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Theme: The Kingdom Prophesied (Isaiah–Jeremiah–Lamentations)

Message Title: “The King’s Discipline and Mercy - A Call to Repentance”

Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 18:7–10 (KJV)

Supporting Scriptures: Jeremiah 7:23–28; Jeremiah 29:11–14; Ezekiel 18:30–32; Romans 2:4; Hebrews 12:5–11

The King’s Discipline and Mercy - A Call to Repentance

Key Text: Jeremiah 18:7–10 (KJV)

“At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.” **Jeremiah 18:7–10 (KJV)**

Introduction: The Potter, The Clay, and The King’s Heart

Jeremiah 18 reveals one of the most powerful pictures of God’s relationship with His people. The prophet is commanded to go down to the potter’s house, where he sees a vessel being shaped upon the wheel.

“Then I went down to the potter’s house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel...”

Jeremiah 18:3–4 (KJV)

The message was clear: Israel was not abandoned clay; they were clay in the hands of the Divine Potter.

The problem was not the Potter’s ability. The problem was the condition of the clay.

God’s discipline is never designed to destroy His people but to restore them. The King who judges sin is also the King who extends mercy. His correction is a demonstration of His covenant love.

The kingdom of God cannot be built upon rebellion, pride, and hardened hearts. Before God restores a nation, a church, or an individual, He calls them to repentance.

As Smith Wigglesworth often emphasized in his ministry, God desires vessels surrendered to His purpose rather than vessels controlled by their own will.

Kingdom truth:

The hand that corrects us is the same hand that recreates us.

Alliterative Outline: The Three Movements of Kingdom Repentance

1. The King's Warning - God Confronts Rebellion

(The Reality of Discipline)

Jeremiah 18:7 (KJV)

"At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it..."

God is the righteous King over every kingdom.

The nations of the earth may have rulers, armies, economies, and systems, but God remains sovereign.

Jeremiah ministered during a time when Judah had religious activity but spiritual corruption. They had the temple, sacrifices, and traditions, but their hearts were far from God.

"Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place." **Jeremiah 7:3 (KJV)**

God warned them because He loved them.

A. God Disciplines Sin

God's judgment is not because He hates people; it is because He hates what destroys people.

"For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." **Proverbs 3:12 (KJV)**

The King disciplines:

- Pride that separates us from Him
- Idolatry that replaces Him
- Disobedience that rejects His Word
- Hardness that resists His voice

B. God Exposes False Security

Judah trusted in their temple instead of trusting in God.

"Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these." **Jeremiah 7:4 (KJV)**

Kingdom lesson:

Religious appearance cannot replace righteous obedience.

A person can attend worship and still need repentance. A nation can have churches and still reject God's ways.

2. The King's Mercy - God Offers Restoration

(The Response of Repentance)

Jeremiah 18:8 (KJV)

“If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.”

God’s warning always carries an invitation.

The purpose of prophecy is not merely to announce judgment; it is to awaken repentance.

God told Nineveh through Jonah that judgment was coming, but when they repented, God showed mercy.

“And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil...” **Jonah 3:10 (KJV)**

A. Repentance Changes Direction

Biblical repentance is not merely feeling sorry. It is turning from sin and returning to God.

Jesus began His kingdom ministry with this message:

“Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” **Matthew 4:17 (KJV)**

Repentance means:

- Turning from darkness to light
- Turning from self-rule to God’s rule
- Turning from rebellion to obedience

B. Mercy Restores the Broken Vessel

The potter did not throw away the damaged clay.

“So he made it again another vessel...” **Jeremiah 18:4 (KJV)**

God does not discard repentant people. He restores them.

David experienced this mercy after his failure:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” **Psalms 51:10 (KJV)**

Kingdom people are not people who never fail; they are people who continually surrender to the Potter’s hand.

3. The King’s Making - God Reforms a Kingdom People

(The Renewal Through Obedience)

Jeremiah 18:9–10 (KJV)

God declares that He builds and plants those who walk in obedience, but He also warns that blessing cannot continue where rebellion remains.

The Kingdom requires transformed hearts.

This prophecy points toward the New Covenant promise:

“I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts...” **Jeremiah 31:33 (KJV)**

God's ultimate solution was not merely changing circumstances; it was changing hearts through Jesus Christ.

A. God Wants Transformation, Not Temporary Correction

Many desire God's blessings but resist God's shaping.

The Potter's hands:

- Remove impurities
- Apply pressure
- Create purpose
- Produce beauty

The process may be uncomfortable, but the outcome is transformation.

"But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." **Isaiah 64:8 (KJV)**

B. A Renewed People Carry Kingdom Purpose

God restores vessels because He has a purpose for them.

A restored life becomes:

- A witness to His mercy
- A servant of His kingdom
- A testimony of His faithfulness

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use..." **2 Timothy 2:21 (KJV)**

Conclusion: The King's Discipline Is an Invitation to Mercy

Jeremiah 18 teaches us that God is both a righteous Judge and a merciful Father.

The King warns because He loves.

The King disciplines because He restores.

The King corrects because He desires a kingdom people who reflect His holiness.

The question is not whether God is willing to restore us. The question is whether we are willing to remain in the Potter's hands.

Today, the call of the Kingdom is:

- Repent from sin.
- Return to God.
- Receive His mercy.
- Become His restored vessel.

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD..." **Isaiah 55:6-7 (KJV)**

Seven Prayer Points with Scripture References

1. Prayer for a Repentant Heart

Lord, search my heart and reveal anything that separates me from You.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart...” Psalm 139:23–24

2. Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

Lord, reshape me according to Your purpose.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

3. Prayer for Freedom from Rebellion

Lord, deliver me from pride and disobedience.

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God...” 1 Peter 5:6

4. Prayer for Restoration of Families and Churches

Lord, restore Your people to covenant obedience.

“Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned...” Lamentations 5:21

5. Prayer for Kingdom Alignment

Lord, let Your will rule every area of my life.

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10

6. Prayer for Spiritual Growth Through Discipline

Lord, help me receive Your correction with humility.

“No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness...” Hebrews 12:11

7. Prayer for a Restored Kingdom Witness

Lord, make me a vessel prepared for Your glory.

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.” Ephesians 5:26

Final Kingdom Declaration

“We are not abandoned clay; we are vessels in the hands of the Eternal Potter. As we repent, surrender, and obey, the King who disciplines us will restore us, reshape us, and use us for His Kingdom purpose.”