

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

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

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

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

אָם	וְ	טֹב	אוֹם	בְּעָ	וְلִ	יְהִי הָ
H518	Whether it be good		H518	or whether it be evil		the voice
		H2896		H7451		H6963
our God	H834	to whom we	H580	send	H853	we will obey
H430			H3971		H413	H8085
לְמַעַן	רַ	אֲשֶׁר	שְׁלַח יְ	אֶל יְ	אֶתְּנָ	נְשָׁמָע
H4616	H834	thee that it may be well	H3190	H0	H3588	we will obey
						H8085
אֱלֹהִים	יְהִי הָ		כִּי לְכָ	כִּי לְכָ	בְּקָ	בְּקָ
of the LORD	our God					the voice
H3068	H430					H6963

Additional Cross-References

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.

