

Scrip. read..Jer.35:1-10.

(1). "A Pot full of Wine, from the Lord, with love."

Introd:- (1). Many a temperance sermon been based on story we read..Jer. 35. Rightly so. For here are men of character refraining from drinking wine. God save us from ever becoming winebibbers. BUT from same chapter we could also have sermon exhorting to refrain from building a house..or farming the land..vs. 9. Why don't we all throw away wine bottles..blow up houses..live in tents..never sow seed

(2). Very evident God wrote this thru. Jer. for deeper purpose..teach us something very relevant to our day. And so I called this subject..TOPIC. Sound strange? It is Would God, in love, offer any of us a pot of wine? What would we do with it? Pastor..deacons..SSSupt? Drink? Why not? On what basis refuse that..or anything else?  
*why say "No"?*

I. For next few minutes..turn self into a Rechabite.

(a). Everything going along in good order. Living communally..following rules of the society..church regulations. Minding own business..living good, quiet life..

AND THEN THIS STRANGE THING HAPPENED! Most disturbing.

(b). Visit from great prophet Jeremiah..highly respected..a messenger of God. Great! ~~When~~ Ushers, where seat Jer. of walked in?? What I do? Vacate pulpit! Mighty prophet! Then second surprise..Jer. writes this in first person..as though most imp. vs.3-4. See what told us here!

Jer. personally conducted the Rechabites into the HOUSE OF THE LORD. And that was the glorious Temple of Solomon!

GOD'S HOUSE! Evidently some great thing in store for Rech.

(c). But more:- Into inner part..chamber of group descended from Igdaliah A MAN OF GOD! The Rechabites must have bowed in worship as entered Great Temple..and praised God as entered this chamber. Then realized they were next door to royalty.."by the chamber of the princes"..And then a third room involved.."Above chamber of Maaseiah..the keeper of the door." Must have passed by his door. He was one of the great priests of Israel..often mentioned in Book of Jer And guarded door of Temple..not allowing evil things within Rechabites must have been deeply impressed..almost overwhelmed

II. Then came climax..as Jer. did this strange thing.

(a). Incredible! Unbelievable! After such honours bestowed..taken into such a holy place..by a holy man..vs.5.

Table spread..chairs..before each one a cup..and then on center of table..POTS FULL OF WINE! "DRINK!" TOPIC. And there those men sat..stunned..astonished..Looked at one another dumbfounded. Wouldn't you? *Decisions!*

(b). Now it wasn't as though this matter of wine was particular wicked. It was God that told Jer..end of vs. 2 "Give them wine to drink." God never tell them do evil. This would be light wine of those areas that I would have drunk if no clean water available..Like Paul told Tim.."Drink no longer water.. (much of it unfit) but use a LITTLE wine for thy stomach's sal and thine often infirmities." (medicinally).<sup>ORVIS</sup> God not trying get those men drunk. But here is His PERMISSIVE will.

(c). Then why all this? Why Jer? Temple? Man of God's chamber Near prince's chamber..Maaseiah's chamber? And yet in all that sanctified atmosphere..TOPIC...??

It was not a test of their s**ib**riety..but of something deeper.. more important. IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF WHAT GRANDFATHER HAD SAID! Good old grandfathers! Name was Rechab..his son Jonadak repeated..and these men OBEYED. Why Rechab did this we are not told. Per. aware of weakn**esses** in family line that sons and grandsons might inherit..Tendency to alcoholism..and per. to fall for city life temptations. Tried keep them from those evils..besetting faults of his family. Wanted them to do God's "thing" instead of doing "own thing." (Devil's thing)

"NO WINE..NO SETTLED DWELLING..LIVE AS NOMAD..PILGRIM PASSING THROUGH". And this that God arranged was TEST OF THEIR INTEGRITY

(d). We read what they determined..right at that table.. vs. 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18. THEY OBEYED..DID WHAT COMMAND BY FATHER,,GRANDFATHER. They obeyed his Word unquestionably.. despite circumstances that favoured another path. -CHOICE MADE DE-CISION!

III. Rest of chapter gives us God's application of lesson.

(a). Clearly this: If Rechabites obedient to earthly fathers, with out question..despite everything around them..Men of integrity..steadfast purpose..WHY SHOULD WE NOT OBEY GOD OF HEAVEN..AND WHAT HE SAYS? Read what God said: ..vs13..15.. 17.. And as ques. came to people of Judah..so to us today.

(b). What pots of wine are placed before us these days? God allows them to come..as serious, searching testing of our faith and integrity. What in days ahead for this church? Pot of popularity? Pot of reputation? (Heady wine indeed!) Pot of new theology? Pot of emotional excitement? <sup>Northside</sup> Pot of highmindedness, superior scholarship? - WILL YOU DRINK THEM? They all come in the aura of seeming sanctity. <sup>Pot of twisted standards</sup>

(c). What pots be brought to you young men, woman? Maybe just POT! God strengthen you! But seeming good things.. Pot of fame. Pot of money. Pot of fun-life, in many forms.

Later, pot of ease, indolence..Pots of possessions.."Much goods laid up for many days". WILL YOU DRINK OF THESE? Or what? Other X'ns do. Church members, officers do..so?? What is your goal in life? What desire of this church..for another year? <sup>Pot of "do your own thing"</sup>

Conclus:- 1. Read with me last verse of this chapter.  
 vs. 19. That's magnificent! What ~~this church~~ want for  
~~its~~ young men and women? Millionaries? Business tycoons?  
 Sex pots? Movie actors, actresses? Brewery managers?  
THEY CAN BECOME MEN, WOMEN WHO CAN STAND BEFORE GOD..as  
 His servants, as intercessors, as His channels of comm-  
 unication to a world of men..Like Abrahm who "stood yet  
 before the Lord" interceding for Sodom. Like Moses, who  
 "alone shall come near the Lord" at Mt. Sinai. Like  
 Samuel, like another Paul or John..Like another Ruth or  
 Esther or Mary..the Lord's handmaiden. AS ~~THEY~~ ABOVE ALL  
 OTHER THINGS..OBEY THE WORD OF GOD..COMPLETELY..UNQUESTION  
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 This is the path God sets before you again..OBEY THE BOOK.  
 2. Young men, women..if our Lord tarries..He sets before  
 you another year of life. What do with it? When an  
 attractive pot placed before you..what do? OBEY THE BOOK!  
 Make this acid test of every day..every step..every plan.  
"Is this in the will of God for me? What does His Word  
say? Where His Spirit calling? I WILL OBEY THAT ALONE"  
 That is the path of true success..blessing..satisfaction.  
 Walk ye in it!

*but shere lines off - Paul for God under  
 unsealed orders*

*ham 12:12*

*God's pot for you - Joy (1st meaning of wine) - not to be refused but  
 thankfully received!*

Or pot of sex permissiveness..Pot of "doing your own  
 thing"..WILL YOU DRINK OF THESE? What will it be..  
 POTS..or the COMMANDMENTS OF GOD..such as "Keep thyself  
 pure"? DE-CISIONS *you will have to face - & choose*  
 Yes, you may have a Bible..attend good Gospel church like  
 this one..Christian home.....AND YET..God will test you  
 as to integrity..obed. to His Word..by PERMITTING such  
 pots to be set before you x e.g. Joseph and wife of  
 Potiphar. GOD MAKES US REAL JOSEPHS..JOSEPHINES!

*neasily go thru life without  
 "temptations" - testing - choices  
 not hermits (can ruin - or make strong  
 (Not above all to bear)*

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but what does it - but for God's work  
unquestioning obedience  
that's for you - Joy (the reward of work) - not a reward but a privilege  
obedience

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Practical steps to take  
"Confession" - being clean  
can run - it makes things  
better (not just for)