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启示: 接受与拒绝?

Revelation, Reception or Rejection?

耶利米书 Jeremiah 36:1-26 李万兵 Wanbing Frank Li, PhD

根据美国有线电视新闻 网报道,美国卫理公会的 111 位牧师、长老、执事, 和事工候选人,在 2016 年 5月9日,以网上公开信公 布他们是同性恋、女同性恋 或双性恋。¹

他们宣称他们诚实地、 公开地和忠心地侍奉。我读 那新闻的时候就纳闷,"他 们对谁忠心呀?""他们对 上帝的话语忠心吗?"

上帝的话语大有能力, 可以给某些人力量,也可以 摧毁其他人。因此有些人极 其热爱上帝的话语,愿意以 自己的生命来捍卫它,而另 外有鲜释它,甚至极度仇恨 可,试图以各种可能的办法 消除它。但是,上帝的话语 总是得胜有余。赞美主。 According to a CNN report, 111 American United Methodist pastors, elders, deacons, and candidates for ministry came out as gay, lesbian, or bisexual in a public letter posted online on Monday, May 9, 2016.¹

They claim that they serve honestly, openly, and faithfully. As was reading about this, I wondered, "faithful to whom?" "Are they faithful to the Word of God?"

The Word of God is so powerful and mighty that it may empower some people and destroy others. Therefore some people love the Word of God dearly and are willing to die to defend it, while others reject it, revise it, reinterpret it, or hate it so much that they try all things possible to eliminate it. But the Word of God always prevails. Praise the Lord.

The Word of God is mighty because it is the revelation of the almighty Yahweh God, and many people receive it and their life has been changed, 上帝的话语大有能力, 因为它是全能的雅威上帝的 启示,许多人接受它而生命 得到改变,虽然有些人因着 他们内心的黑暗和邪恶的行 为而拒绝它,正如耶利米书 36 记载的那样。

上帝启示

上帝一直在将自己的意 思启示给先知耶利米。这时 上帝命令耶利米把那些启示 写下来。

"你取一书卷,将我对 你说攻击以色列和犹大,并 各国的一切话,…或者犹大 家听见我想要降与他们的一 切灾祸,各人就回头离开恶 道,我好赦免他们的罪孽和 罪恶。"所以,耶利米召了 尼利亚的儿子巴录来,巴录 就从耶利米口中,将耶和华 对耶利米所说的一切话写在 书卷上。(耶利米书 36:2-4)

接受

巴录就在耶和华殿的上 院, 耶和华殿的新门口, 沙 番的儿子文士基玛利雅的屋 内, 念书上耶利米的话给众 民听。...他们问巴录说:

"请你告诉我们,你怎样从 他口中写这一切话呢?"巴 录回答说:"他用口向我说 这一切话,我就用笔墨写在 书上。"众首领对巴录说: "你和耶利米要去藏起来, although some people reject it because of their darkness of their hearts and evil deeds, as recorded in Jeremiah 36.

Revelation

God had been revealing Himself to Jeremiah the prophet. Now God commanded Jeremiah to write down the revelations.

"Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, ...so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin." Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him. (Jeremiah 36:2-4)

God's purpose to reveal Himself to us human beings is to let us know Him and to turn to Him. He loves us and hopes to have an intimate relationship with us.

Reception

Some people fear Yahweh God and receive His Word when they hear it.

In the hearing of all the people, Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the scroll, in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the secretary, which was in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD's house....Then they asked Baruch, "Tell us, please, how did you write all these words? Was it at his dictation?" Baruch answered them, "He dictated all these words to me, while I wrote them with ink on the scroll." Then the 不可叫人知道你们在哪 里。"(耶利米书 36:9-19) 他们似乎接受了向他们 宣读的上帝话语。他们让耶 利米和巴录藏起来,为要保 护上帝的仆人免受来自那犹 大君王的可能伤害。

拒绝

王就打发犹底去拿这书 卷来,他便从文士以利沙玛 的屋内取来,念给王和王左 右侍立的众首领听。...犹底 念了三四篇(或作"行"), [王]就用文士的刀将书卷 割破,扔在火盆中,直到全 卷在火中烧尽了。王和听见 这一切话的臣仆都不惧怕, 也不撕裂衣服。以利拿单和 筹莱雅并基玛利雅恳求王不 要烧这书卷,他却不听。 (耶利米书 36:20-25)

犹大王和他臣仆们拒绝 上帝的话语,甚至恨恶上帝 的那些话语,当即将其烧 毁,或许因为上帝的话语与 他们的思想或议程不吻合。 或许他们希望听到一些"正 面的话语",而他们听到的 。犹大王甚至希望 庸那两个写下上帝话语的上 帝仆人,但是当时上帝保护 了他们。

在基督教历史上,有好 些上帝仆人奉献他们的生命 为要传播上帝的话语。丁道 尔就是其中一个例子。 officials said to Baruch, "Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are." (Jeremiah 36:9-19)

It seems that they received the Word of God that was read to them. They asked Jeremiah and Baruch to hide to protect the servants of God from the potential harms from the king.

Rejection

The King and his officials rejected the Word of God when they heard it. *And Jehudi read it to the king and*

And Jenual reda II to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. ... As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments. Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them. (Jeremiah 36:20-25)

The King and his officials rejected the Word of God, hated it so much that he burned the Word of God immediately, maybe because it did not fit into their mindsets or their agenda, or maybe they hoped to hear some "positive words", but what they heard was punishments. The king even wanted to arrest God's servants who wrote down the Word of God. But God protected them at the time.

In Christian history, quite a few servants of God offered their lives to spread the Word of God. Tyndale is an 4博爱读经

威廉.丁道尔是第一位把	example. William Tyndale was the
圣经翻译成英文的。丁道尔	first one to translate the Bible into
的翻译是宗教改革的第一本	English. Tyndale's translation was first
新英文圣经,直接挑战英国	of the new English Bibles of the
教会和维持英国教会地位的	Reformation. It was taken to be a
	direct challenge to the hegemony of
英国法律的霸权地位。在	both the Church of England and the
1535年,丁道尔被捕,被	laws of England to maintain the
关在布鲁塞尔城外的一个城	church's position. In 1535, Tyndale
堡里面一年多。在1536年,	was arrested and jailed in a castle of
他被判为异端而被勒杀,尸	outside Brussels for over a year. In
体被火焚烧。他临死之前的	1536 he was convicted of heresy and
祷告"打开他的眼睛",让	executed by strangulation, after which
英国国王和英国教会的首脑	his body was burnt at the stake. His
亨利八世的眼睛能够被打	dying prayer was "open the eyes" of
开。两年之后,亨利国王批	Henry VIII, the King of England and
准英国教会使用"大圣经",	the head of the Church of England.
	The prayer was fulfilled just two years later when Henry authorized the Great
其中大部分都是丁道尔的翻	Bible for the Church of England—
译。 ²	which was largely Tyndale's own
事实总是这样,有些人	work. ²
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生得到改变;而另外有些人	revelations of God, and their lives
拒绝上帝的话语,因为他们	change, while some other people reject
自己的罪。你的选择是什么	the Word of God because of their own
呢?	sins. What is your choice?
-	, J

1. http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/09/living/methodist-clergy-lgbt/index.html

2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Tyndale

博愛读经问题 ABR Questions

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- 问题:面对这种情况,犹太人怎么能够相信他们的上帝会为他 们的敌人争战呢?

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- Question: In this case, how could Israelites believe that their God would fight for their enemy?

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- Jeremiah 35:2 "Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak with them and bring them to the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers; then offer them wine to drink."
- Question: God knew that the Rechabites should not drink wine, so why did He ask His prophet to invite them to drink? Should they keep their tradition or listen to a godly man?

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- ▶ 问题:上帝知道谁会认罪悔改吗?上帝的赦免是有条件的吗?
- Jeremiah 36:3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.
- Question: Does God know who would repent? Does God's forgiveness conditional?

礼拜五 Friday

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- 耶 37:2 但西底家和他的臣仆,并国中的百姓,都不听从耶和华借先知耶利米所说的话。3 西底家王打发示利米雅的儿子犹甲和祭司玛西雅的儿子西番雅,去见先知耶利米,说:"求你为我们祷告耶和华我们的上帝。"
- 问题:西底家王和他的百姓都不听从先知耶利米,为什么他还 请求耶利米为他们祷告呢?这意味着什么?
- Jeremiah 37:2 But neither he (King Zedekiah) nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD that he spoke through Jeremiah the prophet. 3 King Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "Please pray for us to the LORD our God."
- Question: King Zedekiah and his people did not listen to Jeremiah the prophet, why did he ask Jeremiah to pray for them? What is the implication?
- 背诵:耶 33:15 当那日子,那时候,我必使大卫公义的苗裔长起来; 他必在地上施行公平和公义。
- Memorize: Jeremiah 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

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凯撒是罗马皇帝。用今天 的话说,凯撒是社会领袖, 国王或者总统。作为社会成 员,我们有社会责任,需要 缴税。税收可以认为是凯撒 的物。

作为上帝之家和教会社团 的成员,我们有教会责任。 或许十一奉献和供物可以认 为是上帝的物。

上帝对十一奉献和供物非 常严肃。圣经说:

人岂可夺取上帝之物呢? 你们竟夺取我[的供物]。 你们却说: '我们在何事上 夺取你[的供物]呢?'就 是你们在当纳的十分之一和 Caesar was the Roman emperor. In today's term, Caesar is the societal leader, king or president. As members of a society, we have social responsibilities. We need to pay tax. Tax is a thing that is Caesar's today.

As members of God's family and a church community, we have church responsibilities. Tithes and offerings might be considered as things that are God's.

God is very serious about tithes and offerings. The Bible says:

"Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! "Bring the 当献的供物上。因你们通国 的人,都夺取我的供物,咒 诅就临到你们身上。万军之 耶和华说:你们要将当纳的 十分之一,全然送入仓库, 使我家有粮,以此试试我, 是否为你们敞开天上的窗 户,倾福与你们,甚至无处 可容。(玛拉基书 3:8-10) whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. (Malachi 3:8-10)

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他们需要认识到,犯罪是 严重的事情;他们已犯罪得罪 上帝;上帝要惩罚他们,甚至 They needed to realize that sins are serious, that they sinned against God and that God would 使用他们的敌人来击杀他们。 有时我们这些上帝的儿女 认为,不管我们做什么,在所 有情况之下,上帝都会帮助我 们战胜他人。那是一种错误的 以人为中心的信仰。雅威上帝 是公义的上帝,祂会惩罚所有 的罪行,不管是谁犯的。

当然,上帝的惩罚会帮助 我们在祂里面成长,引导我们 走在祂的道上,最终帮助我们 这些上帝的儿女。这乃是上帝 的管教性惩罚的效果。 punish them, even using their enemies to kill them.

Sometimes we children of God think that God would help us to obtain victory over other people in all circumstances no matter what we do. That is a false and humancentered belief. Yahweh God is a just God and will punish all sins no matter who commits them.

Of course, the punishments from God will help us to grow in Him, guiding us to walk on His way, eventually benefiting us children of God. That is the result of God's disciplinary punishments.

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上帝不鼓励奴隶制。相 反,上帝希望所有人都有自 由,因为每个人被造都有上 帝的形象。只是上帝的奴隶 解放的方式与人文主义的不 一样。

humanistic method of slave liberation which encourages slaves to rebel against and even to kill their masters in order to obtain their freedom. Humanistic method leads to direct conflicts between slaves and their masters, from which no body has freedom; and social stability is hard to reach.

No. God does not encourage slavery. Instead God wishes all human beings have freedom, because all humans are created in the image of God. Only God's method of slave liberation is different from humanistic ones.

Humanistic method leads to the reverse of positions between slaves and their masters. Slaves become masters, and the conflicts continue to exist. For example, proletarian revolution leads previous poor peasants and workers to become leaders to rule and suppress their former masters, former landlords and capitalists, and the conflicts of domination continue. A revolution does not solve the problem of slavery, but reverse the sides of the domination. Former slaves becoming masters does not mean the end of slavery system.

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- Question: God knew that the Rechabites should not drink wine, so why did He ask His prophet to invite them to drink? Should they keep their tradition or listen to a godly man?

提示 Hints

上帝考验人以显示其内 心。我们当保守重要的原则 和承诺,而不只是听从他 人,包括属灵的人。全心服 侍上帝意味着为圣洁的上帝 而保持自己圣洁。 God tests people to show their heart. We should keep the important principles and promises, not just listening to others, including godly people. Serving God wholeheartedly means to keep oneself holy for the holy God.

礼拜四 Thursday

- ▶ 读经 Bible Reading: 耶利米书 36 章; Jeremiah 36
- 36:3 或许犹大家听见我想要降与他们的一切灾祸,各人就回头 离开恶道,我好赦免他们的罪孽和罪恶。
- ▶ 问题:上帝知道谁会认罪悔改吗?上帝的赦免是有条件的吗?
- Jeremiah 36:3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.
- Question: Does God know who would repent? Does God's forgiveness conditional?

提示 Hints

上帝给人真正的自由做出 自己的决定,上帝给各人机 会认罪悔改。上帝的饶恕没 有等待我们做好了才饶恕我 们,我们认罪悔改上帝就赦 免我们。如果说有条件,认 罪悔改就是条件。 God gives each person the real freedom to make his or her decision, and God gives each person the opportunity to repent. God does not wait for us to do well enough to forgive us. He forgives us as soon as we repent our sins. If we say it is conditional, repent is the condition.

礼拜五 Friday

- ▶ 读经 Bible Reading: 耶利米书 37章; Jeremiah 37
- 耶 37:2 但西底家和他的臣仆,并国中的百姓,都不听从耶和华借先知耶利米所说的话。3 西底家王打发示利米雅的儿子犹甲和祭司玛西雅的儿子西番雅,去见先知耶利米,说:"求你为我们祷告耶和华我们的上帝。"
- 问题:西底家王和他的百姓都不听从先知耶利米,为什么他还 请求耶利米为他们祷告呢?这意味着什么?
- Jeremiah 37:2 But neither he (King Zedekiah) nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD that he spoke through Jeremiah the prophet. 3 King Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "Please pray for us to the LORD our God."
- Question: King Zedekiah and his people did not listen to Jeremiah the prophet, why did he ask Jeremiah to pray for them? What is the implication?

提示 Hints

虽然西底家王对耶利米有 怀疑,他对自己也有怀疑。 因此他试图保持一个平衡, 让自己能够开放。但是,他 自己的利益使得他不能完全 对上帝开放。 Although King Zedekiah had doubts on Jeremiah, he might have doubts about himself also. So he tried to keep the balance and keep himself open. However his own interests kept him from opening to God completely.

- 背诵:耶 33:15 当那日子,那时候,我必使大卫公义的苗裔长起来; 他必在地上施行公平和公义。
- Memorize: Jeremiah 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

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