

International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

Jeremiah 35:5-11 Application

- 1. Some family, manmade, and religious laws and traditions may not be healthy or in our best interests. The Bible rightly interpreted through the teachings of Jesus is our best guide for healthy and moral choices.
- 2. Some will follow what people and groups have advised or commanded and choose to disobey the commands of God and the example and teachings of Jesus. How can Christians help people see that the Bible's teachings are reasonable and Jesus' commands and teachings are always in people's and group's best interests and should be followed.
- 3. Think of some groups today where the traditions of these groups or the obedience of those who are members of these groups is expected and sets their members apart from others. What are some possible benefits and detriments for groups and people when they do this?
- 4. What may be some good or bad consequences from demanding that every member of a family must do as their ancestors commanded or as the strongest personality in a family demands.
- 5. Beside fear, what might cause or influence someone to disregard an old cherished family characteristic or tradition and change? The Rechabites broke tradition and an ancestor's laws when they moved to Jerusalem.

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes (Use other side)