



# House of New Beginnings

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*In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption*

## **The Call to Covenant Faithfulness: Blessings or Curses**

**(Jeremiah 11:1-18)**

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### **Devotion and Discussion Questions**

**Key Texts:** Jeremiah 11:1-18

God's covenant with His people has always been about relationship—calling us to live in obedience and love. In Jeremiah 11, the prophet reminds the people of the covenant and the consequences of disobedience. God does not desire to curse His people but longs for their hearts to be fully devoted to Him. This passage is a wake-up call to take seriously our covenant with God and to choose the blessings of walking in His ways over the curses of rebellion.

#### **1. God Desires a Relationship Rooted in Obedience**

*Jeremiah 11:4b (TLV): "Listen to My voice and do all that I command you, then you will be My people, and I will be your God."*

God's covenant with Israel was not merely a contract but a call to relationship. He delivered them from the "iron furnace" of Egypt and brought them into a land of blessing. But the foundation of this relationship was obedience. God desires that His people listen to His voice and live in a way that reflects their covenant with Him.

Are we listening to God's voice in our lives? Is our relationship with Him based on more than just rituals, but on daily obedience and trust?

#### **2. The Consequences of Disobedience Are Serious**

*Scripture: Jeremiah 11:3 (TLV): "Cursed is the one who does not obey the words of this covenant."*

The people of Israel were warned repeatedly that disobedience would bring curses. In Deuteronomy, we see that the consequences of breaking the covenant were laid out in detail, yet the people continued to walk in their own ways. Disobedience isn't just about breaking rules; it's about breaking trust in a relationship. When we walk away from God's commands, we choose the path of destruction.

Have we become complacent in our walk with God, allowing areas of disobedience to remain unchecked? What consequences might we face if we continue down that path?

### **3. A Hardened Heart Leads to Rebellion**

*Jeremiah 11:8 (TLV): "Yet they would not obey or incline their ear, but each one walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart."*

The people of Judah heard God's words, but they refused to listen. Their hearts became stubborn, and they chose their own way over God's. This is the danger of a hardened heart—it resists correction and leads to rebellion. God's desire is for a soft, humble heart that responds to His call. Are there areas in your life where your heart has become hardened toward God? How can you allow Him to soften your heart and lead you back to Him?

**A Call to Return to Covenant Faithfulness.** God is calling us today to examine our hearts. Have we been walking in obedience, or have we allowed our hearts to grow cold and stubborn? If you find that you've drifted from God's voice, He is calling you back to covenant faithfulness. The choice is yours today—blessings or curses, life or destruction.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. In what ways can we ensure that we are actively listening to God's voice in our daily lives?
2. How do the consequences of disobedience in the Bible apply to us today? What can we learn from them?
3. Why do you think people often choose their own way over God's, even when they know the consequences?
4. How can we guard our hearts against becoming hardened toward God and His commands?
5. What steps can we take to keep our covenant relationship with God alive and flourishing?

#### **Closing Prayer:**

*God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,* we come before You today with humble hearts, acknowledging that we need You. Forgive us for the times we have strayed from Your covenant, choosing our own way over Yours. Soften our hearts, Lord, and help us to listen to Your voice and walk in obedience. May we choose life, may we choose Your blessings, and may we be faithful to You in all that we do. Guide us, protect us, and lead us closer to Your heart.

*B'Shem Yeshua,* In Yeshua's name, we pray. Amen.