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“THE HIGH PRICE OF DISOBEDIENCE”

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In Noah’s days, the sin of denial of divine authority resulted in the dissolving of all moral and social bonds (Genesis 6:5). God saw that the wickedness of man was so great. He regretted that He created mankind, and the only remedy was to raze them from the face of the earth (Genesis 6:6-7). Although the Lord is so patient and His mercy endures forever, He is also telling us that there are consequences for our wrong actions (Jonah 1). We must realize that disobedience will always cost a high price, and ultimately, we must pay.

1. The Story of Jonah’s Disobedience

- 1.1. Jonah was commissioned by God to a gentile city. He told Jonah to preach in the great city of Nineveh because of the wickedness of its people (Jon. 1:2).
Jonah is a picture of Israel who was called by God. The nation of Israel was commissioned to go to the gentile world to preach God’s Word.
- 1.2. Jonah refused to obey his God-given mission. He ran away from the Lord, and sailed on a ship that was headed for Tarshish (Jon. 1:13). Because of Jonah’s disobedience, God sent a violent storm that threatened the life of the sailors (Jon.1:4-5). In the same manner, our disobedience will affect our family and even our community (Psa. 139:7-8; 2 Chron. 16:9).
- 1.3. Jonah was punished by being cast into the sea.
 - 1.3.1. The sailors displayed an amazing stroke of common sense. They concluded that there was someone on board who was guilty of a great crime.

- 1.3.2. Jonah was coerced to make a full confession, and the sailors hurled him into the sea. At once, the sea stopped raging (Jon. 1).

In parallel, Israel was punished by being cast into the Sea of Nations.

- 1.3.3. Today, we are also being used by God for His purpose. He can cause a storm if we disobey.

- 1.4. Jonah was supernaturally preserved.

- 1.4.1. The Lord prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah; he was in its stomach for three days and three nights (Jon. 1:17). He prayed and was spit out by the fish in Nineveh, the place that he refused to go to (Jon.1:3-8).

- 1.4.2. Jonah was called a second time to go on his mission. This time, He obeyed God to witness.

- 1.4.3. Likewise, Israel has been supernaturally preserved. God will call Israel a second time to fulfill her mission.

Conclusion:

Indeed, every genuine Christian should understand fully and clearly that we are the exclusive possession of the almighty God (1 Corinthians 6:10-20). Thus, He is intensely concerned about how we live our lives. Disobedience may cause us to separate from Him. In fact, our disobedience can progress to the point that we become insensitive to our wrongdoings; and, we become callous to the Word of God.

Reflection: Is your disobedience the result of thoughtlessness or carelessness? Is it planned, calculated, and intentional?

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