

教大研經小組 2021
與馬同跑：耶利米書選讀

06 聽從吩咐，敢於與別不同（卅五）

順服

「你去見利甲族的人，和他們說話，領他們進入耶和華殿的一間屋子，給他們酒喝……凡我們先祖利甲的兒子約拿達所吩咐我們的話，我們都聽從了。我們和我們的妻子兒女一生的年日都不喝酒，也不蓋房居住，也沒有葡萄園、田地，和種子，但住帳棚，聽從我們先祖約拿達的話，照他所吩咐我們的去行。利甲的兒子約拿達的子孫能遵守先人所吩咐他們的命，這百姓卻沒有聽從我！」 耶卅五 2、8~10、16

和修	Message
<p>1 當約西亞的兒子約雅敬作猶大王的時候，耶和華的話臨到耶利米，說：2 「你去見利甲族的人，吩咐他們，領他們進入耶和華殿的一個房間，給他們酒喝。」3 我就帶哈巴洗尼雅的孫子雅利米雅的儿子雅撒尼亞，和他的兄弟，並他所有的兒子，以及利甲全族的人，4 領他們到耶和華的殿，進入伊基大利的兒子神人哈難兒子們的房間；那房間靠近官長的房間，在沙龍之子門口的守衛瑪西雅的房间上面。5 於是在利甲族的人面前擺設盛滿了酒的碗和杯，對他們說：「請喝酒。」6 他們卻說：「我們不喝酒，因為我們祖先利甲的兒子約拿達曾吩咐我們說：『你們與你们的子孫永不可喝酒，7 不可蓋房子，不可撒種，也不可栽葡萄園，連擁有都不可；但一生的年日要住帳棚，使你们的日子寄居的地面上得以長久。』8 凡我們祖先利甲的兒子約拿達所吩咐我們的話，我們都聽從了。我們和我們的妻子兒女一生的年日都不喝酒，9 不蓋房子居住，我們也沒有葡萄園、田地和種子；10 但住在帳棚裏，聽從並遵行我們祖先約拿達所吩咐我們的一切話。11 巴比倫王尼布甲尼撒上來攻打這地的時候，我們說：『來吧，我們到耶路撒冷去，躲避迦勒底的軍隊和亞蘭的軍隊。』這樣，我們才住在耶路撒冷。」</p>	<p>The Message that Jeremiah received from God ten years earlier, during the time of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Israel: “Go visit the Recabite community. Invite them to meet with you in one of the rooms in God’s Temple. And serve them wine.” So I went and got Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah, son of Habazziniah, along with all his brothers and sons—the whole community of the Recabites as it turned out—and brought them to God’s Temple and to the meeting room of Hanan son of Igdaliah, a man of God. It was next to the meeting room of the Temple officials and just over the apartment of Maaseiah son of Shallum, who was in charge of Temple affairs. Then I set out chalices and pitchers of wine for the Recabites and said, “A toast! Drink up!” But they wouldn’t do it. “We don’t drink wine,” they said. “Our ancestor Jonadab son of Recab commanded us, ‘You are not to drink wine, you or your children, ever. Neither shall you build houses or settle down, planting fields and gardens and vineyards. Don’t own property. Live in tents as nomads so that you will live well and prosper in a wandering life.’ “And we’ve done it, done everything Jonadab son of Recab commanded. We and our wives, our sons and daughters, drink no wine at all. We don’t build houses. We don’t have vineyards or fields or gardens. We live in tents as nomads. We’ve listened to our ancestor Jonadab and we’ve done everything he commanded us. “But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon invaded our land, we said, ‘Let’s go to Jerusalem and get out of the path of the Chaldean and Aramean armies, find ourselves a safe place.’ That’s why we’re living in Jerusalem right now.”</p>
<p>12 耶和華的話臨到耶利米，說：13 「萬軍之耶和華—以色列的上帝如此說：你去對猶大人和耶路撒冷的居民說，你們不肯領受訓誨，聽從我的話嗎？這是耶和華說的。14 利甲的兒子約拿達所吩咐他子孫不可喝酒的話，他們已經遵守了；他們因為聽從祖先的吩咐，直到今日都不喝酒。至於我，我一再警戒你們，你們卻不肯聽從我。15 我一再差遣我的僕人眾先知到你們那裏去，說：『你們各人當回頭離開惡道，改正行為，不再隨從事奉別神，如此，就必住在我所賜給你們和你們祖先的地上。』只是你們不側耳而聽，也不聽我。16 利甲的兒子約拿達的子孫能遵守祖先所吩咐他們的命令，這百姓卻不肯聽從我！17 因此，耶和華—萬軍之上帝、以色列的上帝如此說：看哪，我要使我所說的一切災禍臨到猶大人和耶路撒冷所有的居民。因為我向他們說話，他們不聽從；我呼喚他們，他們也沒有回應。」</p>	<p>Then Jeremiah received this Message from God: “God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel, wants you to go tell the people of Judah and the citizens of Jerusalem that I say, ‘Why won’t you learn your lesson and do what I tell you?’ God’s Decree. ‘The commands of Jonadab son of Recab to his sons have been carried out to the letter. He told them not to drink wine, and they haven’t touched a drop to this very day. They honored and obeyed their ancestor’s command. But look at you! I have gone to a lot of trouble to get your attention, and you’ve ignored me. I sent prophet after prophet to you, all of them my servants, to tell you from early morning to late at night to change your life, make a clean break with your evil past and do what is right, to not take up with every Tom, Dick, and Harry of a god that comes down the pike, but settle down and be faithful in this country I gave your ancestors. ““And what do I get from you? Deaf ears. The descendants of Jonadab son of Recab carried out to the letter what their ancestor commanded them, but this people ignores me.” “So here’s what is going to happen. God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel, says, ‘I will bring calamity down on the heads of the people of Judah and Jerusalem—the very calamity I warned you was coming—because you turned a deaf ear when I spoke, turned your backs when I called.”</p>
<p>18 耶利米對利甲族的人說：「萬軍之耶和華—以色列的上帝如此說：因你們聽從你們祖先約拿達的吩咐，謹守他的一切命令，照他所吩咐的去做，19 所以萬軍之耶和華—以色列的上帝如此說：利甲的兒</p>	<p>Then, turning to the Recabite community, Jeremiah said, “And this is what God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel, says to you: ‘Because you have done what Jonadab your ancestor told you, obeyed his commands and followed through on his instructions, receive this Message from God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel: There will always be a descendant of</p>

「子約拿達必永遠不斷有人侍立在我面前。」

Jonadab son of Recab at my service! Always!”

引言

利甲族：

- 半游牧民族基尼人的後代（代上二 55），住在猶大的南部，在祖輩時即與以色列人常交往。
- 謹守祖先的傳統和訓誡，過著清貧寡慾的游牧生活，保存游牧民族的文化，虔誠敬畏耶和華，與以色列民的邪惡放縱和悖逆，形成鮮明對照。
- 雖是外邦人，卻有敬畏耶和華的心。
- 大約到先知以利亞的時代，利甲的兒子約拿達為基尼族的族長，曾協助耶戶王清除巴力偶像，消滅巴力先知（約主前 842，王下十 15~28）。
- 利甲族人那種忠於原則，生活樸實、節儉、自制，謹守先祖遺訓的態度，不但能確保他們這一族的延續不斷，並且受到全能上帝的讚許和確認。

反省

「所以萬軍之耶和華 - 以色列的上帝如此說：利甲的兒子約拿達必永遠不斷有人侍立在我面前。」

耶卅五 19

- 這句話在聖經記載祭司的事奉時，常被提及。
 - 「侍立在上帝面前」是虔敬生命的指標它包括認識神、遵行祂的命令遵，並有能力為他人代求。要享受敬虔生命的祝福，要留意三件事：
 1. 必須堅守偉大的原則
 2. 逃避世俗的價值觀和生活方式
 3. 輕看世界令人引以為傲的事物
1. 從利甲族人拒絕耶利米的邀請（試驗），你認識到他們是一群怎樣的人？
 2. 以色列人對上帝藉先知耶利米所宣告的信息有何反應？
 3. 有何因素使利甲族人能聽從他們先祖的話，照所吩咐的去行？我們如何能使這些質素種植在我們生命之中，好使我們能保持忠誠，順服上主的呼召？