

Sermon Notes

Concerns for the Family

#4 – “Family Upheaval and the Purpose of God”

I. Introduction.

A. Understanding upheaval

1. Definition – S_____, V_____ C_____.
2. Some modification is necessary.
 - a. Change of any sort is often difficult.
3. Types of upheaval
 - a. Job
 - b. Church
 - c. Health
 - d. Marital
 - e. Child
 - f. Moving
 - g. Death

B. Upheaval can be an act of God’s grace.

1. Matthew 7:13-16

- a. Understanding the text.
- b. Key words.
 1. Small and narrow.
 2. Second occurrence of narrow is translated from a different word.
 3. Trials, which included upheaval, are a part of the narrow way.

II. Today’s study.

A. Noting Israel’s history

1. Unified kingdom.
2. Un-unified kingdoms
3. Destruction of both Northern and Southern Kingdoms.
4. Jeremiah’s 40 year ministry.

a. Jeremiah 1:2-4

5. Today’s key text – Jeremiah 48 and the Judgment on Moab.

B. Where did Moab come from?

1. Origin: Lot and his daughters – Genesis 19:31-38
2. Moab had a blood relationship with Moab.
 - a. Yet there is a long history of animosity (Numbers 22)

C. Main text – Jeremiah 48:11

1. Interpreting the text requires understanding of winemaking.
2. “Moab at ease since his youth.”
3. Undisturbed on his “lees.”
 - a. Yeast, vessel to vessel, and sweet aromatic wine as compared to bitter and sour.
4. What are the “lees”?
 - a. Sins in general, but specifically the sin of I_____ and C_____.
 - b. God allowed this to happen with Moab but not Israel.
 1. Historical examples.

III. Application for today

A. Trials

1. Being emptied from one vessel to another is a part of God’s mercy.
 - a. Yet, we feel like our world is upside down.

B. The emptying is not a judgment.

1. It is an example of God’s grace.
2. The true “way” we entered when we became Christians.

C. Families in Crisis.

1. Satan tells us God does not care, but He continues His grace toward the beloved.

D. We do not really want to be left alone by God.

E. Bright sparkling wine comes from regular churning.