

Jeremiah 26:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

Analysis

Jeremiah calls the people to 'amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God.' This represents genuine repentance - not merely feeling sorry but changing behavior. The promise 'the LORD will repent him of the evil' shows God's readiness to show mercy upon repentance. But repentance must be real, not superficial.

Historical Context

This call to amendment comes after the death sentence is pronounced. Even at the last moment, genuine repentance could avert judgment.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What's the difference between regret and genuine repentance?
2. How does God's readiness to 'repent of the evil' demonstrate His mercy?

Interlinear Text

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| H6258 | Therefore now amend | H3190 | your ways | H1870 | and your doings |
| | | | | H4611 | and obey |
| | | | | H8085 | the voice |
| וְעַתָּה | הִטְבֹּה | וְעַמְּדָה | וְעַמְּדָה | וְעַמְּדָה | וְעַמְּדָה |
| and the LORD | your God | will repent | and the LORD | him of the evil | |
| H3068 | H430 | H5162 | H3068 | H7451 | |
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| אָשָׁר | דִּבֶּר | עֲלֵיכֶם: | | | |
| H834 | that he hath pronounced | H1696 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Jonah 3:9 (Repentance): Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

Isaiah 1:19 (Parallel theme): If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Jeremiah 26:3 (Repentance): If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

Jeremiah 26:19 (Repentance): Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

Jeremiah 35:15 (Evil): I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

Jeremiah 18:8 (Repentance): If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

Jonah 4:2 (Repentance): And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

Joel 2:14 (Repentance): Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

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