

Jeremiah 13:1-11, Overview, Applications, Insights

Jeremiah 13:1-11 (NKJV)

1 Thus the **LORD said to me**: "Go and get yourself a **linen sash**, and **put it around your waist**, but do not put it in water."

2 **So I got a sash** according to the word of the LORD, and put it around my waist.

3 And the word of the LORD came to me the **second time**, saying,

4 "**Take** the sash that you acquired, which is around your waist, and **arise, go** to the Euphrates, and **hide** it there in a hole in the rock."

5 **So I went** and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

6 Now it came to pass **after many days** that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the sash which I commanded you to hide there."

7 Then **I went** to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was the sash, **ruined. It was profitable for nothing.**

8 Then **the word of the LORD came to me**, saying,

9 "**Thus says the LORD**: 'In this manner I will **ruin the pride** of Judah and the **great pride** of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people, who **refuse to hear My words**, who follow the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, **shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.**

11 For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so **I have caused** the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me,' says the LORD, 'that they may become My people, for renown, for praise, and for glory; **but they would not hear.**'

(Overview of Jeremiah 13:1-11)

1. Hearing from God is essential. V1, 8-9
2. God can use an object to help us understand. V1
3. Obedience will be needed. V1,
4. Obedience was manifested. V2, 5, 7
5. God can show us what to do step at a time. (Progression) V3, 6
6. Following directions is important. V1, 4, 6
7. Discovering the results from the object lesson can be life changing. V7
8. God will reveal what the object means. V9 (Notice the word **pride** which God hates)
9. Disobedience is revealed. V10 "*refuse to hear My words*"
10. The Lord reveals a deeper meaning of the object lesson of the linen sash. V10
11. Notice what the Lord will do for His children if they obey. V11 "*I have caused*"
12. Notice what the people decided. V11 "*but they would not hear*"

Applications:

1. **Take the time** to hear from the Lord.
2. **Receive** object lessons from the Lord.
3. **Be patient** and take one step at a time.
4. **Diligently** follow the Lord's directions.
5. **Expect** to discover the meaning of object lessons.
6. **Stay away** from pride which the Lord hates.
7. **Receive** what the Lord is saying.
8. **Believe** the Lord for the deeper meaning of an object lesson.
9. **Choose** to obey.
10. **Decide** to do things the Lord's way.
11. **Cling** to Jesus as a linen sash around your waist.
12. **Visualize** your spiritual linen sash around your waist.

Insights:

1. **Put off** or bury the attitude of pride and let it rot or come to ruin. V9-10
2. **Realize** that disobedience will cause a person to be ruined, like that sash, profitable for nothing. V9-10
3. **Allow** our life to be profitable for God's kingdom.

Jeremiah 13:7

Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was **the sash, ruined**. It was **profitable for nothing**.

2 Timothy 2:19-21 (NKJV)

19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, **he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.**

Consider these portions of God's word.

Jeremiah 13:11 (NKJV)

11 For **as the sash clings to the waist of a man**, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to **cling to Me**,' says the LORD, 'that they may become My people, for renown, for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.'

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NKJV)

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;
20 that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may **cling to Him**, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Joshua 22:5 (NKJV)

5 But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to **hold fast to Him**, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Joshua 23:8 (NKJV)

8 but you shall **hold fast** to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)

12 Fight the good fight of faith, **lay hold** on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Timothy 1:13 (NKJV)

13 **Hold fast** the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 Test all things; **hold fast** what is good.

Hebrews 3:6 (NKJV)

6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we **hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)

23 Let us **hold fast** the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Romans 12:9 (NKJV)

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. **Cling** to what is good.