

abites to a severe test. Had it been any one else, they would have resented the attempt to tamper with them as an insult, but Jeremiah! the Lord's prophet—had as good as said to them, "your vow only bound you to abstinence while you remained under canvas, now that you have come to live in Jerusalem, do as other people do, come drink wine with us." How many travellers to the Holy Land even now-a-days leave their religion behind them in Europe or America! Not so the Rechabites. "We will drink no wine," even though a Jeremiah offers it to us, "for thus Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us." That was noble!

APPLICATION.—"Go and tell the men of Judah." See how the Rechabites respect the vows laid upon them by a man like themselves, v. 13, but you have disobeyed your Maker—the father of your spirits. Jonadab is long since dead, still they obey: God, by his prophets has been speaking to you all your lives, v. 15. Nay, saith the Lord, "I myself have spoken unto you." v. 14. But ye will not hear. THEREFORE the Rechabites shall rise up in judgment and condemn you—the same argument used by Christ, Matt. 11: 21. Therefore the Chaldeans shall destroy Jerusalem, and you yourselves shall go into captivity. Therefore, also, mercy is promised to the Rechabites. v. 19.

LEARN that vows should not be rashly made, but deliberately and from a sense of duty. It is better not to vow than to vow and not pray, Eccles. 5: 5. Obedience to earthly parents is the first commandment with promise. Our Heavenly Father has higher claims on our reverence and service, Heb. 12: 9, 28-29.

QUERY!—If our ought-to-be correspondents in our different congregations fail to furnish local information for the Record how are we supposed to get it? Brethren, shake off dull sloth, and forward items for the Record forthwith.

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