

# Jeremiah 42:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

## Analysis

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The remnant pledges unconditional obedience to God's word through Jeremiah, promising to obey whether 'it be good, or whether it be evil' (meaning pleasant or difficult). This is the proper stance before God's revealed will - submission regardless of personal preference. Yet their subsequent actions prove the pledge hollow. Easy promises made in crisis often fail in execution.

## Historical Context

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This pledge is made with apparent sincerity, but verse 20 reveals 'ye dissembled in your hearts.' They wanted God to confirm their Egypt plan, not redirect it.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do you ensure your pledges of obedience to God aren't merely circumstantial?

2. What's the difference between seeking God's will and seeking His approval of your will?

## Interlinear Text

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אִם H518	טוֹב H2896	וְאִם H518	כָּע H7451	בְּקוֹל H6963	יְהוָה H3068
Whether it be good		or whether it be evil		the voice	of the LORD
אֱלֹהֵינוּ: H430	אֲשֶׁר H834	אֲנִי H580	שִׁלְחֵם H7971	אֵלַי H413	נִשְׁמָע H8085
our God		to whom we	send		we will obey
אֲשֶׁר H834	לְמַעַן H4616	יִיטֵב H3190	לִּי H0	נִשְׁמָע H8085	בְּקוֹל H6963
		thee that it may be well		we will obey	the voice
יְהוָה H3068	אֱלֹהֵינוּ: H430				
of the LORD	our God				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 7:23** (References God): But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

**Deuteronomy 5:29** (Parallel theme): O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

**Romans 8:7** (References God): Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

**Deuteronomy 5:33** (References God): Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

