

Lesson 7: Now Hear This!

A. Mistreatment of the prophets

1. How did Jesus describe the treatment of the prophets of God through the ages?
Matthew 5:11-12, 23:37
2. How was the prophet Moses mistreated? Numbers 12:1-2, 14:1-2, 10
3. How was the prophet John the Baptist mistreated? Mark 6:17-20, 21-29
4. How was Jesus, the greatest prophet of God, mistreated? Matthew 26:67, 27:30-31
5. Name some other prophets of God who were mistreated for speaking truth from God?
6. We may not have any living prophets of God in our midst, but how might we be guilty of mistreating some of the messengers of God?
7. Share a time when you were mistreated for sharing the truth of God's Word.
8. How should we respond if we are mistreated for sharing the truths of God's Word with others?
Matthew 5:10-12, Luke 6:23

B. Disregarding or destroying the prophet's message

1. How did the leaders in Israel respond to the inspired testimony of the prophet Jeremiah?
Jeremiah 36:20-26
2. How did the author of 2 Chronicles (probably Ezra) describe the response of the children of Israel to the messages of the prophets? 2 Chronicles 36:15-16
3. How did the Jewish leaders respond to the prophetic message of Stephen the deacon? Acts 7:54-60
4. Share a time when you stopped your ears and refused to listen to a message from the LORD.

C. The mercy of God for His wayward children

1. How did the LORD respond when King Jehoiakim destroyed the scroll of the prophet Jeremiah?
Jeremiah 36:27-28
2. Jeremiah 36:32 Apparently, the second scroll was expanded. What do you think might have been added to the second scroll?
3. How was the mercy of God revealed in directing His prophets to record the history of His dealings with the human family and their responses to His messages? 1 Corinthians 10:6-10
4. What encouragement do you find in the promise recorded in 1 Corinthians 10:13?
5. Read the prayer of the Psalmist David recorded in Psalm 86:3-5. What other texts in the Bible remind us of the mercy of the LORD? 1 Peter 1:3, etc.