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Be steadfast in preaching God's Word

In Jeremiah 15, Jeremiah is primarily recorded in his confusion and God's response to his adversity. In this chapter, Jeremiah complains about his plight and laments the pain and misfortune he has suffered. He even reproached God for not helping him and leaving him struggling with constant grief and suffering.

Verses 5 to 9 are God's final summary of Jerusalem's fate, declaring that there is no room for intercession. The reason the people were punished was because they broke their covenants and were "self-inflicted." God said, "Thou hast rejected me, and hast turned back; Therefore I have stretched out my hand against thee and destroyed thee. God no longer cared for this people because he had mercy on them for hundreds of years, but they still did not repent and became an "unpunished" people. In spite of many calamities, they did not turn away from their ways. God declared, "Their widows are more before me than the sand of the sea." However, God told Jeremiah that he had to face these difficulties because he was God's spokesman and had to fight for the truth. God also told Jeremiah that he would protect him so that he could continue to preach God's Word and save those who followed him.

The prophet Jeremiah was an ordinary man of flesh and blood. On the one hand, he was misunderstood and persecuted by his compatriots, and on the other hand, he was rejected by God for three intercessions, and his heart was scarred and frustrated. God said, "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. But then the prophet lamented: "Woe to me, my mother! For thou hast begiv me to be the one whom all the earth contends. 'If a person tries to be an outlet for God's Word, instead of being glorified before men, he will be the object

of reproach and 'reproach' for God's sake' (v.15). When a person is determined to follow the Lord, heavenly affection and earthly affection are bound to be at war with each other, to the point that "the enemy of man is the man of his own household." But spirituality is not indifferent, for if a man "does not love his brother whom he sees, he cannot love God whom he does not see" (1 John 4:20). This caused the prophet's pain to the point where the wounds were 'unhealable and unhealable' (v.18). Thus, while God is "the fountain of living water" (2:13), the prophet's personal experience is like "a river that runs dry."

The ministry of a prophet is always tempered, and there must be a process from the beginning when he is cursed by all to the point where he is begged by the enemy. We are to be courageous and steadfast, leaning on God's side, and this is where we are to practice. Sin brings God's wrath upon you, and although sins are forgiven after confession, this is not enough. We also need to repent and return to being close to God's heart. When we encounter persecution in ministry, the only way to lift up is to pray, read the Bible, and wait on God alone. Jeremiah did all of this, but he was still confused, rejoicing and suffering at the same time.

In this complex and rapidly changing world, faith and conviction often become a beacon in people's hearts. For those who are steadfast in their proclamation of God's Word, it is not only a faith, but also a way of life and a manifestation of a sense of purpose. Faith can sustain people in difficult situations. In the face of life's challenges and confusions, God's Word is like a light in the darkness, guiding people in the way. Whether it's Moses leading Israel out of Egypt in the Old Testament or Jesus atoning for the sins of mankind in the New Testament, every story in the Bible is full of hope and strength.

Strong faith is the foundation for the proclamation of God's Word. This belief is not only a devotion to religion, but also a pursuit of truth. Only by truly believing in God's existence and trusting in His wisdom and mercy deep down in our hearts can we remain steadfast in the face of doubts and challenges. As Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." "

The proclamation of God's Word is not only through words, but also through deeds. In our daily lives, we can embody God's Word through love, kindness, forgiveness, and good deeds. Jesus taught us in Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." "

In the process of preaching God's Word, we encounter various challenges and difficulties. Sometimes it's pressure from the outside, sometimes it's an inner struggle. However, these challenges are an important manifestation of our steadfastness. Every time we overcome difficulties, we test and temper our faith. We need to trust that God will give us the strength to face and overcome all difficulties.

As Christians, we all have a mission to spread the gospel. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commanded his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Teach them to obey all that I have commanded you. "It's not just a task, it's an honor and a responsibility.

It is the mission and responsibility of every Christian to unswervingly proclaim God's Word. In this process, we are not only spreading faith, but also love and hope. No matter what challenges and difficulties we face, as long as we have firm faith and rely on God's strength, we will definitely be able to go further and more firmly on this path. May each of us be faithful proclaimers of God's Word and bear witness to His love and glory with our lives.

The Christian church today, like the prophet Jeremiah, belongs to God and is God's chosen servant. So, as the Christian church, are we delivering the message God wants us to preach? Are we doing our part to deliver the message? What God said to the prophet Jeremiah was that he would be with him, and he would be with us in Christ today.

In Jeremiah 15, we can see the pain and hardships that Jeremiah experienced as a faithful prophet. Despite his frustration and despair, he remained steadfast in his proclamation of God's Word. This chapter emphasizes the importance of loyalty and faith, and the need to be steadfast even in the face of adversity and challenges.

Let's pray together:

Thank Heavenly Father, and ask the Lord to help us return and holiness more deeply so that God can fulfill our higher calling in us. Lord Jesus, we come to you again today, and we will turn to you with all our hearts and pour out the grievances and grievances of our hearts at your feet without concealment. So that we may once again be holy vessels in God's hands, preaching God's Word to this generation, fulfilling God's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations! No matter what kind of suffering we encounter, we have God with us, just as God was with Jeremiah at the beginning, and all the precious thoughts that belong to you, we must hide them in our hearts! All the lowly thoughts and emotions that don't belong to you, we don't want them all! Pray that the Lord will strengthen us once again and restore faith and passion for the Lord in our hearts.

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

Jeremiah1-5

15:1 And Jehohua said unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stand before me to intercede, my heart does not spare them. Cast them out from my eyes, and let them go.

15:2 They say to you, "Where are we going?" Then you say to them, and Yahweh says, "Whoever is condemned to death shall surely die." those who are determined to be killed by the knife must be killed by the knife . He who is condemned to famine will suffer famine. and he that is condemned as a captive shall be taken captive.

15:3 And Yahweh said, We have commanded that four things shall be done against them: the sword shall slay them, and the dogs shall be torn apart, and the birds of the air shall be devoured and destroyed by the wild beasts of the earth. 15:4 and they will be tossed to and fro in

all the kingdoms of the earth. and all because of what Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, had done in Jerusalem. 15:5 Who has mercy on you, O Jerusalem? who grieves for you? Who turned around and asked your peace?

15:6 yes and hua said, you gave up on me, turned around and retreated. therefore i have stretched out my hand against thee and destroyed thee. I regretted being impatient.

15:7 And We tossed all my people with dustpans at the gates of the cities of the land, and caused them to lose their sons and daughters. We destroy them, and they will not turn from the way in which they walk.

15:8 their widows are more in front of me than the sand of the sea. I made the dying noon come and attack the young man's mother, so that the pain and gerror suddenly came to him.

15:9 The woman who had given birth to seven sons was weakened and exhausted, and was still in the day, and the sun was setting. he was ashamed and ashamed. and I will hand over swords and swords to the rest of their enemies. this is what ye and hua said.

15:10 Woe to me, my mother, because you have begotten me to be a man of contention in all the land; I have never borrowed money from anyone, no one has borrowed money from me, and everyone has cursed me.

15:11 And Jehohua said, I will establish you for your good; When calamity comes, I will make my enemies cry out to you. 15:12 Can a man break between brass and iron, the iron of the north? 15:13 For all the sins you have committed in the four realms, I will give your goods and treasures as plunder and give them to your enemies for nothing.

15:14 And I will cause my enemies to take this plunder into a land which you do not know, for the fire of my wrath will burn you.

15:15 Yahweh, thou knowest; Remember me, and care for me, and avenge me from those who persecute me. do not take my life from their anger. Know that I have been reproached for your sake.

15:16 Yahweh, God of hosts, I will be food if I have your word; Your words are the joy of my heart. for I am called by thy name.

15:17 I did not sit in the midst of the feasters and had no rejoicing; I sit alone because of your emotion, [ Touching the original writer ]. because you have filled my heart with resentment.

15:18 Why does my pain endure for a long time? why can't my wounds be healed or healed? I wonder if you treat me as deceitful and like a dry river.

15:19 And thus Jehohua said, If you return, I will bring you again and put you before me. If you give out the precious ones and the ones respectively, then you can be my mouth, and they will return to you, but you will not return to them.

15:20 I will make you a strong wall of brass to these people. They will attack you, but they will not defeat you. for I am with thee to save thee and deliver thee. this is what ye and hua said.

15:21 I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the hand of the strong.

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Here are a few important passages from Jeremiah 15, along with their sources and contents:

1. Jeremiah 15:16: "Your words give me bread, and your words are the joy of my mouth and the joy of my heart, because I am the one who is called by your name." This verse is the words of Jeremiah in his prayer to God, and he praises God's Word as his food and joy because he is a man of God. It also reminds us that God's Word can be our bread and joy, and that we need to rely on God's Word to sustain our lives and nourish and comfort our hearts at all times.
2. Jeremiah 15:19: "Therefore this is what the Lord says: 'If you return, I will set you before me again; If you distinguish between the precious and the lowly, you can be my mouth. They will return to you, but you shall not return to them. This verse is God's promise to Jeremiah that if he turns to God and can discern between the precious and the lowly, he can be God's spokesman and proclaim God's Word to the people. It also reminds us that when we come unto Him and listen to His will, God will use us to be His witnesses and to communicate His truth and love.
3. Jeremiah 15:20-21: "I will make you a strong wall against this people, and they will fight against you, but they will not prevail against you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you." This is what the Lord says: 'I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the hand of the tyrant.' This verse is God's promise of protection and salvation to Jeremiah, who can be a strong wall of iron and steel, and God will be with him to deliver him from the hands of the wicked and the violent. It also reminds us that God is with us when we face adversity and hardship, protecting us and delivering us from danger, and we trust God and rely on His power and promises.

These are some of the important passages in Jeremiah 15 and their explanations. These verses remind us to rely on God's Word to sustain our lives, to turn to God and to listen

Jeremiah 15 describes Jeremiah's conversation with God and how Jeremiah felt in the face of suffering and adversity. Here are just a few of the important theological centroids and theological takeaways: God's promise to sin: In Jeremiah 15, God tells Jeremiah that although he intercedes for the people, God will impose severe judgment on the people of Israel because they have turned away from God and refused to repent. This reminds us that God's justice punishes sin and cannot tolerate evil behavior.

Jeremiah's Grief and Suffering: In Jeremiah 15, Jeremiah expresses the grief and suffering he experienced in obedience to God's mission. He felt lonely and lost, and even wished he had never been born. This is a reflection of Jeremiah's spiritual stress and pain as a prophet, and it also shows the challenges that God's workers may face in God's ministry.

God is the protector: In Jeremiah 15, God assures Jeremiah that He will be his protector and help him in his life

Over difficult moments. Although Jeremiah may be in trouble, God will be with him and support his ministry.

Repentance and Turning: Jeremiah 15 also mentions the possibility of repentance and turning. Despite the turn of the people of Israel from God, God gave them a chance to return. God is willing to accept them as long as they truly repent.

Overall, Jeremiah 15 emphasizes God's justice and judgment, but it also demonstrates God's love and care. The central idea of theology is to emphasize that God's response to sin is just, but that God is also merciful and loving. Jeremiah's experience reminds us that God's workers may encounter difficulties and pain in their ministry, but God will be our protector and help. At the same time, it also calls us to honest repentance and to seek an intimate relationship with God, who is willing to accept those who change their minds.