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管教性惩罚 Disciplining Punishments

耶利米书 Jeremiah 5:1-13 李万兵 Wanbing Frank Li, PhD

最近,我和家人与几位哥斯达黎加当地宣教士一起, 访问了哥斯达黎加首都圣荷 西南面贫民窟小镇洛斯圭多 边缘的一间教会。

三十年前,洛斯圭多仅仅是一片空闲的公共山地。但是,人们在其上擅自搭建棚屋,现在已有50,000居民,其中80%以上是来自北面的尼加拉瓜人。那个区域一度变得非常危险,甚至连警察都不去那里了。

但是,由于有些基督教会和好些基督教事工机构大胆的宣教事工,那个社区开始 经历转变的过程。当地政府 也随后在几年前开始为那个 社区建筑基础设施。但需要 做的事情还很多。

那天大约有 20 位妇女和 30 位儿童来参加了教会的祷 Recently, my family and I joined a few local missionaries to visit a church on the edge of Los Guido, a slum town to the south of San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica.

Thirty years ago, Los Guido was just an empty piece of public land. But squatters began to build shacks and now it has 50,000 residents, more 80% of them Nicaraguans from the north. The neighborhood became so dangerous that even police would not go there.

But the community is in the process of being transformed thanks to the courageous outreach done by Christian churches and quite a few ministry organizations.

Consequently the local government began to build infrastructures for the neighborhood a few years ago. But still there is much to be done.

About 20 women with about 30 children came to the church for prayer and cookies time. Most of

告和饼干聚会。大部分来的妇女们在其人。 大部分经历只在其人。有些母亲一个的人们,我们不在一个,有好的一个一个,有一个的一个一个,我们,我们们就是一个一个,我们,我也们,我们,我也们,我们,请。

为那样的状况责备人类的罪行很容易,特别是与他们有关的男人们的罪行。但是我们怎样才能帮助他们,在害他们呢?那些他们女的害他们。我们寻求人们,不你要经费资源满足她们的安全,不知为条保障,而那些妇务保障,而那些妇女们就利用那些妇女们的弱。

我相信, 只有上帝的审判 和救赎福音才能改变那些男 女的心, 导致最终改变他们 的处境。

我们的上帝是圣洁的上

the women who came have experienced violence and abuse in their lives. A few of the mothers are teenagers. One woman is pregnant with her 7th child whose father is a married man. One woman is a prostitute who is pregnant with her 3rd child. It was the first time for both Anna and I to minister among these women. The Lord gave us deep compassion for them.

Coming back from the visit, we had a good discussion with our two teenagers and our missionary friends about the best ways to help the mothers and children. I had trouble falling asleep as the images of mothers and children going through my mind. When I waked up very early the next morning, I continued to reflect upon the question if I had resources to help the people there, what would I do to help them?

It is easy to blame human sins especially that of the men for the situation, but how can we help them without hurting them? These women need financial resources to meet their basic needs. The men in these women's lives took advantage of the vulnerable women who were looking for physical protection and financial security.

I believe that only the judgment and the gospel of God may be able to change the hearts of men and women to eventually change the situation.

Our God is a holy God who will judge everyone with justice. He is also is a merciful God who forgives

当受惩罚

你们当在耶路撒冷的街上 跑来跑去,在宽阔处寻找, 看看有一人行公义、求诚实 没有?若有,我就赦免这 城。其中的人虽然指着永生 的耶和华起誓,所起的誓实 在是假的。(耶利米书 5:1-2)

如果在城里能够找到一个 人行公义求诚实, 我们的雅 威上帝就愿意饶恕整个耶路 撒冷。但是没有办法找到这 样的人, 因为他们的信仰都 是假的。

今天我们也面临同样的现实。虽然我们基督徒或许能够背得好像信条说词,我们的行为或者缺乏行为暴露我们的真正信仰是什么。我们的行为应当受到公义上帝的惩罚。

拒绝悔改

我们常常拒绝认罪悔改。 上帝通过管教以色列人而给 他们悔改的机会, 但他们拒 sins and grants us opportunities to repent, as recorded in Jeremiah 5. Although the sins of Israel deserved severe punishment and total destruction, God still wanted to give them an opportunity to repent. We should repent when God still gives us the opportunity.

1. Deserving Punishments

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth, that I may pardon her. Though they say, "As the LORD lives," yet they swear falsely. (ESV Jeremiah 5:1-2)

Our Yahweh God was willing to forgive the whole Jerusalem if one man could be found to do justice and to seek truth. But none was found as they all had pseudo faith.

Today we are in similar reality. Although Christians might be able to memorize quite a few doctrinal statements, our actions or lacking of actions reveal our true faith. Our deeds deserve the punishment of the righteous God.

2. Refusal to Repent

Often we refuse to repent. God gave Israel the opportunity to repent by disciplining them, but they refused to do so:

O LORD, ... you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to repent. (Jeremiah 5:3)

Costa Rica is a free country and

绝悔改:

耶和华啊, ... 你毁灭他 们, 他们仍不受惩治。他们 使脸刚硬过于磐石, 不肯回 头。(耶利米书 5:3)

哥斯达黎加是一个自由的 国家,许多基督徒来这里分 享福音。但大部分哥斯达黎 加男人都不去教会,他们拒 绝耶稣基督。那些男人们或 许有各样的借口拒绝悔改, 但上帝的审判在等待他们。

悖逆领袖

不只是穷人犯罪, 领袖们 也悖逆上帝。

我要去见尊大的人,对他们说话,因为他们晓得耶和华的作为和他们 神的法则。哪知,这些人齐心将轭 折断,挣开绳索。... 凡出城的,必被撕碎。因为他们的罪过极多,背道的事也加增了。(耶利米书5:5-6)

今天美国我们的许多社会 领袖们都是反对上帝的领导 人,因为他们只关心政治正 确,以达到他们政治生涯上 升的目的。

道德崩溃

上帝质问耶路撒冷城: "我怎能赦免你呢?你的儿 女离弃我,又指着那不是神 的起誓。我使他们饱足,他 们就行奸淫,成群的聚集地 娼妓家里。他们象喂饱的 many Christians have come here to share the gospel. But I was told that most Costa Rican men do not attend church and they have rejected Jesus Christ. The men might find all kinds of excuses to refuse to repent. But the judgment of God is waiting for them.

3. Rebellious Leaders

The sins are not just from poor people. The leaders also rebelled against God.

I will go to the great and will speak to them, for they know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God. But they all alike had broken the yoke; they had burst the bonds. ... everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great. (Jeremiah 5:5-6)

Today in the United States many of our societal officials are leaders against God as they only care about being politically correct for the purpose of advancing their own political or career agendas. They will face the judgment of God.

4. Moral Collapse

God questioned the city of Jerusalem: "How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me and have sworn by those who are no gods. When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the houses of whores. They were well-fed, lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbor's wife. Shall I not punish them for

马, 到处乱跑, 各向他邻舍的妻发嘶声。" 耶和华说: "我岂不因这些事讨罪呢? 岂不报复这样的国民呢?" (耶利米书 5:7-9)

性犯罪乃是道德崩溃的结果。洛斯圭多贫民窟的许多 孩子都是婚姻之外生的,他 们没有健康家庭的保护。结 果他们许多长大之后都会加 入黑帮。但上帝会惩罚那些 没有对其孩子承担责任的父母亲。

管教性惩罚

在还有机会的时候, 我们就认罪悔改吧。今天上帝还 给我们这样的机会:

你们要上他[葡萄园]的墙,施行毁坏,但不可毁坏净尽,只可除掉他的枝子,因为不属耶和华。原来以色列家和犹大家,大行诡诈攻击我。这是耶和华说的。"(耶利米书5:10-11)

上帝没有摧毀他们,而是 管教他们,使得他们可以认 罪悔改,回到祂的面前。

有些人可能怀疑上帝的审 判真地会来临。但圣经讲得 非常清楚:

他们不认耶和华,说: "这并不是他,灾祸必不临 到我们,刀剑和饥荒,我们 也看不见。先知[的话]必 成为风,道也不在他们里 these things? declares the LORD; and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this? (Jeremiah 5:7-9)

Sexual sins are a result of moral failures. Many children in the Los Guido slums are born out of wedlock, and do not have the protection of healthy families. As a result, many of them may join gangs when they grow up. But God will punish those parents who fail to take the responsibilities to raise their children.

5. Disciplining Punishments

Let us repent when there is still opportunity. Today God still gives people that opportunity:

"Go up through her vine rows and destroy, but make not a full end; strip away her branches, for they are not the LORD's. For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have been utterly treacherous to me," declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 5:10-11)

God did not destroy them, instead God disciplined them so that they might repent and return to Him.

Some people may doubt that God's judgment will come. But the Bible has made it very clear,.

"They have spoken falsely of the LORD and have said, 'He will do nothing; no disaster will come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. The prophets will become wind; the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them!" (Jeremiah

面。这定必临到他们身上。"(耶利米书 5:12-13) 上帝会审判我们每一个人。我们的行为和我们对待他人的方式都会受到全能上帝的审判。我们还有机会的时候,现在就应当认罪悔改,否则我们就会面临最终的审判。 5:12-13)

God will judge each one of us. Our actions and our ways to treat others will be judged by the almighty God. While we are still have the opportunity, we should repent our sins now. Otherwise we may face the ultimate judgment of God.

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我们撇下一切所有的,让 它们不再成为我们的包袱, 不再服侍它们, 而让它们为 我们服务。

We renounce them so that they are no longer our burden. And we no longer serve them. Instead we have them to serve us.

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在表面上犹大没有离开雅 威上帝,在心里犹大已经离 开上帝。 On the surface Judah did not leave Yahweh God, but in the heart Judah did leave God.

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上帝再给他们机会。他们 不是没有能力听到,而是不 愿意听到。 God gave them another opportunity. They did not lack the ability to hear, but not willing to hear.

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