

GOD'S WORD IS ENDURING

Jeremiah 36: 1-28 vv27, 28 Key verses

Introduction: Man is naturally turned against God's authority. No one pays much attention **until** a popular figure openly stands up against God's Word. The king didn't like what the prophet told him God had said, so he burned God's written Word. That, however, didn't do away with God's Word and it never will. God's Word will be here when all else and everyone else is gone.

I. MAN'S HEART IS TURNED AGAINST GOD'S WORD

(Man's acts stem from his wicked heart.)

1. Man denies the divine authority of the Bible.
 - Man pretends God's Word isn't true. He wishes it wasn't true for God's Word condemns and therefore it is disliked.
 - People will seek out any complex, difficult passage with the intent of trying to disprove what it says.
 - The basic reason people dislike God's Word is their love for their sin.

2. Man attempts to explain away the Truths in God's Word.
 - People try to explain away or discord all verses not readily clear.
 - Man does not accept original sin, and will not accept that man is totally depraved.
 - Man does not accept salvation by Grace but add all sorts of things man can do to help.
 - All study of God's Word is only for trying to explain away what God has said.
 - Unbelief of God's Word is hostility toward **any** truth.

3. God's Word is not for the unsaved person to grasp.
 - Most are afraid of strange ideas and not understanding unless the "learned" clarify for them (Governments, some "Church" person, etc).
 - God's Word is for **all** and the Holy Spirit will enlighten **any** who genuinely seek.
 - Satan fears for mankind to hear God's Word.

4. Many believe God's Word but refuse to obey it.
 - Sadly but countless people accept the Bible as true and know they are doomed and damned but still refuse to obey it.

5. Those who do believe and live by God's Word are harassed and persecuted by those who do not.
 - Next to actually burning God's Word as in the scripture is the attempt to discredit those who do believe and live by God's Word.
 - Multitudes of believers have been persecuted. As God is hated, so are His people.

II. IT IS FOOLISH TO BE OF SUCH A HEART AGAINST GOD'S WORD

1. Man cannot change any of God's Word. One can dispute it, dislike it, deny it, but no one can change it.

- One may deny that the sun shines and close ones eyes but still the sun shines.
 - Thus no matter what mankind or Satan wants or thinks, God's Word Remains!
2. Man cannot stop God's Word from coming to pass.
 - Unbelief cannot excuse man's disobedience.
 - Disobedience will bring to pass God's promises about penalties of disobedience.
 3. Man deserves God's promised Judgments.
 - Contempt, unbelief, rejection, who can be called wise who does these things?

CONCLUSION:

1. Mankind needs to tremble at God's Word, not ignore it.
2. Believers need to use every device to get God's Word to all mankind.
3. Believers must deal lovingly, patiently with those who have contempt for God's Word.
 - God's Word will prevail and we **know** the end of all unbelievers and we **know** that God is not willing that any should perish.