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**JEREMIAH 35:12-16**

## TO LOVE GOD IS TO OBEY GOD

Jeremiah shared a story about Jonadab, who ordered his sons not to drink wine. Even after many years, the descendants of Jonadab still obeyed their ancestor's command. They did not drink wine. Jeremiah invited them to the temple and served some wine to them. They refused to drink it. They loved and respected Jonadab so much that even after Jonadab passed away, they still obeyed his commandment.

Obedying God is like obeying your dad. Your dad teaches you to read the Bible and pray every day, to eat healthy food, to study hard, to be honest, etc. Because you love your dad, obviously you will listen to his commands.

Obedying your parent's commands is as valuable as obeying God's commandments. Listen well to your parents and to God's commandments. Keep God's commands in your heart and do it with full integrity. To love God is to obey God.

### **Key verse:**

*John 14:23a  
Jesus replied,  
"Anyone who  
loves Me  
will obey My  
teaching."*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, help  
me to have full  
obedience to Your  
commandments  
and full trust in  
Your word. Amen.*





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**JEREMIAH 36:27-33**

## DO NOT IGNORE OR REJECT GOD'S CALL

In Singapore, when someone is being caught eating or drinking in the MRT, he will have to pay a fine up to SGD 500. If he fails to pay, it does not mean he can get away with it and be free from the fine. He might need to face a bigger consequence.

Through Jeremiah, Baruch wrote God's word on a scroll. It was all about God's prophecies and His calling to King Jehoiakim and the people to repent before it was too late. Instead of accepting God's word and repenting, King Jehoiakim showed his disbelief in God and burned the scroll. He thought that by burning the scroll, everything written in it would not come true. He was wrong! Eventually, everything took place and he and his whole family perished.

We should be grateful when we are being reminded to repent. Do not ignore or reject His call. Because, if we do, the consequences of our sins might be worse. Don't dwell in sins. God's word is the truth and the truth can set us free from sin.

### **Key verse:**

*1 Thessalonians  
4:8*

*So the person  
who refuses  
to obey this  
teaching is  
refusing to obey  
God, not man.  
And God is the  
One who gives us  
His Holy Spirit.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, thank  
You for always  
reaching out to  
me first. Cleanse  
my heart. I want  
to always respond  
to Your call.  
Amen.*





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**JEREMIAH 39:15-18**

## REWARDS FOR TRUSTING GOD

When Jerusalem started to fall and was taken over by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, the Babylonians broke through the city gates, tore down the walls, burned the buildings, and took into exile those who were not killed in the battle.

But there is someone who was protected by God. He was Ebed-Melech. Through Jeremiah, God told Ebed-Melech that he would not fall by the sword during the fall of Jerusalem because he had put his trust in Him. How thankful he must have been to hear the word of Jeremiah that announced his salvation!

Ebed-Melech is notable for rescuing the prophet Jeremiah from the cistern into which Jeremiah had been cast (Jeremiah 38:7-13). Ebed-Melech was selfless for helping Jeremiah's life. He was so courageous for risking his life from being killed by the wicked king. He was a man of integrity for knowing what was the right thing to do. Above all, he trusted GOD!

As a reward, when everyone was busy fighting for their lives, Ebed-Melech was in a calm and restful situation because of God's reward of salvation to him.

### Key verse:

*Jeremiah 39:18  
I will save you;  
you will not fall  
by the sword  
but will escape  
with your life,  
because you  
trust in Me,  
declares the  
Lord*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I will  
always trust You  
in the wait, in the  
confusion, in the  
uncertainty and  
in the bad days. I  
believe in YOUR  
power. Amen.*





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**JEREMIAH 42:1-5 &  
JEREMIAH 43:1-3**

## THE EMPTY PROMISES

After the fall of Jerusalem, the remaining leaders who were left behind asked Jeremiah to pray and ask God for directions and answers. They promised Jeremiah that they would obey whatever God instructed them, whether it sounded good or bad. They even asked God to be their witness for their promises.

Ten days later, God answered. God's answer was very clear. God wanted them to stay in Judah and God would make them strong. If they went to Egypt, they would be defeated by hunger, war and disease.

Jer 43:2 writes that they accused Jeremiah of lying to them because they had already planned to run off to Egypt with the remnant, to escape from more impending disaster and famine.

How ironic that their reactions were totally the opposite of what they had said to Jeremiah 10 days before. Their promise meant nothing. It was just an empty promise.

May this story become a reminder to us not to make empty promises as it will only hurt others. Moreover, we should not make empty promises to God.

### **Key verse:**

*Matthew 5:33  
When you make  
a promise, don't  
break your  
promise. Keep  
the promises  
that you make  
to the Lord.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, let  
me always  
examine my heart  
thoroughly before  
making promises  
so that I won't  
make empty  
promises to You  
and other people.  
Amen.*





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**JEREMIAH 45**

## GOD'S PRIZE TO YOU

Baruch was Jeremiah's secretary who wrote all God's words through Jeremiah. After seeing all the adversities that Jeremiah went through for the sake of following God's command, Baruch started to question God about the value of his life.

God knew Baruch's heart and talked to him. God could easily break down what He had built. God could pluck up what He had planted. God encouraged Baruch to rely only on God as the One who gave him life, instead of chasing for the worldly things in life.

There is no point in seeking great things for ourselves. Let's receive God's gift of life. And that shall be as a prize to us, wherever we go. The number of likes in your Facebook, the number of followers in your Instagram or the number of views of your Insta story is nothing compared to God's prize.

### **Key verse:**

*Jeremiah 45:5  
And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I will bring adversity on all flesh," says the Lord.  
"But I will give your life to you as a prize in all places, wherever you go.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, help me to live for Your glory, not just for my own ambition or desires. I seek Your eternal prize.  
Amen.*





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**JEREMIAH 48:7-13**

## WHO IS YOUR CHEMOSH?

This verse was God's message to Moab, who worshipped Chemosh, their god. Chemosh was the national deity of the Moabites. Jeremiah reminded them that God sent a warning to wake them up and make them repent from their sins.

Today's Chemosh could be anything other than God, everything that we are so attached to and is drifting us away from God. It could be the love of money, addiction to getting more likes in our social media posts, addiction to games or many other things that attract our hearts more than obeying God's word. These are modern gods that we might think irrelevant, but actually it can be as bad as worshipping Chemosh.

It doesn't mean that you must hate money, delete your Instagram account or stop playing games at all. We should know the purpose of our lives and use these things as tools to glorify God's name.

For example, you can give your spare money to others in need or share positive messages on social media. Sometimes, you may even play games with your friends in order to build a positive friendship. Take control of these things in your life and use them to glorify God. Otherwise, if you let these things control you, they will be a Chemosh in your life.

### **Key verse:**

*Exodus 20:3  
You shall have  
no other gods  
before me.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, I will  
have no other  
God before You  
as You are the  
only way, truth  
and eternal life  
that my soul  
longs for. Amen.*





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**JEREMIAH 50:6-7**

## THE RESTING PLACE

When you are busy with school work, tuitions and homework, a day seems too short. How you wish you had more than 24 hours in a day so you can accomplish all things. Every Friday, you feel so cheerful because it is going to be the weekend where you can rest and relax. Before you know it, Monday is back and you start the same process over again in a never-ending cycle.

This is not the kind of life that God had in mind when He created you and me. Life was meant to be wonderful. God wants us to enjoy our everyday lives.

When you feel this hectic, what you need is finding a true resting place. That resting place can only be found in God. When you find a resting place in God, you can think properly, have peace while doing your things or assignments and still love your Mondays. God wants to give you time to recharge. God wants to take away your burdens.

### Key verse:

*Mark 6:31b*

*"Come with me.  
We will go to a  
quiet place to  
be alone. There  
we will get some  
rest."*

### Prayer

*Dear God, please  
remind me to  
come back to  
You and enjoy  
the resting place  
in You whenever  
I feel so lost,  
messy and busy.  
Amen.*

