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Jeremiah 35

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Obedience is blessing

Jeremiah 35 is the story of the "family of Recal," a family of Jeremiah who were longtime partners in Jeremiah who were very faithful to God's obedience and the teachings of their ancestors. Through the actions of this family, Jehovah demonstrated to the Israel the importance of faith and obedience to them.

The Bible teaches us to obey God and pay the price through the Legahs, who continued to obey their ancestors even when the nation was about to die. He who listens is poor, and has no land, and no house; but he who would not hear had great houses and vineyards. He who listens will always have someone standing before God; but he that refuses to hear will be tossed about among the nations. While listening to God's Word may come at a great cost, obedience comes with blessings from God.

Is the God we have in mind today the same God as revealed in the Bible? In other words, is our attitude toward God consistent with what the Bible teaches? For some Christians, the true "God" they worship is "God + wealth + fame + career success + love and affection + material comforts +++++", so for him, the God taught by the Bible is only one of the many options in his life, this God is not his only object of worship, he can always meet the needs of reality. If we don't regard God today as the only or 100% God, then we don't give Him the honor and worship He deserves, and if He is not our God, we are not His true people.

The events of this chapter take place in the last years of Jehoiakim, when Babylon led the second invasion of Judah by the Continents, and it tells of Jehovah sending Jeremiah to the house of Recab and leading them into the temple. There, Jeremiah gave them wine to drink and then told them to hold on to the teachings of their ancestors and to obey God's commands. Jeremiah also assured them that if they continued to obey God, their family would live forever and they would continue to be blessed in God's eyes. The family's behavior also served as an example for Israel to show the importance of obedience to God and the blessings and favors that come with obedience. God rebuked the disobedient Jews by commanding the prophets to test the obedient Recabs. The Legabs were the Kenites, the descendants of Moses' father-in-law. The Kenites followed Moses into Canaan and lived in the Promised Land, where 'all the Recabs' could be accommodated in a single room (v.4), indicating that the Recabs were not very numerous.

【Jeremiah 35:6】 "And they said, We do not drink; For Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, "Neither you nor your children shall drink wine," and "you shall not build a house, or sow seeds, or plant vineyards, but you shall dwell in tents every day of your life." Here are five don'ts to do what the patriarch Jonadab said. The king of Babylon came up against him, and they were afraid so they lived in Jerusalem, but they held fast to the words of their fathers and lived in tents. They insisted on not doing the five things that Jonadab commanded, and they paid a price for obeying God and the words of their parents. The average person's mind will do those five things, and this is also God's test of comfort for them.

The Kenites followed Moses into Canaan to share in God's blessings, but instead of a share of the land, they "sojourned" in the Promised Land. Not all of the sojourning Gini were nomads, and many lived sedentary or semi-sedentary lives with their own towns (1 Samuel 3:29). The Recabs were a group of craftsmen who made metalworking and repairing chariots and weapons, so Jonadab commanded his children to "never drink wine, nor build houses, nor sow seeds, or plant vineyards, but to dwell in tents for the days of their lives," not necessarily for spiritual reasons, but probably because they lived by metalworking and needed to be close to sources of ore and fuel, so they had to move frequently with their work, neither sedentary nor agricultural, in order for their ancestral occupations to "prolong their sojourn in the land."

The Rechabites were praised by God not because of their way of life, but because of their obedience. There is a stark contrast between the Legabs who sojourned in the Promised Land faithfully obeyed the instructions of their ancestors more than 200 years ago, and the people who inherited the Promised Land stubbornly rejected God's heavenly warnings. So, while God gave the Faws the Armor, he rebuked Judah five times for 'disobedience' (vv.13–17).

God commanded Jeremiah to test the Recabs to put this example of obedience before the people so that they might be ashamed. The sons of Jonadab obeyed their father's command to "keep all his commandments," while God's commandments at Mount Sinai had long since been ignored by the people. Thus, the Recabs will be blessed for their obedience, while the 'men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem' who refuse to obey God will face 'all the calamities that God has spoken' (v.17).

While the obedient Rectals and the godly Josiah were good examples for God to set before the people, sadly, none of them could wake up the people, and the people would not listen to God until "all the evil which God has spoken." And the more important question for us to ponder is: If the Legabites could obey the commandments of their ancestors, why couldn't the covenant people obey God's commandments, and if the Legabites were more obedient than the Israelites, why didn't God simply choose them as the chosen people?

Comparison between the Recabs and the Israel: Jonadab only once said that alcohol was not allowed, and the Recaf obeyed; God commanded Israel again and again to turn away from sin, but they resisted and refused to listen. The Legahs have kept the commandments for centuries; The Israel have been rebelling against God for centuries. The Legaties were blessed for obedience; The Israelites were brought to trouble by their rebellion.

Let's pray together:

Abba Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us through the example of the Legabites and the history of Israel that obedience is blessing, and that those who turn against you invite disaster. Help us to obey your commandments, to keep all your statutes, and to do your commandments. Let us and our children stand before you forever, living godly days with peace and contentment. Let us also obey the Lord's great commission to let all nations know that you alone are the true God, the living God, the eternal King, who comes to You. Pray that the Lord will open our ears to hear and obey God's Word, and that we will overcome the tests of comfort and authority and be steadfast in God's Word.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Jeremiah 35

35:1 And it came to Jeremiah the words of Jehovah, the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

35:2 Go to the people of Recab, and talk to them, and bring them into a room in the house of Jehohua, and give them wine.

35:3 And I took Jathaniah, the son of Jareemiah, the son of Hapazeniaah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and all the house of Recab, 35:4 And he brought him into the house of the sons of Hanan, the son of Ichdaria, the man of God. And the house was by the house of the chief, above the house of Maciah, which was the son of the saloon.

35:5 So I set up bowls and cups full of wine in front of the Legatids, and said to them, "Drink with you."

35:6 But they said, "We don't drink alcohol. For Jonadab the son of our father Recal commanded us, saying, You and your children shall never drink wine.

35:7 nor shall they build houses, sow seeds, or plant vineyards. But the days of your life thou shalt dwell in tents, that thy days may be extended in the land of sojourn. 35:8 We obeyed all the words that Jonadab the son of our father Recal commanded us. neither we nor our wives and children nor our children have ever drunk alcohol .

35:9 nor do they build houses to live in . There are no vineyards, no fields, and no seeds.

35:10 But dwelling in tents, listening to the words of our father Jonadab, and doing as he commanded us to do.

35:11 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to this place, and we were afraid of the armies of the Chaldeans and the armies of Syria, so we said, Come, let us go to Jerusalem. In this way, we live in Jerusalem. 35:12 And the words of Jehoah came to Jeremiah and said,

35:13 Thus saith the God of Israel in Jehova, the host of hosts, Go and say to the Jews and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Yahweh, and unto me, Are you not instructed and do not obey my words?"

35:14 And what Jonadad the son of Rechab told his children not to drink, they have obeyed, and they will not drink until this day, because they obey the command of their fathers. I have warned you from the morning, but you have not listened to me. 35:15 And I have sent my servants all the prophets from the morning, saying, Turn yourselves, every one of you, from your evil ways, and change your ways, and instead of following other gods, you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers. but you did n't listen to me , nor did you listen to me .

35:16 And the sons of Jonadab the sons of Rechab were able to do what their fathers commanded them, but the people did not listen to me.

35:17 Therefore this is what the God of Israel, the God of hosts of Yahweh, says, "I will bring all the calamities of which I speak upon the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Because I spoke to them, they didn't listen, I called out to them, and they didn't answer.

35:18 And Jeremiah said unto the Legatid, Thus saith the God of Israel, Jehova, of hosts, Because ye obeyed the commandment of your father Jonadab and kept all his commandments. Do as he tells you to do .

35:19 So the God of Jehova and Israel of all hosts says, Jonadad the son of Rechab will never lack men before me.

The central idea of Jeremiah 35 is the story of the "family of Regal," a family that was Jeremiah's longtime collaborators who were fiercely faithful to God's obedience and the teachings of their ancestors. Through the actions of this family, Jehovah demonstrated to the Israel the importance of faith and obedience to them.

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continued to obey God, their family would live forever and they would continue to be blessed in God's eyes. The family's behavior also served as an example for Israel to show the importance of obedience to God and the blessings and favors that come with obedience.

In Jeremiah 35, there are two important verses:

1. Jeremiah 35:14

"Jeremiah sent this message to Jaazaniah the son of Recha, the son of Elishakiah, and the angel of our God to me, saying, "In this verse, Jeremiah received a message from God to deliver it to Jaazaniah and to others. Jaazaniah was the son of Rechad, and Recab was the son of Gedaliah, and Gedaliah was the son of Shelemiah. These were all descendants of the family of Shelemiah, and belonged to a God-worshipping faction headed by the Jew Jonadab.

2. Jeremiah 35:19

"Therefore thus saith the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel: Jaazaniah son of Legab, there shall never be a shortage of men who stand before me." This verse is God's declaration to Jaazaniah. Since Yasania and his family obeyed the teachings of their ancestors not to drink alcohol, not to build houses, not to cultivate the land, but to live in tents and obey God's commands, God praised their deeds and assured that the descendants of Yasania would always serve before God. This verse

The importance of the text lies in the fact that it emphasizes the importance of faith and demonstrates obedience to God's grace.

Jeremiah 35 tells the story of the family of Jonadab of the Levites, who followed the example of God's commandment, refused to drink, and kept God's commandments. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways: Loyalty and obedience: In Jeremiah 35, the family of Jonadab followed the example of God's commandments and faithfully obeyed God's commandments and refused to drink alcohol. They represent an example of obedience to God, not only in word but also in deed

From God's will. This highlights the importance God places on people's obedience to His will and loyalty.

God's affirmation of faithfulness: In Jeremiah 35, God praises the Jonadab family for their faithfulness and appreciates them for their obedience to God's commandments. God showed Jeremiah the example of the house of Jonadab that illustrates God's blessings for faithfulness and obedience.

Follow God's teachings: In Jeremiah 35, God teaches the people of Israel to follow His teachings through the example of the family of Jonadab. God pointed out that the house of Jonadab obeyed God's commands from generation to generation, while the people of Israel disobeyed them

God's commandments. This shows God's expectation and importance of people obeying His teachings.

Blessings for future generations: In Jeremiah 35, God promised the house of Jonadab that their descendants would continue to serve God forever and that God would bless them for their loyalty. This demonstrates God's blessing and grace to future generations, as the house of Jonadab is faithful to God's teachings.

Overall, Jeremiah 35 emphasizes the importance of faithfulness and obedience to God, God's affirmation of faithfulness, adherence to God's teachings, and the blessings of future generations. The central idea of theology is to emphasize God's emphasis on loyalty and obedience to people, and God's blessings and grace to future generations who obey His teachings. This chapter also reminds us that faithful obedience to God's will is pleasing to God, and that we should imitate the loyalty of the house of Jonadab and follow God's teachings and pass on God's ways from generation to generation.