

# **THOSE RIGHTEOUS RECHABITES**

## **Jeremiah 35**

**The faithful obedience to a father's commands serve  
as a righteous example to disobedient children.**

### **I. THE RECHABITE INTEGRITY** (1-11)

#### **A. THEIR HISTORY**

1. A famous founder : Jethro the father-in-law of Moses  
- See Judges 1:16 and I Chron. 2:55
2. A famous sister: Jael who killed Sisera with a tent peg! (Judges 4:17-21)
3. A famous brother: Jonadab (or Johonadab) - II Kings 10:23-27
4. They are not from the line of Rechab the infamous son of Rimmon who treacherously murdered Saul's son Ishbosheth in II Samuel 4:1-12.

#### **B. THEIR SITUATION** (35:11)

#### **C. THEIR SUMMONS** (35:1-5)

#### **D. THEIR CONVICTION** (6-10)

1. Response: We will drink no wine (6a)
2. Reason: Jonadab commanded us to never drink wine (6b)
3. Regulation: No houses or crops (7)
4. Responsibility: We have obeyed our father (8-10)

#### **E. THEIR CONCLUSION** (a summary)

- We don't drink because our father told us not to and we have obeyed him.

### **II. THE RECHABITE EXAMPLE** (12-16)

#### **A. QUESTION** (13)

#### **B. CONSIDERATIONS** (14a)

#### **C. CONTRAST** (14b-15)

#### **D. CONCLUSION** (16)

1. Rechabites obey their father.
2. Israelites do not obey their Father!

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### III. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD (17-19)

#### A. DOOM FOR ISRAEL (17)

1. The Decision: "I will ...."
2. The Reasons
  - a. God spoke and they did not listen (See 6:19)
  - b. God called and they did not answer

#### B. BLESSING FOR THE RECHABITES (18-19)

1. Reasons (18)
2. Reward (19)
3. Reality: Modern Rechabites

### IV. SOME LESSONS FOR US

- A. Some were doing right when most were doing wrong.
- B. God loves to use living examples of righteousness - James 5:10-11
- C. Look for living examples of obedience and seek to learn from them.
- D. Be ready for integrity testing  
- James 1:2-8, II Cor. 12:10-11 and Phil. 3:17
- E. Remember that God is pleased with and rewards consistent obedience.

### CONCLUSION:

**Are your responses to God commendable and instructive?**

**Can God use you and your family as worthy examples of obedience?**