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The word of God cannot be cut from a word

Jeremiah 26

This is what the LORD says: "Stand in the court of the house of the LORD, and say not a word to all the people of the cities of Judah, who have come to worship in the house of the LORD, that you must not cut a word. Or they will listen, and turn every man from his evil ways.

Jeremiah 26 tells the story of Jeremiah's opposition to a prophecy in the temple. This chapter is about the mission and loyalty of Jeremiah, God's prophet, and how he faced adversity and opposition.

Jeremiah's message says that if the people don't repent, this temple will be destroyed! Everyone knows that this temple is King Solomon's temple, which is resplendent and beautiful, and what a big thing it is to destroy this temple! When the people heard this, not only the people, but also the priests and prophets, they were very upset. Arrest Jeremiah. They demanded that Jeremiah be put to death. Jeremiah insisted on his mission, saying that he was simply delivering God's message and calling on people to repent or they would be punished by God.

God commanded Jeremiah very seriously to 'speak every word of all that I command you' (v.2) at the temple gate, and to publish God's word in absolute completeness, so that Jeremiah is accused of treason, rebellion, or heresy, and even killed like another prophet, Uriah (vv.20–23). But God asked Jeremiah to 'not cut a word' because only the truth could save people from disaster (v.3). Nor can we change the gospel from "Repent at the end of heaven" (Matthew 4:17) to "believe in Jesus for good" in order to cater to the world's emotions and the tastes of the times. Many also like to listen only to encouragement and comfort, but not to rebuke and judge. They only regard

what they love and can do as a service, but they refuse to submit to their God-ordained duties. They judge truth not according to the Bible, but according to themselves. Whoever panders to himself is considered to be the voice of the Holy Spirit; Even to the point of deceiving oneself to the point of "walking after the flesh" and thinking that it is "following the Holy Spirit" (Romans 8:5), only to hear the Lord say, "I never knew you, but depart from me, you evildoers" (Matthew 7:23)!

Jeremiah pleaded for himself in front of the crowd, but he did not care about the reaction of the crowds. He neither pleases nor argues with others, but declares that the source and authority of these prophecies are from God (v.12), and today believers are to 'shun ignorant debates' (I Corinthians 3:9) by 'speaking the truth truthfully' and leaving the results to God. For argument does not produce faith, but only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jeremiah was not afraid of death, but God's 'servants and prophets' (v.5) did not have the authority to decide whether he lived or died, and the believers he 'bought with great price' were not 'his own' (I Corinthians 6:19-20). If a person deliberately pursues suffering and martyrdom, he does not follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, but satisfies the pride of the flesh, for those who obey the Spirit "let Christ be magnified in me, whether in life or in death" (Philippians 1:20). God allowed Uriah to be killed, and protected Jeremiah, not because Jeremiah was braver (v.21) or more confident than Uriah (v.14), but because God had different plans for different servants. Whether it was Elijah fleeing for his life (1 Kings 19:3) or Jeremiah in hiding (36:19), all under God's care; God has promised, "They will fight against you, but they will not prevail against you; for I am with thee to save thee." There are others in the Bible who face similar situations: Stephen was martyred while proclaiming the history of God's covenant (Acts 7); Peter was arrested for standing in the middle of the colonnade of Solomon in Jerusalem and shouting out the truth (Acts 3). Jeremiah, Paul, Stephen, Peter, and countless others before and after them risked their lives to tell the truth. Today, we are called to be preachers and practitioners of the truth, to be courageous prophets of God's day. The purpose of God's judgment is to bring people to repentance. Those who preach myths must be faithful to the death, not afraid of power, and faithful to their preaching, without adding a word or omitting a word. As for those who hear the Word, listen carefully, have a discerning ear and a discerning spirit, and strive to understand God's will.

Let's pray together:

Abba Heavenly Father, please grant us humble repentance, and be willing to obey the words of the prophets; Given our newly strong hearts, we can faithfully preach God's message in the face of authority. Thank you for using today's chapter to make us understand that you are a forgiving God. Help us to be faithful in your Word, to understand Your will, and to live out Your destiny. Heavenly Father, we praise you! How great you are! You create our life, and you give us breath. Today we are going to praise you before you! We are willing to surrender because Your Word is the strength of our life! Heavenly Father, let us obey Your Word, even at the cost, so that more lives may be built.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Jeremiah 26

26:1 And it came to pass, when Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came to Jeremiah when he was king, saying,

26:2 Thus saith the Yahweh, "You stand in the court of the house of Jehodah, and say to all the people of the cities of Judah, who come to worship in the house of Jehodah, that you must not cut away from every word that I command you."

26:3 Or they will hearken, and every man will turn away from evil ways, so that I may repent that I will not bring down upon them because of the evil I have done, and for the calamities which I have wanted to do.

26:4 Say unto them, Thus saith Yahweh, If you do not listen to me, and do not walk in the law which I have set before you,

26:5 Listen not to the prophets of my servants, who have risen up early and sent to you, (you have not hearkened)

26:6 And I will make this temple like Shiloh, and this city shall be a curse to all the nations of the earth.

26:7 These words of Jeremiah in the temple of Yahweh were heard by the priests, prophets, and the people.

26:8 And when Jeremiah had finished saying all that Jehovah had commanded him to say to all the people, the priests, the prophets, and all the people came and seized him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

26:9 Wherefore hast thou prophesied in the name of Toye Hohua, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, and there shall be no one to dwell in? So all the people were gathered together in the house of Jehovah to Jeremiah.

26:10 And when the princes of Judah heard this, they went up from the king's house to the house of Jehovah, and sat down at the new gate of the house of Jehowa.

26:11 And the priests and prophets said to the prince and to all the people, This man deserves to die, because he said that he prophesied an attack on the city, as you have heard with your own ears.

26:12 And Jeremiah said to all the princes and all the people, Jehovah has sent me to prophesy, to storm this temple and this city, and to speak all the things which you have heard.

26:13 Now change your ways and obey the words of Yahweh your God, and he will repent and will not bring evil upon you.

26:14 But as for me, I am in your hands, and what is good and what is right in your eyes, do to me as you see it.

26:15 But know for sure that if you put me to death, the blood of the innocent will be on you, and on this city, and on its inhabitants, for Jehovah is sending me to you. Spread this word to your ears.

26:16 And the princes and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, This man is no, because he speaks to us in the name of the God of Jehova.

26:17 And some of the elders of the land came up and said to the people who were assembled,

26:18 And in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, Micah the Morishaite, prophesied to all Judah, saying, Thus saith Yahweh, of hosts, Siam will be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem will become a heap of chaos. The mountains of this temple shall be like the heights of the forest.

26:19 Will Hezekiah king of Judah and all the men of Judah put him to death, and will not Hezekiah fear Jehohua and ask for his favor? Yahweh repented and did not bring upon them the calamities he had spoken of. If we kill this person, we will do great evil and harm our own lives.

26:20 And there was another man who prophesied in the name of Jehovah, Ulia, the son of Shemaiah of Jeriam, Gilead, who prophesied against this city and this land, according to all the words of Jeremiah.

26:21 And when king Jehoiakim and all his men and princes heard the words of Uliah, he wanted to put him to death. When Ulia heard this, she was frightened and fled to Egypt.

26:22 And King Jehojahin sent Elinathan, the son of Achbo, and took some men to Egypt.

26:23 So they took Ulia from Egypt and brought him to King Jehoiakim, who killed him with a sword and threw his body into the graves of the people.

26:24 But Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, protected Jeremiah and put him to death in the hands of the people.

Jeremiah 26 tells the story of Jeremiah's opposition to a prophecy in the temple. The central idea of this chapter is the mission and loyalty of Jeremiah, God's prophet, and how he faced adversity and opposition.

In this chapter, Jeremiah prophesied to the Jews that if they did not turn away from their wicked ways, Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed. This aroused the wrath of the priests and prophets, who demanded that Jeremiah be put to death. Jeremiah insisted on his mission, saying that he was simply delivering God's message and calling on people to repent or they would be punished by God.

In the end, the words of Yahweh prevailed over those of the priests and the people, and the people did not put Jeremiah to death, indicating that Jeremiah's prophecy was true. This story emphasizes the authority and truth of God's Word, as well as the mission and loyalty of God's prophets. It also reveals Jeremiah's steadfastness and perseverance in the face of adversity and opposition.

Here are some of the key verses from Jeremiah 26 and their explanations:

1. "And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Stand in the court of the house of the LORD, and say to all the people of Judah, who have come to worship in the house of the LORD, that every word of everything I have commanded thee. — Jeremiah 26:1-2.

This passage describes God's command to deliver Jeremiah's Word to the people, and he asked Jeremiah to speak God's Word in the courtyard of the LORD's temple to the people from all the cities of Judah. This verse reminds us that God's Word must be communicated and obeyed, and that we must obey God's Word, even if it may cause displeasure in others.

2. "But when the priests and the prophets and all the people of the land heard these words of Jeremiah to the house of the Lord, they all went to the house of the Lord." (Jeremiah 26:7) This verse describes the reaction of the people to Jeremiah when they heard Jeremiah warn of God's punishment and therefore went to the temple of the Lord to hear him speak. This scripture reminds us that we may face different reactions when we deliver God's Word, but we must faithfully deliver God's Word, regardless of the outcome.

3. "Then the priests and the prophets said to the people, 'This man is worthy of death, because he prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.'" (Jeremiah 26:11) This verse describes the displeasure of some priests and prophets against Jeremiah, who saw his words as an attack on them and therefore demanded that he be put to death. This scripture reminds us that when we convey God's Word, we might:

In the face of opposition and difficulties, we must be steadfast in following God's will, even if it may cause opposition from others.

Jeremiah 26 records that Jeremiah preached the Word of God in Jerusalem and was met by the people and the priests for it

The experience of opposition and persecution. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

The Prophet's Mission: Jeremiah was a prophet sent by God to deliver God's Word to the people, calling them to repent and turn to God. However, he was opposed by the people and the priests

for delivering God's message, showing the hardships and sufferings that the prophet faced in carrying out his mission.

God's Justice and Mercy: Jeremiah's proclamation of God's Word in Jerusalem, prophesying future destruction, demonstrates God's righteous judgment on sin. However, God also showed God's mercy and grace by giving the people the opportunity to repent, and if they truly repented, God was willing to take back the calamities He had foretold them.

The Power of Repentance: Jeremiah's message triggered repentance from some, such as Masaiah, a follower of the prophet Isaiah in the days of King Hezekiah of Judah. This demonstrates the power of repentance, and when people sincerely repent and turn to God, God is willing to accept them and change their destiny.

Persecution of prophets: In Jeremiah 26, Jeremiah is persecuted for delivering God's message, and some demand that he be put to death. However, some elders and some district leaders came forward to defend him, insisting that he should not be placed

Deathtrap. This shows that the prophets still had people who supported their mission and delivered God's Word in the face of persecution. Overall, Jeremiah 26 highlights the challenges and sufferings faced by prophets in their mission and loyalty, in delivering God's Word. The central idea of theology is to emphasize God's justice and mercy, and that God is willing to give people the opportunity to repent, and if they truly repent, God is willing to change their fate. Jeremiah's experience is an encouragement and motivation for those who are faithful to God to boldly pass on God's truth, regardless of opposition and persecution. Finally, this chapter is also again

The power of repentance is emphasized, and God will be willing to accept people when they sincerely repent and turn to Him.