

Jeremiah 39:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid.

Analysis

'I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD.' This personal promise to Ebed-melech contrasts with Jerusalem's general destruction. God's particular care for individuals who show mercy reflects the Beatitude 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Matt 5:7). Individual faith receives individual reward even amid corporate judgment.

Historical Context

While Jerusalem fell and most perished, this Ethiopian servant received divine protection as reward for rescuing Jeremiah.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does showing mercy to God's servants result in receiving mercy yourself?

2. What does this teach about God's individual care even during general judgment?

Interlinear Text

וְהִצַּלְתִּי יָךְ	בַּיּוֹם	הַהוּא	נֹאֵם	יְהוָה ה	וְלֹא א
But I will deliver	thee in that day	H1931	saith	the LORD	H3808
H5337	H3117		H5002	H3068	
תִּתֶּנּוּ	בְּיָד	הָאֱנָשִׁים	אֲשֶׁר	אֶתְּ ה	
and thou shalt not be given	into the hand	H376	H834	H859	
H5414	H3027				
יָגֹוֹר	מִפְּנֵיהֶם:				
thou art afraid	of whom				
H3016	H6440				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 50:15 (Parallel theme): And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Jeremiah 1:19 (References Lord): And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

2 Samuel 24:14 (References Lord): And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

Jeremiah 38:9 (References Lord): My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city.

Genesis 15:1 (References Lord): After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Jeremiah 38:1 (Parallel theme): Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

Matthew 25:40 (Parallel theme): And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Daniel 6:16 (Parallel theme): Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.