

Overview

So far the Lord has used a variety of methods to awaken his people to the sense of their sin and disobedience. The message and manner of many of the prophets' sermons was to awaken and frighten them to repentance and reformation. This was often done by the solemn prophecies of the sorry end they faced if they persisted in their rebellion. The scope of this chapter examines the history of one family living in the promised land.

The Lord has Jeremiah set before his brethren the obedience of the Rechabites.

I. The Refusal of the Rechabites v 1 - 11

This family persisted in obeying the commands of their father Jonadab despite the hardships they endured. They refused to disobey their earthly father.

II. The Rebuke of the Israelites v 12 - 17

The conduct of the family of Rechab was a strong rebuke to the Jews. An earthly family obeyed their earthly father while God's family refused to hearken to their heavenly Father.

Appropriately, the Jews must suffer the judgments promised in God's word.

III. The Reward of the Rechabites v 18 - 19

The Lord tells Jeremiah to assure the Rechabites of the blessing of God for their pious obedience.

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