

LIFE IS HARD ... BUT GOD IS GOOD

CONSIDER YOURSELF WARNED

Psalm 81:8-16 Jeff Schreve

“Hear, O My people, and I will admonish [solemnly warn] you; O Israel, if you would listen to Me!” Psalm 81:8

Are you heeding God’s solemn warning?

1. The LORD is to be the One you listen to and obey.

*“Let there be no strange god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god. I, the LORD, am your God, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
Psalm 81:9-10*

A. He is the true God.

“Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me” Isaiah 46:9

“For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns, That can hold no water.” Jeremiah 2:13

B. He is the redeeming God.

C. He is the abundantly satisfying God.

2. The LORD is to be the One you fear and revere.

*For the LORD Most High is to be feared, A great King over all the earth.
Psalm 47:2*

“But My people did not listen to My voice; And Israel did not obey Me. So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk in their own devices.” Psalm 81:11-12

Thus says the LORD, “Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’” And I set watchmen over you, saying, ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’ But they said, ‘We will not listen.’

“Therefore hear, O nations, And know, O congregation, what is among them. “Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing disaster on this people, The fruit of

their plans, Because they have not listened to My words, And as for My law, they have rejected it also. Jeremiah 6:16-19

A. His great patience is not without limit.

“‘MENE, MENE TEKEL, UPHARSIN.’” Daniel 5:25

B. He will give you over to your sin and stubbornness.

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am sending upon them the sword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like split-open figs that cannot be eaten due to rottenness. And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine and with pestilence; and I will make them a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and a horror, and a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them, because they have not listened to My words,' declares the LORD, 'which I sent to them again and again by My servants the prophets; but you did not listen,' declares the LORD.” Jeremiah 29:17-19

3. The LORD is to be the One you understand and know.

Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 9:23-24

A. His heart breaks when you sin and rebel.

“Oh that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!” Psalm 81:13

B. His heart breaks over what might have been.

"I would quickly subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries. Those who hate the LORD would pretend obedience to Him; And their time of punishment would be forever. But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat; And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you." Psalm 81:14-16

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You will be devoured by the sword." Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 1:18-20

The time is now to hear and heed and get right with God.