

Jeremiah 35:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

Analysis

God rewards the Rechabites' faithfulness with an eternal promise - they would never lack a man to serve before God. This doesn't mean literal presence but continued existence and favor. Covenant faithfulness, even to human authority, when it doesn't contradict God's law, receives divine blessing. How much more does faithfulness to God Himself secure our standing before Him through Christ.

Historical Context

This promise was given as Jerusalem faced destruction. While Judah would be exiled for disobedience, the Rechabites received blessing for obedience.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does God honor faithfulness even when it seems insignificant to others?
2. What does this teach about the eternal significance of present obedience?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁבָא לְאֱלֹהִים	אֶת	צָבָא וְתִּהְנוּהָ	אֶת	רְכָבָה	בְּכָל	לְכָלָה
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith	the LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel
		H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H3478
לֹא	תִּפְנַתְּךָ	בְּאַיִלָּה	בְּבִן	רְכָבָה	עַמְּדָה	לְפָנֵי
H3808	shall not want	a man	Jonadab	the son	of Rechab	to stand
	H3772	H376	H3122	H1121	H7394	H5975
כָּלְמִים:	בְּמִים:	בְּמִים:	בְּמִים:	בְּמִים:	בְּמִים:	בְּמִים:
H3605	me for ever					
	H3117					

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 15:19 (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

Luke 21:36 (Parallel theme): Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Psalms 5:5 (Parallel theme): The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

1 Chronicles 2:55 (Parallel theme): And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

Jude 1:24 (Parallel theme): Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,