

The Great Cost of Unbelief - Part 2

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The great cost of unbelief is the consequence of not believing God's great promises, which can lead to perishing.

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Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31

Topics: "Faith And Doubt", "Covenant Promises"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the great cost of unbelief in God's promises, highlighting the consequences of rejecting and despising these promises. It explores the covenant believers have in God's great promises, the negative impact of not believing, and the conviction and confession required to fully embrace these promises.

Transcript

It is a work which each in no wise shall believe, though in mind declare each unto you. It means there is a declaration of the world. There is a preaching of the world.

A proclamation of the world. The problem is not that the preaching is not clear. The problem is not that the proclamation or declaration is not consistent with divine revelation.

The problem is you despise, you reject, and you put it away from you. And you say, once I'm living a morally good life, I'm doing the best I can, and I've turned over a new leaf, and I'm trying to be my best and do my best in life. What does it mean? Whether I believe in Christ or not.

And whether I believe those great promises or not. What's all that matter? It's saying that such people will perish because of not believing. Today we're going to look at the scriptures together on the great cost of unbelief.

The great cost of unbelief. There's some promises of God that are so high, so broad, so deep, so great, that man excuses himself. Can I believe that? Do I believe that? Is there any way I can get my mind, my spirit, my soul, to align with that promise of God? It's too great, it's higher than human wisdom.

And because of being so great, being so high, the promise the Lord has given the many people that just have passed over those promises, and they refuse to believe, the great cost of unbelief. There are times when the Lord has given a promise, and the promise is so great, and it's at the very center of God's dealing with man. And it says, only on this present will I deal with you, will I not relate with you.

And the promises are so high and so great, that some of you are going to have to enter that promise now. I'll speak about that later. That's not the kind of promise that somebody can think of, that he can meditate on just every time, when I have time I'll think about it.

And then you'll never get yourself to hold on to that promise. And you're not believing that promise. And there was the consequence, the great cost of unbelief.

I'm going to read out the message very fast. Number one, the covenant with believers in God's great promises. God's great promises.

Great promises. The covenant with believers. Believers who are willing to believe in those great promises.

Number two, the consequence of not believing God's great promises. The consequence of not believing. Whichever you want to say is alright in your life.

And the only thing that is not alright, is that you will not believe these great promises. And you will not put yourself, your mind, into those great promises. And you'll go through life.

Are you not as bad as Jesus' courage? Are you not as deeply entrenched in the evil as Achan? Neither do you blatantly and openly, aggressively reject the revelation, like Saul of the Old Testament. Neither are you fighting against the cause of Christ like Herod. The only thing which is that the great promises of God for you are too good to be true.

You doubt them. You reject them. You will not believe in them.

You will not accept them and appropriate them for yourself. The consequence, the cost of not believing God's great promises. Number three, the conviction and confession of believers in God's great promises.

The conviction that believers have. The confession they make as a result of their belief, their faith in God's great promises. The conviction and the confession of believers in God's great promises.

Number one, the covenant of believers in God's great promises. In Jeremiah chapter 1. Jeremiah chapter 1, there is a covenant. And the Lord is expecting of you as a believer in the great promises of the Lord.

You will understand this covenant. You will analyze the terms of the covenant. You will accept and appropriate the benefits of the covenant you made with His own people.

Jeremiah chapter 1, the start is wrong. Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will make a new covenant for the house of Israel and for the house of Judah. The start is clear.

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will put my law in their inward paths and write it in their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people.

God works on the basis of covenants. He called Abraham and he said, Abraham, are they talking together, relating together? I've been discussing with you, you've been praying unto me. Now let's seal our relationship with a covenant.

If the Lord is going to seal this relationship with us, it's on the basis of the covenant He gets into. He declares the covenant. He dictates the terms of the covenant.

We also now, we give ourselves unto that covenant. We're coming to an agreement with Him. And the Lord says, the days come, that I will make a covenant with the house of Israel.

And these are the covenants I will make with them. I will put my law in their inward paths. That looks too good to be true.

Beware lest you despise that. Beware lest you disbelieve that. And let's just say, how can it be? Because the Lord is saying, the same hand that wrote His commandments and His covenant on those tables of stone, is not going to duplicate that.

It's going to do that again. And I will write my laws in their inward paths. I will write it in their hearts.

Only they, I will be their God. And they shall be my people. Chapter 32 of Jeremiah.

Verse 39. I will give them one heart and one way. The Lord is saying, I'm going to have a covenant.

And Jeremiah here has to be very, very careful. Very careful. Why? Because from chapter 1, the Lord has told Jeremiah, you will speak and declare the laws.

You know what shall happen? Some of them will not even believe. Some of them will reject. And some of them will fight.

And our God is saying, Jeremiah, the days are coming. I'm going to give them one heart and one way. If Jeremiah was not careful, he might be saying, how can that be? These are the people I said of the Lord.

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