



DATE: 21 July 2024 PM
TEXT: **Jeremiah 36:17-18**
TITLE: **Hackneyed**

adjective: common; to make frequent use of (verb); jaded

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INTRODUCTION

the historical background for tonight's text can be found in **2 Kings 23-25**

- the name **BARUCH** means "blessed"
 - he is first mentioned in **Jeremiah 32:12**
 - he served as the personal secretary to Jeremiah
 - when the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem, he and Jeremiah would ultimately be taken to Egypt against their will...**Jeremiah 43:6**
- in our text this evening, I want to look at the life and ministry of this somewhat-obscure Bible character
- the fourth year of Jehoiakim would have been 605 B.C. and much political intrigue was taking place all around Jeremiah's ministry
 - The Battle of Carchemish, Pharaoh Necho
 - Judah was made a vassal state to Egypt
 - 2 Chronicles 35:20-27**
 - Jeremiah had been preaching for 23 years
- **verses 1-2** it was at this time God instructed Jeremiah to write down everything he had preached from the beginning of his ministry

- according to what we have been studying in Sunday School, this chapter is important to illustrate the preservation of God's Word

God Delivered His Word **verses 1-2**

God Declared His Word **verses 5-6**

God Defended His Word **verses 27-28**

- but tonight, we want to look at Baruch and take a page from his life to apply to ourselves:

I. BE PREPARED **verses 5-6**

And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

in **verse 4**, Baruch was instructed to write down all the words from Jeremiah...that's **52 chapters**

then, he had to read the scrolls on at least three different occasions to three different audiences

verses 8, 10, 15

and by the way, King Jehoiakim had already put one prophet to death...**URIJAH**

Jeremiah 26:23

verse 32 upon hearing these written words, the king burned the scrolls in the fire

but people were challenged when they heard the Word of God read

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover it is required in stewards,
that a man be found faithful.

1 Peter 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even
so minister the same one to another, as good
stewards of the manifold grace of God.

can it be said of you that you are faithful...
to God...to the task???

2. BE PLAIN verses 17-18

And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, how didst thou write all these words at his mouth? Then Baruch answered them, he pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.

I find this passage to be humorous; when asked how Baruch had managed to write all of Jeremiah's sermons, he replied simply:

"Here's paper. Here's a pen. I listened and I wrote what he said."

all too often, we make the Christian life harder than it has to be...we over-think or over-analyze things

Jeremiah gave God the excuse that he was too young to be called to prophesy

Jeremiah 1:6-9

Luke 12:12

For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

we have been called to simply share what has happened to us...what we have learned

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3. BE PERMANENT **verse 18**

...and I wrote them with ink in the book.

Baruch probably didn't think much beyond the task assigned to him

verse 23 all of his work was consumed in the fire by order of the king

verses 27-28 God commanded another scroll be written and additions be made to it

this new scroll would have been written in 606 B.C.

a little over 70 years later, Daniel had a copy of that scroll that he studied

Daniel 9:2

In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah's prophecies were quoted **125X** in NT

we are reading them tonight!

1975, archaeologists purchased some clay document markers but didn't decipher them until 1986

when they finally deciphered them, they discovered one with a fingerprint, and it belonged to "Baruch, son of Neriah"

this makes Baruch the only fingerprinted character in the Bible

1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 6:13

Now for a recompense in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.

CONCLUSION

...the rest of the story

Jeremiah 45:1-5

it seems Baruch grew disheartened and weary somewhere along the way

verse 3 ...and I find no rest

Jeremiah 51:59 quiet man

verse 4 God assured Baruch that He was doing exactly as He said he would...compare **1:10**

Lamentations 3:22-23 great...faithfulness

verse 5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not...

God has a plan for your life...and you don't have to be in on the planning stage

What God desires to do with your life, He doesn't have to accomplish in your lifetime

1 Peter 4:12-19