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God's blessing

Jeremiah 24 focuses on God's prophecy and uses the parable of two fig baskets to show that God will divide the people of Judah into good and bad categories. The good will be like the good figs, and the bad will be like the bad figs, which can no longer be saved and restored. This chapter emphasizes the importance of faith and reminds people that only those who truly come to God are blessed in God's eyes. In Jeremiah 24, God gives the prophet a vision of two fig trees and gives him inspiration about Israel.

God gives visions and invites people to see them. Not only to look superficially, but also to look into the spirit, to see God's works, glory, and riches. Whoever wants to stand in the congregation of Jehovah and be a close friend of God will hear God's inspiration and speech.

God will share our hearts with those who are close to Him, and then reveal the eschatological strategy, so that we can have the land as an inheritance, and God will give revelation to those who are willing to listen, and if we listen and obey, God will be happy to give revelation.

"Listening" is about the state of mind. When we listen and obey, God will give revelation and blessings even in the face of desperate adversity.

The object of the good fig prophecy is the Jews who have been taken away, who will go out and surrender, and the result will be life.

Sometimes God's will is difficult for people to understand and grasp, but if we are willing to follow it, it seems that we have lost our freedom and been taken into captivity, but the result is that we have been free and returned. When we think we can grasp something, but in the end we

will lose it; If we are willing to give up something, we will get it back, so this group of people who are willing to obey God and go out and return, 1. God will take care of 2. God will provide, and He will continue to care for us and bless us. 3. God gives them a new heart, and God gives them a heart to know God. When they were weak and sinful, in despair, God again gave a strong voice. God has never left us, but the people have left God, so when we walk in God's will, God will care for us. The key is whether we go to Jehovah's congregation and listen to his voice.

The first verse of this chapter refers to the events of Nebuchadnezzar's second invasion, in which Jehoiakim the son of Jehoiakim was taken captive, along with about 10,000 people. As the people were in despair, Jehovah God sent a vision to the prophet of his will concerning the ultimate fate of Judah, bringing hope and warning.

Figs are very common in Israel and generally bear fruit twice a year. The first time is in early spring, March and April, and ripens in early summer. These figs were called firstfruits, and the fruit was large and good enough to be offered as a sacrifice in the temple. The very bad figs, which were basically left unpicked and rotted on the trees, fell to the ground, and were not edible, but they appeared in the temple, suggesting the hypocrisy of the people of Judah, who were perfunctory with superficial actions and far from God.

The term "exiled Judah" refers to the first and second exiles. Ostensibly, they were taken captive by the Babylonians, but God said, "I have sent them out of this land into the land of the Chaldeans," and it is God who disciplines his people according to his sovereignty and will eventually return them. Not only that, but God will accept them, Leviticus 26:12 "I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people. ”

God is always faithful. After a brief period of suffering, the exiles were not only treated with favor in a foreign land, many had their own businesses and possessions, but their spirits were awakened to God, and the people who returned after seventy years no longer participated in idolatry. The reason why they were able to learn from their pains and repent after their exile was because God Himself determined that "they should be built up, and they shall not be destroyed; Plant them, and do not pull them out." God raised up Daniel and Ezekiel from among them; rebuilding the temple; that they may be accepted to God like the fine figs. That's the real meaning of the parable, not because of how good they were before the exile.

The Jews who did not listen to the counsel of the prophets. Jeremiah 21:9: "Those who dwell in this city will die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; Those who remained thought it would be safer to hide in the city or flee to Egypt for refuge, but their pride and self-righteousness led them to rebel against God's will, and naturally they were not part of God's plan of salvation. Therefore it is God's will that these men will be destroyed, and they will be forsaken like the worst figs, and they will be cast out to all the nations until they are utterly destroyed. This prophecy was fulfilled in 586 B.C., when the third Babylonian invasion starved the inhabitants of Jerusalem of food and burned the holy city, just as God had warned.

The LORD God is sovereign. It is out of His righteousness that He will judge the rebellious people. He cared for the captives out of His compassion. Favor will be found for all who submit to discipline and choose to turn to His people. Whether it is a blessing or a curse ultimately

depends on whether or not man lives in God's plan. Suffering is not necessarily a bad thing. If suffering brings us closer to God and trusts in God, adversity is also a blessing. If all things go well and cause us to turn away from God, good times are cursed. God knows the future of man, and He sees us with an eternal eye. The best figs and the worst figs are a matter of human choice.

Let's pray together:

Abba Heavenly Father, pray that the Lord will give us a desire for intimacy with the Lord, and help us to have a closer relationship with God and receive His heart. Help us to obey and obey God's Word, so that we can walk in God's will and receive God's grace and blessings throughout our lives. Thank you that you are a covenant-keeping and loving God, and that as long as we turn to You with all our hearts, we will be accepted by You, and You will be our God. Lord, help us to live in Your will and walk in Your ways, not stray from your left and right. Even when we are weak and falling, ask You Yourself to strengthen us, build us up, and regain our strength. May our lives bear good fruit, like the first fruits of the finest figs, to be offered to You and to Your delight. Thank you Lord for hearing our prayers. Thank God for giving us the heart to know You and choose to come to You, and we will become the good figs, acceptable to God.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Jeremiah 24

24:1 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took Jehoniah son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and Jeconiah, the prince of Judah, and the craftsmen and blacksmiths from Jerusalem captive and brought them to Babylon. After these things, Yahweh showed me two baskets of figs that were placed before the house of Yahwah.

24:2 a basket of excellent figs , like a first-ripe . a basket of extremely bad figs , too bad to be broken .

24:3 So Yahweh said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, I see no flowers, very good, very bad, very bad, too bad.

24:4 yes 's words came to me ,

24:5 Thus saith the God of Yahweh, Israel, the exiled Jews, whom I sent away from this land to the land of the Chaldeans, and I will take care of them as such good figs. to make them good.

24:6 I will take care of them, and make them good, and bring them back to this place, and I will build them, and I will not destroy them, and I will plant them, and I will not pull them out.

24:7 I will give them the knowledge of my heart, and the knowledge that I am Yahweh. They will be my people, and I will be their gods, for they will return to me with one heart.

24:8 Thus saith Jehovah, I will deliver up the house of Zedeliah king of Judah, and his princes, and the remnant of Jerusalem that is left here, and the Jews who dwell in the land of Egypt, as if they were exceedingly bad. Bad figs .

24:9 And We will cause them to be handed over, and to be cast away among all the nations of the earth, and to be plagued by calamities, and to be insulted, and to be mocked, and ridiculed, and cursed, in all the places where we have driven them.

24:10 And I will bring the sword, and the famine, and the pestilence, upon them until they are destroyed from the land which I gave them and to their fathers.

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Here are some important verses from Jeremiah 24 and their explanations:

1. "The LORD appeared unto me, and behold, two baskets of figs were laid before the house of the LORD. This basket is a good fig, that basket is a bad fig, and the bad figs are too bad to eat. (Jeremiah 24:1-2) It was a vision in which Jeremiah saw two baskets of figs, representing the nation of Israel. One basket of good represents those who are loyal and obedient, and the other basket of bad represents those who are rebellious and disobedient. The meaning of this verse is that God will distinguish between those who obey Him and those who do not.
2. "What punishment will We inflict on them, that they will be a reproach and a wickedness, and a mockery and a curse among all the kingdoms of the earth, and I will bring a sword, and a famine, and a pestilence upon them, until they are destroyed from the land which I gave them and of their fathers." (Jeremiah 24:9-10) This verse is a description of the punishment that God inflicts on those who rebel and disobey Him. They will be a disgrace and a curse to the world, devastated by war, famine and pestilence. This verse reminds us that we must be faithful to God and obey His will or we will face severe consequences.
3. "I will make them pour their hearts to me, that they may come to me with all their heart and with all their soul." (Jeremiah 24:7) This is God's promise to His people that they will turn their minds back to God. This scripture shows that even if we make mistakes and rebel against God, He will accept us and grant us His grace and mercy as long as we repent and turn to Him.

Jeremiah 24 describes a vision of two baskets of figs that Jehovah revealed to the prophet Jeremiah, a vision that symbolizes the exiled people of Judah. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

Distinction among the elect: In Jeremiah 24, Jeremiah sees two baskets, one containing a good fig, representing those who were faithful and obedient to God among the exiled people of Judah; The other basket contains bad figs, representing those who are stubborn and unrepentant. This vision highlights God's distinction between the elect and God's standards of judgment and salvation based on human attitudes and behaviors.

God's Promises and Judgments: In Jeremiah 24, God makes promises to faithful people to protect them and bring them back to their land. This is God's mercy and grace to those who are faithful and obedient. However, for the stubborn and unrepentant, God foreshadows judgment and calamity. This emphasizes that God's response to man is fair and just, and that God will give promises or judgments based on human behavior.

A Call to Repentance: In Jeremiah 24, God calls Israel to repentance through this vision. He wants stubborn people to change their minds, give up their evil deeds, and turn to the ways of God. This shows God's love and patience for man, and His willingness to give him the opportunity to repent.

God's Sovereignty: In Jeremiah 24, the whole vision was given to Jeremiah by the Lord, which indicates God's

Sovereignty and foreknowledge, God is in control of man's destiny, and His plan must be as He has set it.

Overall, Jeremiah 24 emphasizes God's justice and fairness to man, as well as God's promise and judgment on man. The central idea of theology is to emphasize God's distinction between the elect and God's concern for people's inner attitudes and behaviors. This chapter is also a call to repentance and to God, who is willing to accept those who truly repent. Finally, this chapter once again demonstrates God's sovereignty and foreknowledge that he holds history and human destiny in his hands.