

Jeremiah 11:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.

Analysis

This verse commissions proclamation: 'Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem.' The Hebrew qara (אָקָרֶה, proclaim, cry out) indicates public announcement. 'All these words' (eth-kol-haddevarim) ensures complete message delivery—no editing or softening. 'Cities of Judah' and 'streets of Jerusalem' describe comprehensive geographic coverage. 'Saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.' The repeated 'hear' (shim'u) with 'do' (asah) connects hearing to action—genuine hearing produces obedience. Faith without works is dead; hearing without doing is disobedience.

Historical Context

This commission suggests Jeremiah traveled throughout Judah proclaiming covenant demands, possibly as part of Josiah's reform movement. The 'streets of Jerusalem' (chutsoth Yerushalayim) were public gathering spaces where proclamations reached maximum audience. Ancient cities had designated areas for public announcements; Jeremiah was to use these forums for covenant proclamation.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does comprehensive proclamation 'in all cities' and 'in streets' suggest about reaching everyone with God's word?
2. How does the repeated command to 'hear and do' define authentic response to divine revelation?

Interlinear Text

דְּבָרִי פָּלָאת לְאָמֵן רְאֵת יְהֹוָה אֶל אֶל קֹרֶב אֶת לְאָמֵן רְאֵת
all these words H3605 H853 H7121 H413 Then the LORD H3068 said H559

לְאָמֵן רְאֵת יְהֹוָה וּבָחָץ וּתְבַעַר בָּעֵר בָּעֵר בָּעֵר לְאָמֵן רְאֵת יְהֹוָה וּבָחָץ וּתְבַעַר
H3389 of Jerusalem said H559 H2351 H3063 in the cities H428

אָמַת: וְעָשֵׂת מְפָזֶת אֶת שְׁמָעֵי
H853 H2063 H6213 H8085 H1285 H1697 all these words of this covenant and do H853
Hear Dbari Koreret Pazet Dbari Dbari Dbari

Additional Cross-References

Romans 2:13 (Word): (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

James 1:22 (Word): But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jeremiah 3:12 (Word): Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.

Jeremiah 7:2 (Word): Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

Jeremiah 19:2 (Word): And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee,

John 13:17 (Parallel theme): If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

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