

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

וְכֹל	יְהוָה	הַ	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוָה	וְ	מְתַהּוּ	מִתְהָוָה	וְ	מְתַהּוּ
put him at all	put him at all	Did Hezekiah	king	and all Judah					H3605
H4191	H4191	H2396	H4428	H3063					
אַת	יִמְלֹךְ	יְהוָה	אַת	יְהוָה	אַת	יְהוָה	אַת	יִמְלֹךְ	
and all Judah	H3808	did he not fear	H853	and the LORD	and besought				H853
H3063		H3373		H3068				H2470	
אֲשֶׁר	כִּי	הַ אֵל	יְהוָה	כִּי	סְמִמְןָה	יְהוָה	כִּי	הַ אֵל	
and the LORD	H3068	repented	and the LORD	H413	evil			H834	
H6440		H5162	H3068		H7451				
כִּי	עָשָׂוּ	תָּאַנְחָנוּ	עַלְיָהָם	תָּאַנְחָנוּ	מִתְבָּאֵשׁ	תָּאַנְחָנוּ	עַלְיָהָם	עָשָׂוּ	
which he had pronounced	H1696	H5921	H587	against them	Thus	might we procure	evil	H7451	
						H6213			
גְּדוֹלָה	עַל	גְּדוֹלָה	נַפְשׁוֹתֵינוּ						
great	H1419	H5921	against our souls						
		H5315							

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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