



Daily Devotional

Note for 20251013 - Jer 2:19 - Forsaken

1. Opening

We are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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Introduction

Over the last couple of days, I have noticed how I am struggling to maintain my pace. The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, and I have been struggling with that, what many will call fatigue. I find it harder and harder to tear myself from bed, but I must because there are food to make and pills to give.

Today, I bring you one verse, when I am the one who always says, "Read more for context." And you should, even start from Jeremiah 1. But this verse does get centre stage today.

2. Scripture Text

Jeremiah 2:19 KJV

[19] Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jer.2.19.KJV>

3. Devotional Reflection

Do you feel like you have been abandoned, as if your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling or GOD is somehow reluctant to hear your prayers? Friends, GOD does not move away from us, we move away from Him. Then, by His mercy, things start going wrong in our lives so we may return to Him. Jeremiah writes here to the children of the House of Judah, and those of the House of Israel, by the Word of GOD that came to Him, how they have forsaken the LORD their God. They got involved in other things, followed other ways and the LORD even speaks how none of the pagans have forsaken their idols, only His people have forsaken Him. No, the pagans did not forsake their false gods, but Israel and Judah did forsake the Living GOD. They lost the fear of the LORD and walked after the desires of their heart.

You may say, "Why do you go to these old stories, can't you at least read from the New Testament?" "Those were then, and I am not from Israel or Judah, what is the relevance?" The truth is that these old "stories" are not old stories at all, but speak to everyone's lives that live today. So often, we are guilty of the exact same, whether it be literal or spiritual. We walk away from GOD'S guidance, we honour other things with more time than GOD, even our problems receive more attention than GOD. Is that not the same?

I have testified to you how I have been struggling of late. And yet, here I am, later in the morning than usual, but still I am here. If I only get to wake up later, then I will still start my day with the LORD, with His Word, whether it comforts me, or whether I am being corrected, I will not ignore the Living GOD. Listen what Jeremiah writes here again:

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Your own wickedness shall correct you. Your own backslidings shall reprove you. Our choices stand as evidence against us. And as we forsake the LORD we will ram our heads into inescapable trouble. And this is the exact point where the truth of us will be discovered, for if we blame God, then we say, "I am right and God is wrong." Instead we should investigate ourselves, see where we have forsaken the LORD and His ways. There is a major difference between self-righteousness and righteousness. The one is measured by carnal measures and the other by the Word of GOD.

Yesterday's verse of the day:

Psalms 18:2 KJV

[2] The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.18.2.KJV>

Here is what I personally received

Matthew 10:22 KJV

[22] And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/mat.10.22.KJV>

So, when do we give up?

Yes, at this point I am going through much, but I know who the enemy is, and it is not GOD. The enemy is the one that wants to bring distance between me and God, between you and GOD. Now I have a question for you, who makes the choice in your life, circumstance? No, it is me and you, we choose each day, and we must endure unto the end to be saved. Like Israel and

Judah, we can walk away, and forsake GOD, and He calls that evil. Our troubles will lead us back to Him, when we see the error of our ways, we will bend the knee in repentance. So, when everything goes wrong, don't point fingers at others, look within. Endure to the End. We know this world will hate us for the sake of His Name, so why do we act surprised? The real surprise is when someone greets you with a smile. That is a gift. When someone comes at you with fists, it establishes the truth, that this world hates you. Then endure. Make your prayers known to the Living GOD and rest in His will to be done, even if it leads to your grave, for He is on the far side of that too, in reward or judgment.

We have become soft. Oh, this world promotes being liked by it. To have followers and those who subscribe to our words. I want none of that. Subscribe to the Word of GOD, follow Jesus Christ, be liked even loved in Heaven.

"Seek first the Kingdom of GOD and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you," not?

Nothing can separate me from the love of GOD, but I can choose to walk away from Him and forsake Him. So, if you find yourself far from GOD, know that somewhere you made the choice to walk away from Him. When you expect GOD to support you, instead of you fearing Him and walking in His ways. That's the truth.

So, what remains but to admit guilt and to repent? You will be hated by this world because you are not of it, unless you are, then you will stand in enmity with GOD.

4. Verse of the Day

From the YouVersion Bible App

Ephesians 1:7 KJV

[7] In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

<https://bible.com/bible/1/eph.1.7.KJV>

5. Closing Paragraph

God does not forsake us, we forsake Him.

Selah, Shalom.

6. Resources

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