

Jeremiah 26:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The elders recall how King Hezekiah responded to Micah's prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction - he 'feared the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil.' This historical precedent argues for Jeremiah's life. Godly fear of God's word leads to repentance, which may avert judgment. This contrasts with current leaders who want to kill the prophet rather than heed his message.

Historical Context

Micah prophesied around 100 years before Jeremiah (Micah 3:12). Hezekiah's humble response (2 Chr 32:26) provided a model of how kings should receive prophetic rebuke.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does remembering God's past mercies inform present responses to His word?
2. What's the difference between silencing God's messenger and heeding God's message?

Interlinear Text

וְכָל	יְהוּדָה ה	מֶלֶךְ	חִזְקִיָּה הו	הֶ מִתְּהו	הֶ מִתְּהו
put him at all	and all Judah	king	Did Hezekiah	put him at all	put him at all
H3605	H3063	H4428	H2396	H4191	H4191
אֶת	וַיַּחֲל	יְהוָה ה	אֶת	יֵרָ א	הֲלֹא
H853	and besought	and the LORD	H853	did he not fear	H3808
H2470	H3068	H3068	H3373		
אֲשֶׁר	כָּעַ ה	אֶל	יְהוָה ה	וַיִּחַם	יְהוָה ה
H834	evil	H413	and the LORD	repented	and the LORD
H7451	H7451		H3068	H5162	H3068
כָּעַ ה	עָשׂוּ ים	וַאֲנִי חֲנוּ	עָלֶיהָ ם	דָּבָר	
evil	might we procure	against them Thus	H5921	which he had pronounced	
H7451	H6213	H587		H1696	
נַפְשׁוֹתֵינוּ:	עַל	גְּדוֹלָה ה			
against our souls	great				
H5315	H1419				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 32:14 (Repentance): And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

2 Samuel 24:16 (Repentance): And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel

that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

Isaiah 37:4 (Kingdom): It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

Isaiah 37:1 (Kingdom): And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

Acts 5:39 (Parallel theme): But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

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