

Is There Any Word From The LORD?

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In Jeremiah 37:17, King Zedekiah asked the prophet Jeremiah, "Is there any word from the LORD?" That seemed like a question from a man who was interested in what God had to say. You would think that he sounded like a man who wanted to be led by the Lord and was seeking his guidance. It might sound that way but when we see the type of man that Zedekiah was, we would find that he was not truly seeking the will of God.

Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. "And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. ¹³And 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." (2 Chronicles 36:11-13) Zedekiah was young and self-willed, interested in doing what he wanted and would only listen to that which he wanted to hear.

This was the man who asked the prophet if God had

any word for him and the nation. It makes you wonder why he asked because he would not obey the Lord's commands. The sins of Zedekiah and the nation were the reason that caused God to send the Babylonians against them. This was to punish them and to bring them unto repentance. How could he expect the Lord to send a message of comfort to him and the nation when they rebelled against God and broke his oath to the Babylonian king. This oath had been sworn by the name of God and the Lord was very angry that he would swear by God and then break his word.

Yes, there was a word from the Lord but, it had not changed from that which was sent before. Zedekiah was to submit both himself and the nation to King Nebuchadnezzar. This was not what the Jews wanted to hear, so they refused to believe that God would send such a message. It was easier for them to believe that Jeremiah was lying. They, the Jews, wanted to live as they wanted, but to have God's blessing anyway. This is like so many throughout history who twist the word of God into saying what they want and tell themselves that they are doing the will of God.

To King Zedekiah and the Jews it was not a question of believing in God, but of believing the word of God. They believed that they were the children of Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob and that God would not let any bad thing happen to them. God would punish them because they were the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and knew better than to turn after the sins of the nations. They had been given the word of God and blessed more than any other nation. They knew the will of God so they had no excuse for their sins. It was pride and arrogance that made them feel that they should do as they wanted.

If a person truly believes in God and that he created the world and everything else, how can he take the word of God lightly? King Zedekiah was only one person, there have been millions, who have listened to the word when it suited them and had no fear of disregarding it when it was not to their liking. The Lord sends his word as it is needed with no thought as to our liking or disliking it.

Just as in Zedekiah's day there is a word from God today. Those who really believe the Lord will seek to do his will and those who offer lip service will do as they wish. If Zedekiah had obeyed God's word, he and his people would have lived. Jeremiah pleaded with him to obey but he feared the Jews who had joined the Babylonians more than he feared God. The last thing that Zedekiah saw before he was blinded was the death of his sons. The message from God came true just as it was told. It always will.

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ABRAM IN EGYPT

THE LAND TO WHICH ABRAM HAS COME IS STRICKEN WITH SEVERE FAMINE, SO NOW HE TURNS SOUTHWARD IN THE DIRECTION OF EGYPT...

...FOR HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF FOOD FOR BOTH MAN AND BEAST IN THE LAND OF THE PHAROAHS...

...AND SO HE TRAVELS RESOLUTELY TO THE SOUTH....

...AND, SURE ENOUGH, ON REACHING THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE COUNTRY OF THE NILE, HE CAN SEE THE EVIDENCE OF ABUNDANT FOOD ALL AROUND...

...BUT NOW HE BEGINS TO THINK WITH CAUTION....

...FOR HE HAS HEARD THAT THE RULERS OF THIS LAND ARE ALL-POWERFUL! THEY CAN BE GRACIOUS HOSTS OR, IF IT SUITS THEIR PURPOSE, THEY CAN BE CRUEL AND VICIOUS TO ALL THOSE LIVING IN THEIR COUNTRY!

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