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Sunday 1st Message

The Word Came to Me

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Once anyone's eyes are opened and they come to understand original sin, they come to an answer. From that day forward, Christ in whom they believe appears differently. Their perception of Christ - whom they once knew only as the object of their faith - changes. They now see him differently, as a source of enjoyment, a weapon for battle, and a promise of conquest. However, without knowing original sin, a person might think they can be happy on their own, or they might find themselves trapped in depression, or they might even make extreme decisions of taking their own lives even though no one has said a word to them. These are the consequences of not knowing original sin and thus failing to find the true reason. We are people who know Christ. We know original sin, and we have come to understand the saying that there is one cause and one answer.

There is only one thing we must do. It is to conquer original sin through Christ and to put an end to the root cause with this answer. If this becomes our covenant today, God will give us specific words to resolve it and will answer our prayers. The Lord came to this earth for this very reason.

1. **The Word Came to Me**
    1) When the word comes upon anyone, it becomes a secret between that person and God. If that word becomes a lifelong covenantal word, they will be prepared to leave behind a life masterpiece. That word will always live in their hearts and it will become the center of their prayer and the goal of their lives.
    2) Rightfully, it will become a lifelong secret and lifelong strength. They will see that it will surely come to pass, regardless of the circumstances or conditions. And as they witness this evidence, they will take deeper root in the covenant, become a bartizan, watch as their problems crumble and be overturned into blessings, and thus come to be sincerely grateful for the problems that were given.
    3) Joseph, Moses, Paul, and David all lived such lives. Today, we begin the story of Jeremiah. He confesses that the word of God came to him, and the content is recorded. When this happens, everything in the world must bow down before the words that come from Jeremiah's mouth.
    4) This happens not because of any other power, but simply because he receives God's word and relays it. This is the authority of a prophet and the mystery of the one entrusted with the word. The words that came from Jeremiah's mouth became an absolute authority that determined the fate of others, turned the future around, and had the power to save or destroy both individuals and nations.
    5) Although no one would have thought so, everything is now unfolding exactly as Jeremiah said. Those who follow Jeremiah's words will live, and those who defy them will die. The same is true for nations and the ages. God has placed such authority into Jeremiah's words. No reason is needed. Every word that comes from Jeremiah's mouth has the power to turn any situation around, to pluck up, to break down, to destroy, to build, and to plant.
    6) The Lord is the one who made the earth, who formed it to establish it. At that time, everything in the world depended on Jeremiah's words. There was the path to life and the path to judgment only within Jeremiah's words. Jeremiah's conclusion was to abandon idols and return to God. To follow these words is to live.
    7) The Lord did the same. While he was on earth, he said that everything he was doing was entirely according to God's will and in accordance with God's word. John 7:16 "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me." John 12:49 "For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment - what to say and what to speak." It was the same with Jeremiah. That is why Jeremiah's words carried such authority.

8) Therefore, when we receive the word, that is the end of it. Within that word, there is breaking down, destroying, building, and planting. If we receive the word for a lifetime, that lifetime comes to an end; if we receive the word for today, today comes to an end. No one can stop it, and nothing in this world can surpass the authority of the word. May this blessing be upon us all.

2. Eyes Must be Opened

1) When you receive the word, your eyes are opened. Jeremiah received the word and came to know what would happen to Israel in the future, as well as the way to avoid it. His eyes were opened. So, his mission was to go out and proclaim the way to avoid what was yet to come. However, the people did not listen; on the contrary, the king and the officials persecuted him and even imprisoned him.
2) Because he could see and knew what was coming - and because it was bound to happen - he spoke with great anguish, but since people wouldn't listen, he had no choice but to weep. That is why he was nicknamed the "Prophet of Tears".
3) No matter how much he spoke, no one would listen, and his heart was burning with anguish. Even though it was the truth, people treated Jeremiah as if he were mad. How must Jeremiah have felt? The Lord spoke of the second blessing in Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." The first blessing is, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He spoke of salvation, and the second blessing he mentioned is mourning.
4) What kind of sorrow could this be? It must be the sorrow of the Lord, who grieves as he looks upon the world. I imagine this is how Jeremiah must have felt. He knew what was going to happen in the future. The Lord knew, and Jeremiah knew. Yet, people simply wouldn't listen. That is the feeling that arises in such moments. God may still feel this way towards us even now. That is why we must be transformed so that we can be in tune with God's heart. This is the way to refresh and bring comfort to God's heart.
5) When you receive the word and your eyes are opened, you connect with God. When your heart is in tune with God in this way, everything changes. Even the exact same words you've always heard take on a different meaning, and even though the reasons why you should do something, the methods for doing it, and the specific actions required are the same as what you've always heard; your thoughts, feelings, and convictions change.
6) Above all, you will come to see. Your predictions about what will happen in the future will change, you will gain a sense of certainty, will see that it is possible, will continually receive strength, will gain the heart to keep going - it won't diminish or be cut off - and will come to the conclusion that you must keep going until it is accomplished, with the faith that it will surely come to pass. Above all, God will continually give you strength to persevere, will provide his word, will allow you to confirm through his messages, will allow you to regain strength so that you can continue without becoming discouraged. Instead, you will rise above problems and be able to challenge, when problems arise, you will feel an even greater desire to take on those challenges…All the people in the Bible who received the word were like this.
7) Thus, until the word they had received was fulfilled, none of them were discouraged, were hindered, or fought. But all of that was fulfilled, and only then did the world come to know who they were. This is the characteristic of those who have received the word. I believe that such grace will also come upon us.