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Pathos and salvation

In Jeremiah 16, God is gracious again. Even though God says He will take back His love, there is still a lot of love behind it, just like a mother who tells her son that she no longer loves him, and that if she repents a little, she will love him again immediately.

Judah was facing an attack on Babylon, and the situation in Judah was miserable, with many people being taken captive, killed, and destroyed everywhere they went, and the prophet looked at the state of his country with sorrow.

God commanded the prophet not to enter the house of pleasure, and the prophet was not allowed to go anywhere in God's penal generation.

The first ban.

And Jehovah commanded the prophet Jeremiah not to marry or have adopted daughters.

The prophet not only speaks the truth with his words, but also bears witness to the Lord with his whole person and his whole life.

The Israel asked them why they were guilty because their hearts had been taken captive by the enemy, and they thought idolatry was normal. They filled the earth with idols' altars, and finally left God with no place to stand, so that God had to leave His sanctuary and no longer show grace to Israel.

The second prohibition is that the God of Yahweh did not allow Jeremiah to mourn with those who mourned, nor did Jeremiah to rejoice with those who rejoiced.

The price of the prophet is called "suffering for God." In a time of suffering, if we look into our own hearts, are we suffering for God's sake when we face suffering? Or suffer because of sin?

Although the Israelites were eventually driven out, God would be gracious enough to bring them back to their homeland again. The Israelites cried out to God in Egypt, and God brought them out of Egypt. God doubled his grace to Israel, so if they sinned again, they would face double the judgment.

Although Israel forsook God, God prophesied that all nations would turn from idols to Him, and when we face the impact of the Antichrist's organization on the whole world, God will show His hand and His power to give us hope, no matter what the circumstances, we will still trust God because God will have His grace and heart. It also gives us great encouragement when we face the power of the Antichrist, because God is gracious to us no matter what the circumstances.

God's justice and love: God will judge the sinful people of Judah (vv.16–18) and will also save them with kindness (vv.19,21), throughout the Old and New Testament times. That is, even today, the elect saints suffer if they sin against God. If you repent to God, you will be restored to grace through God's mercy. No one can hide from the eyes of an all-knowing and all-powerful God (Psalm 139:7-12), not even our hearts and minds. Although man may seem to be able to cover his sins for a while, on the Day of the Last Judgment all things will be made public (2 Corinthians 5:10-11, Romans 14:10). At the same time, God commemorates good deeds. Therefore, when the saints realize that they live before God every day, they should reduce their faults and mistakes.

God's judgment will come eventually, and the greatest hope for Christians is that God is our refuge in the day of suffering, our strength and security. Therefore, we need to put an end to all idols and worship and dependence on man, and focus on God, because God alone is in control of our lives and the world.

Let's pray together:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the grace to confess our sins and repent. Help us, Lord, to enter deeper repentance and return to your holiness. Grant us faith and hope, so that we can trust in you with all our hearts, no matter the circumstances.

We pray that you bless us with the wisdom of spiritual discernment. In the midst of suffering, show mercy to your faithful people and guide us to reflect on our trials, asking, "Am I suffering for God?". Help us, Lord, to turn away from sin and live lives that are pleasing to you, ready to receive your blessings.

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

16 chapters of Jeremiah

- 16:1 yes 's words came to me again,
- 16:2 You are not allowed to marry or have adopted children in this place.
- 16:3 For of the sons born in this land, and of the parents who were born in this land, and of the fathers who raised them in this land, Yahweh said this,
- 16:4 They will die a miserable death, and no one will mourn, and they will not be buried. and it shall be like dung on the earth; they will be destroyed by the sword and by famine. Their corpses must feed on flying birds in the sky and wild beasts on the ground.
- 16:5 yes hua said, don't go into the house, don't weep, don't grieve for them. for I have taken away my peace, my love, my mercy from these people. this is what ye and hua said.
- 16:6 Even the big and the small will die here and not be buried. They will not weep for them, nor slash themselves with the sword, nor leave their heads bare.
- 16:7 They will not break bread for them, and comfort them for the dead. They lost their fathers and mothers, and they did not give them a glass of wine to comfort them.
- 16:8 You are not allowed to go into the feasting house and sit down with them and drink.
- 16:9 For thus saith the God of Israel, the Lord of hosts, 'The days that are still alive before your eyes, I will make the voice of joy and rejoicing, the voice of the bridegroom and the bridegroom, from here it rests.
- 16:10 And thou shalt say all these things to the people, and they will say unto thee, Why did Yahweh say, 'This great calamity will come upon us? What sins do we have? What sin have we committed against our God in Yahweh?
- 16:11 And thou shalt say unto them, Yahweh, saying, Because your fathers have forsaken me, and have followed other gods, and have served and worshipped, and have not kept my law.
- 16:12 And you have done evil more than your fathers; For every man walks after his own wicked ways, and does not even listen to me.
- 16:13 So I will drive you out of this land to a land that you and your fathers do not know. You will serve other gods day and night there. for I will not be gracious to you.
- 16:14 And Jehovah said, The day is coming and no one will swear by Jehovah, who will lead the Israelites from the land of Egypt with eternal life.
- 16:15 But point to the leader of Israel from the north. and drove them to all the nations to whom they came to the eternal Jehovah, who swore by Yahweh. And I will bring them again into the land which We gave to their fathers again.
- 16:16 And Jehovah said, I will call many fishermen and bring up the Israel. Then We will gather many hunters and hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and from every cave.

16:17 For my eyes see all their deeds. They cannot hide it from me, nor their iniquity before my eyes.

16:18 First I will redouble my avunciation for their iniquities and sins, for they have defiled my land with abominable corpses and filled my property with disgusting things.

16:19 Yahweh, you are my strength, my refuge, my refuge in the day of affliction; The nations will come to you from the ends of the earth and say, "What our fathers have inherited is nothing but a falsehood, a vain and useless thing."

16:20 How can a man make a god for himself? It is not God.

16:21 And Jehohua said, I will make them knowledge, and this is the time that I have made them known to them my hand and my power. Then they knew that my name was Yahweh.

Jeremiah 16 focuses on how God punished the sins of Israel and brought them a message of salvation and hope.

In this chapter, God accuses Israel of betraying him and taking a path away from God, so they will face difficult times. God told Jeremiah that he should not marry or have children, because these children would be victims of war, famine, and disease. God also told Jeremiah that He would punish the Israel and drive them out of their land for not obeying Him.

However, God also conveyed a message of hope and salvation to Jeremiah. He told Jeremiah that he would save the Israel again and bring them back to their land and restore them to God's blessings and grace. God also told Jeremiah that He would give Israel a great Savior and bring eternal salvation and peace. The central idea in Jeremiah 16 is that God punishes sinners who don't listen to His words, but He also gives them hope and salvation. This chapter emphasizes the reality of sin and punishment, while also providing a message of God's grace and salvation.

Here are a few important passages from Jeremiah 16, along with their sources and contents:

One. Jeremiah 16:5: "For this is what the Lord says: 'Do not enter into the mourning house, do not mourn, and do not mourn for them, for I have taken away my peace, my love, and my mercy from this place." This verse is what God said to Jeremiah, telling him not to attend the funeral, not to mourn for others, because God has removed His peace, love, and mercy from that place. It also reminds us that God is right

The punishment for sin is severe, and when people disobey God's will and laws, they lose God's protection and blessings.

Two. Jeremiah 16:10-11: "This is what the Lord says: 'I will remove from the streets of Judah the voice of joy and joy, the voice of the bridegroom and the bride, for the land will be desolate." This verse is God's judgment and prophecy of Judah, and God will remove joy and rejoicing from among them, because they have violated God's will, and the land of Judah will surely become desolate. It also reminds us when we go against God's will

We are bound to be punished and judged by God, and we are to follow God's will and live a life that is pleasing to Him.

Three. Jeremiah 16:19: "The Lord, my strength, my security, and my refuge, will come to you the ends of the earth in the day of trouble, and the nations will say, 'Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood and vanity, and there is nothing good in it." This verse is Jeremiah's words when he prayed to God, who he trusted for his strength, protection, and refuge. He believed that God would show His power and glory to the nations in times of trouble, and that the nations would realize that what their ancestors had inherited was false and unprofitable. It also reminds us that only by relying on God can we be truly protected and safe, and that we are to trust in God's power and glory in the midst of our afflictions and troubles.

These are some of the important passages in Jeremiah 16 and their explanations. These verses mention:

Jeremiah 16 continues to describe Jeremiah's difficulties as a prophet and prophesies the cause of the people of Israel

Judgment for sin. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

God's Judgment on Sin: In Jeremiah 16, God prophesied through Jeremiah the judgment of the people of Israel for turning away from God and worshipping idolatry. God is going to expel them from His sight and cause them to suffer and suffering.

This reaffirms God's justice and punishment for sin.

Taboos and fasting: In Jeremiah 16, God also told Jeremiah not to participate in wedding celebrations, not to participate in rejoicing, and not to grieve for the dead. This is because God will punish the people of Israel severely, and they will have to face suffering and sorrow.

God's Reminder of Promise: In Jeremiah 16, God also reminds Jeremiah of His promise to the people of Israel. Even though they turned away from God, God still had His plan and promise for them. God's faithfulness and promises are eternal, and His plan will be fulfilled. God's Teachings: In Jeremiah 16, God teaches the people of Israel through Jeremiah's life experiences. They learn from their sins, repent, and renew their intimate relationship with God. God's purpose is to save them from their sins and lead them to the path of righteousness.

Overall, Jeremiah 16 emphasizes God's judgment on sin, but it also serves as a reminder of God's promises and His teachings. The central idea of theology is to emphasize God's justice and faithfulness and to call people to honest repentance and conversion to God. Despite the suffering that sin brings, God is always willing to accept those who truly repent and guide them to God's ways. These teachings remind us that God is righteous, but He is also merciful and forgiving, and He wants to lead us to truth and justice.