

Jeremiah 7:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

God commands Jeremiah: 'Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.' Jeremiah must fulfill his prophetic duty despite knowing it will be rejected. The future tenses ('will not hearken,' 'will not answer') indicate God's foreknowledge of their response. This raises the question: why preach when rejection is certain? The answer: to establish accountability and demonstrate God's justice in judgment. The prophet's faithfulness in proclaiming truth validates God's righteousness in executing judgment on those who reject clear warning.

Historical Context

Jeremiah's entire ministry faced rejection, imprisonment, and persecution. Yet he remained faithful to his calling, establishing Judah's culpability for ignoring God's clear warnings.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What motivates faithful ministry when results are discouraging or non-existent?
2. How does proclaiming truth to hard hearts serve God's purposes even when rejected?
3. What is the relationship between human responsibility to preach and divine sovereignty over results?

Interlinear Text

וְדֹבְרָתִי	Therefore thou shalt speak	H1696	כָּל	אַתָּה	אֶלְיָהּם	H413	הַלְּהָ	פָּאֵלָה	פָּזְבָּרֶךְ	יִם	H853	all these words	H3605	H1697	H428
אַל	אַל	H3808	שְׁמַע	וְ	אַל	H413	אַל	יָבֵךְ	אַל	יָבֵךְ	H8085	unto them but they will not hearken	H7121	to thee thou shalt also call	H3808
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 65:12 (Word): Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

Isaiah 50:2 (Parallel theme): Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

Jeremiah 26:2 (Word): Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

Jeremiah 1:7 (Parallel theme): But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Zechariah 7:13 (Parallel theme): Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

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