

Jeremiah 43:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshai, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

Analysis

Azariah and Johanan refuse God's clear word, accusing Jeremiah of speaking falsely under Baruch's influence. This illustrates the heart's ability to reject truth by impugning the messenger. They asked for God's word (42:2-3), pledged to obey (42:6), but reject it when it contradicts their desires. Unbelief always finds excuses to dismiss God's word.

Historical Context

They blamed Baruch, Jeremiah's scribe, for supposedly manipulating the prophet. This conspiracy theory allowed them to rationalize disobedience to clear divine direction.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do you rationalize away God's word when it contradicts your desires?
2. What defense mechanisms do you use to dismiss biblical teaching you don't want to follow?

Interlinear Text

לָאֵם רַ	עֲזַרְיָה הַ	בֶּן	הוֹשָׁעִיָּה	וַיֹּחָנָן וְ	בֶּן	קָרֵחַ הַ
Then spake	Azariah	the son	of Hoshaiiah	and Johanan	the son	of Kareah
H559	H5838	H1121	H1955	H3110	H1121	H7143
וְכָל	הָאֲנָשִׁים יִם	הַיָּד יִם	לָאֵם רַ	אֶל	יִרְמְיָהוּ הוּ	שֶׁ קָרַ
H3605	H376	and all the proud	Then spake	H413	unto Jeremiah	falsely
		H2086	H559		H3414	H8267
אֶתְּ הַ	מְדַבֵּר רַ	לֹא	שִׁלְחָב	יְהוָה הַ	אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִם	לָאֵם רַ
H859	Thou speakest	H3808	hath not sent	the LORD	our God	Then spake
	H1696		H7971	H3068	H430	H559
לֹא	תֵבֹ אוֹ לֹא	מִצְרַיִם יִם	לֵג וֹר	שָׁם:		
H3808	Go	not into Egypt	to sojourn	H8033		
	H935	H4714	H1481			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 7:9 (Parallel theme): And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

2 Chronicles 36:13 (References God): And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

Proverbs 16:5 (References Lord): Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Jeremiah 42:1 (Parallel theme): Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

Jeremiah 40:8 (Parallel theme): Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

Jeremiah 13:15 (References Lord): Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

Jeremiah 43:1 (References God): And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, even all these words,

James 4:6 (References God): But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

1 Peter 5:5 (References God): Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.