out the girdle which I commanded thee to hide there.

13:7 So I went to the river Euphra and dug out my girdle from where I had hid. I saw that the belt had deteriorated and was useless.

13:8 yes 's words came to me ,

13:9 Thus saith Jehovah, In the same way I will ruin the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

13:10 And this wicked people, who will not listen to my words, who walk according to their own stubborn heart, who follow other gods, who serve and worship, will be like this girdle, and they will be rendered useless.

13:11 And Jehovah said, As the girdle is clinging to a man's loins, so I have brought all the house of Israel and all the house of Judah to me, that they may be my people, that I may be famous and praised. glory . But they would not listen.

13:12 So say to them, Thus saith the God of Yahweh, Israel, and fill every poppy with wine. They will say to you, "We don't know for sure that every meal is going to be full of wine."

13:13 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, I will make all the inhabitants of the land, the kings who sit on the throne of the Great Avid, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, They were all drunk.

13:14 And Yahweh said to them, I will make them come together one after the other, and the father and the son will come to another. I will not have pity, nor pity, nor compassion, that I will destroy them.

13:15 Listen and listen to your ears. do n't be arrogant . because ye hohua has already said it .

13:16 Yahweh, your God shall give glory before darkness comes, and your feet before they stumble on the mountain of darkness. Lest ye look for the light, which turns it into a shadow of death and darkness.

13:17 But if you don't listen to this, I will weep secretly because of your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly, because the crowd of Yahweh has been taken captive. 13:18 Say to the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves and sit down below, for your turban is your crown of glory that has fallen off. 13:19 All the cities of the south are shut up and no one is open . Judah was all taken captive, and the captivity was complete.

13:20 Look up at the people from the north. Where are the people who were given to you before, the people who are your best people?

13:21 What will you say then when Yahweh has put your own friends over you and has dominion over you? Won't the pain catch you like a woman in need?

13:22 If you say in your heart, Why have all these things come to me? Thy garments are lifted up, and thy heels are wounded, because of the great number of thy iniquities.

13:23 How could the ancient Ducites change their skin? How can the leopard change the spot, if you can do evil as you habit, you will be able to do good.

13:24 Therefore I will scatter them with the winds of the wilderness, as stubble that has been blown by.

13:25 And Yahweh said, This is what you deserve, and this is what I have given you. for thou hast forgotten me, and have relied on falsehood. [or as an image]

13:26 So I will take up your garments and put a cover over your face and show your ugliness.

13:27 I have seen all your abominations in adultery, hissing and fornication in the mountains of the field. Woe to you, O Jerusalem; How long will it be until you are not clean.

The central idea of Jeremiah 13 is about God's punishment for his people who rebel and his blessings for those who are faithful and obedient. Here's an overview of chapter 13: At the beginning of this chapter, God asked Jeremiah to perform a strange task of tying a belt around his waist and taking it to the Euphrates River and hiding it there. After some time, God sent

Jeremiah back to the river to retrieve the belt, but by this time the belt had been destroyed and was no longer fit for use.

Through this mission, God told Jeremiah that just as this belt was destroyed, He would also destroy Judah and Jerusalem. God accused the nation of Judah of rebelling against Him, and they left Him like a girdle from their loins. God warned them that if they did not repent, they would be destroyed like this ruined belt.

Then God commanded Jeremiah to perform another strange task, asking him to buy some wine bags, take them to the temple of the Lord, and pour them out in the temple. This mission symbolized that God would empty the nation of Judah and bring them into trouble.

Finally, God told Jeremiah that only those who obeyed Him would be blessed as wine sacs obeyed Jeremiah's hand. But for those who rebel against Him, God destroys their countries and families and causes them to experience pain and hardship.

Here are a few important passages from Jeremiah 13, along with their sources and contents:

1. Jeremiah 13:11: "This girdle saith the LORD that I have set better than all the house of Israel and all the house of Judah." They will draw near me like this girdle, that they may be my people, for fame, and praise, and for glory: but to those who do not listen, I will pull them out and destroy them, and destroy them. This is what the Lord has said. This verse is God's parable telling Jeremiah that the people's relationship with God is like a belt, and if they don't obey God, it's like the belt loses its function and will eventually be pulled out and destroyed. It is also a reminder to be obedient to God's will and have an intimate relationship with Him.

2. Jeremiah 13:15-17: "Listen, and do not be proud, for the Lord has spoken this." Give glory to the LORD your God, lest he stumble in darkness, and you wait for the light, but he turns the light into the shadow of death, and darkens it. But if you do not hear this, I will weep in secret, and tears will flow down my eyes, because the crowd of the LORD has been taken captive. This verse is Jeremiah's warning to the people to humbly submit to God's will or face God's punishment. It is also a reminder to always fear God and keep His commandments.

3. Jeremiah 13:23: "Could the Ethiopians have changed their skins?" Can a leopard change spots? Can you, who are accustomed to evil, do good? In this verse, Jeremiah pointed out that if it is not possible to change even the things that are impossible in nature, such as the skin of the Ethiopians and the spots of the leopard, then it is even more difficult for those who are accustomed to evil to change. It is also a reminder to always be vigilant against sin and avoid falling into the cycle of sin.

These are some of the important passages in Jeremiah 13 and their explanations. These verses remind us to obey God's will, to always fear God and keep His commandments, and to avoid falling into the cycle of sin

Jeremiah 13 uses metaphors and figurative descriptions to emphasize the folly and God's opposition of the people of Israel in turning away from God

their punishment. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

**The parable of rejection of obedience:** In Jeremiah 13, God compares the people of Israel as a belt that was given glory and glory, but they refused to obey God's commands, turned away from His ways, and became useless and depraved. This symbolizes that the people of Israel were specially chosen and blessed by God, but they chose to refuse to obey God, leading to their fall and destruction.

**Arrogance and pride:** In Jeremiah 13, God accuses the people of Israel of arrogance and pride. Confident that their actions were right, they refused to heed the counsel of the prophets and pursued their own desires. This arrogance and pride drive them further away from God's will, making God's judgment inevitable.

**God's judgment:** In Jeremiah 13, God foreshadowed the judgment of the people of Israel. Their refusal to obey God and idolatry will face calamity and fright, just as their belts will be destroyed. This reminds us that God's response to sin is righteous and that He cannot tolerate people's betrayal and wicked behavior.

**A call to repentance:** Jeremiah 13 also contains God's call to repentance. Even though the people of Israel had gone down the wrong path, God was willing to accept their repentance and accept them back to God. This shows God's love

and forgiveness, and reminds us that God is always happy to accept us whenever we are willing to repent.

Overall, Jeremiah 13 warns the people of Israel about the consequences of turning away from God's ways through metaphors and images. The central idea of theology is to emphasize God's expectations of human obedience and repentance and to warn of God's judgment on sin. This reminds us to be humble and obedient to God, to turn away from arrogance and pride, and to seek God's mercy and grace in an attitude of repentance.