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Exodus 19:4

The Rekabites, Lessons from a Lifestyle

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2024 Important Broad Promises Revealed

Psalm 23: 1-6

**God is our shepherd,
He will position us and
make our cup overflow.**

Exodus 19:4

**God will carry us on
eagles' wings, no
matter what comes up.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13

**Our only role is to fear
God, listen to the Holy
Spirit, in us, and obey
His command.**

Exodus 19:4, God recounts how He has carried Israel on eagles' wings:

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.'

vs 5-6

'5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

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Text: Jeremiah 35

1-5

The word of God came to Jeremiah ² “Go to the Rekabite family and invite them to come to one of the side rooms of the house of the LORD and give them wine to drink.” ³ So I went to get Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brothers and all his sons—the whole family of the Rekabites. ⁴ I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the room of the sons of Hanan son of Igdaliah the man of God. It was next to the room of the officials, which was over that of Maaseiah son of Shallum the doorkeeper. ⁵ Then I set bowls full of wine and some cups before the Rekabites and said to them, “Drink some wine.”

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⁶ But they replied, “We do not drink wine, because our forefather Jehonadab son of Rekab gave us this command: ‘Neither you nor your descendants must ever drink wine. ⁷ Also you must never build houses, sow seed or plant vineyards; you must never have any of these things, but must always live in tents. Then you will live a long time in the land where you are nomads.’”

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⁸ We have obeyed everything our forefather Jehonadab son of Rekab commanded us. Neither we nor our wives nor our sons and daughters have ever drunk wine ⁹ or built houses to live in or had vineyards, fields or crops. ¹⁰ We have lived in tents and have fully obeyed everything our forefather Jehonadab commanded us.

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¹² Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying: ¹³ “This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go and tell the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘Will you not learn a lesson and obey my words?’ declares the LORD. ¹⁴ ‘Jehonadab son of Rekab ordered his descendants not to drink wine and this command has been kept. To this day they do not drink wine, because they obey their forefather’s command. But I have spoken to you again and again, yet you have not obeyed me. ¹⁵ Again and again I sent all my servants the prophets to you. They said, “Each of you must turn from your wicked ways and reform your actions; do not follow other gods to serve them. Then you will live in the land I have given to you and your ancestors.” But you have not paid attention or listened to me. ¹⁶ The descendants of Jehonadab son of Rekab have carried out the command their forefather gave them, but these people have not obeyed me.’

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¹⁸ Then Jeremiah said to the family of the Rekabites, “This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: ‘You have obeyed the command of your forefather Jehonadab and have followed all his instructions and have done everything he ordered.’ ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: ‘Jehonadab son of Rekab will never fail to have a descendant to serve me.’”

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Brethren, this story offers us many lessons, among which are:

1. **God is all knowing and Nothing is hidden from God.** He knows exactly who is doing what, in what place and why he/she is doing it.

Even though Jeremiah did not know details about the acts of the Rekabites, God knew exactly whom they were, what they do and why they do what they do.

2. **When God sends us to do something, do not pre-empt the result**, so we don't get disappointed, when the result differs from what we expect.

God told Jeremiah to bring the Rekabites to the house of God and give them wine. Jeremiah would have expected that they will accept the wine and drink it BUT they did not. While God expected that they will not drink it, Jeremiah's expected that they will. Sometimes, God will tell you to do something so that we can learn a lesson, or He wants to use what you have done to emphasize a point.

Exodus 7:2-4 presents a similar situation: God hardened the heart of Pharaoh when Moses and Aaron went to him. The result was different from what Moses expected.

Once God sends us on errand, any result we get is the expected good result, go back to God with it, for more instructions.

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Jeremiah went back to God with the result, and God gave him further instructions “¹³ “... Go and tell the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘Will you not learn a lesson and obey my words?’ declares the LORD. ¹⁴ ‘Jehonadab son of Rekab ordered his descendants not to drink wine and this command has been kept. To this day they do not drink wine, because they obey their forefather’s command.”

When Moses, finally left Egypt with the children of Israel. He did not expect to meet the red sea, but when that result came, Moses knew to go back to God.

While the Israelites were concerned about the result and said “... ¹¹Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? (Exodus 14:11), *Moses was confident to go back to God for further instruction (He cried to God):*

¹⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

Brethren, the danger is that we give up when we see what we think is a negative result. But it is actually also a good result.

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3. Lessons of obedience

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Brethren, how about Christians? God said:

“¹⁴But I have spoken to you again and again, yet you have not obeyed me. ¹⁵ Again and again I sent all my servants the prophets to you. They said, “Each of you must turn from your wicked ways and reform your actions; do not follow other gods to serve them. Then you will live in the land I have given to you and your ancestors.” But you have not paid attention or listened to me. ¹⁶ The descendants of Jehonadab son of Rekab have carried out the command their forefather gave them, but these people have not obeyed me.’

This is same with what God says to us in Deuteronomy 28: 1-12:

“¹ If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you

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today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God....”

We are so quick to say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness and mercy. These are good, But the life we are following as Christians, the life of Jesus, never found Himself meddling with these three words (sorry, forgive and mercy). In **John 4:34**, Jesus said, “My food is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work He gave me to do (GNT).

1 Samuel 15:22, cautions us that “to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”

4. God always rewards Obedience:

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¹⁹ Therefore, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: ‘**Jehonadab son of Rekab will never fail to have a descendant to serve me.**’”

In **Exodus 19:5**, God said ⁵ *Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.*

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Deuteronomy 28:1 says “¹ If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God
God always obedience!

Philippians 2:8-9 says about Jesus: “⁸.... He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names,

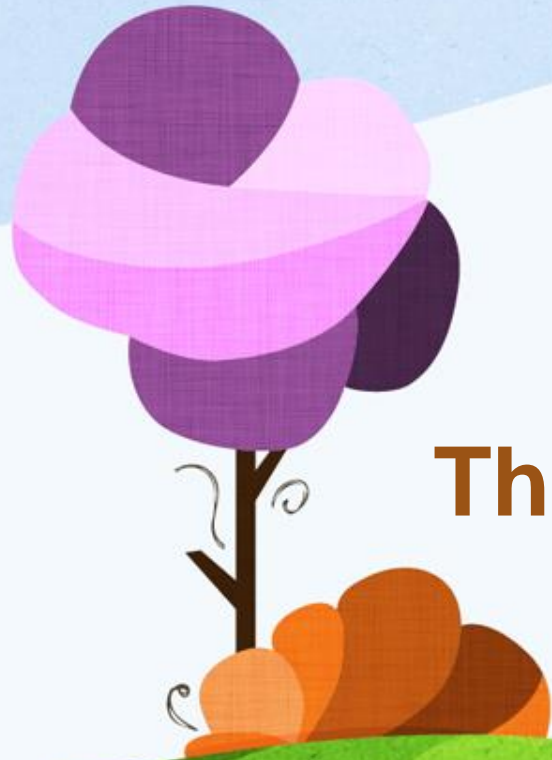
Conclusion:

The life of the Rekabites presents some lessons to us:

1. God is all knowing and Nothing is hidden from God
2. When God sends us to do something, do not pre-empt the result. Whatever result you get is also good. Go back to Him with it.
3. Lessons of obedience.
4. God always rewards obedience:

Let's go and live them out.

God Bless You.



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