

Jeremiah 35:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:

Analysis

Because the Rechabites obeyed their father's commandment and kept all his precepts, God promises Jonadab shall not lack a man to stand before Him forever. This shows that God notices and rewards faithfulness to legitimate human authority when it doesn't contradict His law. Honoring parents and ancestors pleases God when their commands align with righteousness.

Historical Context

This blessing demonstrates the principle that those who honor legitimate authority receive divine favor (Ex 20:12, Eph 6:1-3).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does honoring legitimate human authority honor God?
2. What generational commitments has God blessed in your family line?

Interlinear Text

וּלְבַיִת	הַרְכַּבִּים	אָמַר	יֵרֵמְיָהוּ	כֹּה	אָמַר
unto the house	of the Rechabites	Thus saith	And Jeremiah	H3541	Thus saith
H1004	H7397	H559	H3414		H559
יְהוָה	צְבָאוֹת	אֱלֹהֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֲשֶׁר	שָׁמַעְתָּ
the LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel	H3282	Because ye have obeyed
H3068	H6635	H430	H3478	H834	H8085
עַל	מִצְוֹתַי	יְהוֹנָדָב	אָבִיךָ	וַתִּשְׁמְרוּ	אֶת
H5921	all his precepts	of Jonadab	your father	and kept	H853
	H4687	H3082	H1	H8104	H3605
מִצְוֹתַי	וַתַּעַשׂ	כָּל ל	אֲשֶׁר		
all his precepts	and done	H3605	H834		
H4687	H6213				
	צִוָּה	אֶתְכֶם:			
	according unto all that he hath commanded	H853			
	H6680				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 20:12 (References God): Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 5:16 (References God): Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

