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### Jeremiah 45

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Crossing the trough of life

Jeremiah 45 records the events of Baruch. This chapter is a consolation and warning, and Baruch is Jeremiah's assistant, but here he complains that his life and career have failed, and he feels very hopeless. However, through Jeremiah, Jehovah warned Baruch not to seek his own glory and gain, but to trust God's Word and promises. At the same time, God comforted Baruch that his life would be preserved even though he would lose his property and position. The focus of this chapter is to emphasize that in times of difficulty and crisis, we need to trust God's Word and seek His will and protection. This chapter was written between 605 and 604 B.C.E., Baruch ministered to Jeremiah, an unpopular prophet, and wrote down a book full of messages of struggle and judgment. At this time, the scribe seemed to have reached the end of his rope and was discouraged to the extreme. But God commanded him through Jeremiah not to be attached to personal glory and gain, and said that if Baruch followed God's guidance, he would be protected by God ("taking his own life as a prey" means preying his life from calamity). There will be times of discouragement, disappointment, and even pain and despair in our lives and ministry, and this passage tells us that the secret to getting out of this difficult situation is to keep our eyes on God's promises. Once our attention is taken away from God, it is easy to lose the joy of serving Him, because the more we lose sight of Him, the more discouraged we feel. When we serve God, we should not focus solely on what we have sacrificed or what we have planned without seeking God's will. If we find ourselves in such a situation, we ask God for forgiveness and then turn our attention back to Him. His ministry was full of frustration, so he was in deep sorrow and frustration. When God calls us to do something, He will personally strengthen us,

God cares more than us, so He will help us solve all problems. From Balu's point of view, sometimes we only play an inconspicuous supporting role in the ministry, and there is a low ebb in our hearts. But no matter what position we are in, we are all in favor of God, and God will take care of it.

We are disappointed in many things because they are not what we expected, but God reminds us to trust that what He is doing in this age will come to pass. We must look through the lens of God's holistic leadership in order to understand God's heart. When we have this affirmation, we will not be affected by the current predicament, so that we will not be disappointed and worried, and we will not seek great things for ourselves, "Are you planning great things for yourself? Don't plot! I will bring evil upon all flesh. .... (45:5) Here is a reference to Baruch's desire to do something bigger, so he was planning for himself, but God told him not to plot. In many cases, people will be sad when they plan for themselves, and sometimes our ministry is very effective, but we feel bad compared to others, and our mood fluctuates, which is the mixture of service. This pain comes from comparison, because when comparison arises, strife occurs, and this is the plan for one's own great things. God will judge the whole earth, but as we follow God's leading, peace will come. When we serve God faithfully, God will keep us. Today we see clearly what God is doing in this age, and we need to believe that He will protect those who love Him, and that God will have the best provision for us in this age. In this way, frustration and insecurity will leave us, and the more we serve, the more joyful we will become.

There are many verses in the Bible that can help us find comfort, strength, and hope in the face of life's low points.

Psalm 23:4

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy rod comfort me."

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Isaiah 41:10

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you; Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand."

Let's pray together:

Abba Heavenly Father, pray that God will draw our attention and that our hearts and minds will be completely enveloped in God's grace, love, and beauty. Pray that God will make us forget all the pain and sacrifice in our life and ministry, so that we will understand that everything is done for God, and that it is not pleasing to people but is acceptable to God. Pray that God will make us

thirst for Him even more, like a deer thirsting for a stream, and live in God's truth all day long. Pray that the Lord will give us a godly perspective that will help us understand what God is doing in this generation. Give us the heart to trust in God's providence and protection, so that we can overcome victory and defeat and serve more joyfully.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

## Jeremiah 45

45:1 In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, Baruch son of Neriah, wrote in his book what the prophet Jeremiah had spoken from the mouth, and Jeremiah said,

45:2 The gods of Barua, Yahweh, and Israel,

45:3 Baruch said, Alas, Yahweh hath added sorrow to my sorrows. I was weary and had no rest because of my sighing.

45:4 Thus thou shalt say unto him, Thus saith the Jews, I will tear down what I have built; I will pluck out what I have planted. I have done this all over the world.

45:5 are you plotting great things for yourselves ? do n't plot . I will bring calamity upon all who have blood. But whether you go there, I will make you a prey for your own life. this is what ye and hua said .

Jeremiah 45 records an incident about Baruch. The central idea of this chapter is comfort and warning. In the previous chapters, Baruch was Jeremiah's assistant, but here, he complains that his life and career have failed, and he feels very hopeless. But through Jeremiah, Jehovah warned Baruch not to seek his own glory and gain but to trust God's Word and promises. At the same time, God comforted Baruch and assured him that his life would be preserved, even though he would lose his property and status. The focus of this chapter is to emphasize that in times of difficulty and crisis, we need to trust God's Word and seek His will and protection.

Jeremiah 45 has a total of 5 verses, the most important of which is verse 5, and the following is an explanation of the verses and contents of this chapter:

1 The words of Jeremiah the prophet to Baruch. Baruch was the son of Neriah the son of Maaseiah. He recorded these words in Jeremiah's mouth in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah. As Baruch read the words of this book, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

2 "Baruch, the LORD God of Israel says of you: 3 You have said, 'Alas! The LORD hath added sorrow upon my sorrow, and I have not rested with the weariness of groaning. 4 This is what you are to say to him: 'This is what the Lord says: 'I will destroy what I have built; What I planted, I will pluck out; and plague shall come upon the whole earth. 5 Do you plan great things

for yourself? Do not conspire, for I will bring all fate to you, saith the LORD. Though I deal evil with you, I will leave your life for you in all the places I go. This is what the Lord has said. This passage records what God's Word said to Baruch. Baruch had cried out to God for suffering and sorrow, and God responded that Baruch should not plan for himself to do great things, because God would make all his fate fall to Him, that is, God would decide His fate. Though God will bring calamity upon him, He will also preserve his life, and He will tear down what he has built and uproot out what he has planted, so that the whole earth will be plagued. These words indicate that God's judgment had come upon Judah, and that He was going to bring them punishment and calamity, but for Baruch personally, God would protect his life.

Jeremiah 45 records the prophet Jeremiah's prophecy to Baruch as a response to Baruch when he was justified

Sigh for anxiety and distress. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

**Human Anxiety and Trouble:** In Jeremiah 45, Baruch is troubled by the plight of the Jewish powers of his day and his own worries

Anxious and distressed. This shows the emotional and psychological challenges that people face under difficulties and stress.

**God's Favor and Promises:** In Jeremiah 45, Jeremiah turns to Baruch to remind him that God's Word is true to his life. Although Baruch was troubled and discouraged, God's promise that He would protect his life on the day of punishment was a promise of God's favor and promise to those who were faithful and obedient.

**Humility and obedience:** In Jeremiah 45, God tells Baruch through Jeremiah that he should not pursue his own great things, but should humbly submit to God's will. In God's eyes, Baruch saw that God's coming calamities would also come upon him, but God would protect his life on this day of punishment.

Overall, Jeremiah 45 emphasizes human anxieties and troubles, God's providence and promises, and humble submission to God's will. The central idea of theology is the emphasis on trusting God and submitting to His will in times of difficulty. God's promises are real, and He favors those who are faithful and obedient. We should learn to humbly obey God

will, not by our own wisdom and strength, but with all our hearts and souls, will protect us and give us peace.