^{«15} You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake."

(Jeremiah 15:15)

The Prophet Jeremiah suffered much for God. As he we was speaking and declaring the word of God to the rebellious people of God around him, he was persecuted and ill treated by them. He was pleading with the Lord to vindicate him from those who persecuted him.

It is so hard to stand firm alone while the whole people against you because they don't want to obey the word of God. That the same brought grieve to Jeremiah, therefore he said, "¹⁰Alas, my mother, that you gave me birth, a man with whom the whole land strives and contends! I have neither lent nor borrowed, yet everyone curses me." (Jeremiah 15:10) He did nothing wrong but he was treated badly. But that was the answer of the Lord for Him, "¹¹ The LORD said, "Surely I will deliver you for a good purpose; surely I will make vour enemies plead with vou in times of disaster and times of distress." (Jeremiah 15:11)

Jeremiah continue to plead with the Lord to help him and stand with him and he said to the Lord, "¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation." (Jeremiah 15:16-17) Jeremiah was telling to God that he delighted so much in His word, and he delighted that he is bearing the name of the Lord. As well as he never sits or goes along evil doers because he hates such things.

But the question of Jeremiah is this:

"¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and mv wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails?" (Jeremiah 15:18) Jeremiah was not accepting that he will be in continuous pain because of the people's rejection to God's word and God is not doing anything at the present to vindicate him and relief him. He was telling to God, Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? Jeremiah already started to doubt if God would do something to help him against those who rejected God's word.

God's answer to Jeremiah and to you who persevere in doing and living God's will but no one is obeying, and God is seem not doing anything about it, is the following: "¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them." (Jeremiah 15:19) God is asking you to repent and stop doubting that He will act and fulfill what He had promised in His word. As you continue to obey Him and stand firm with Him and declare Him in life, actions and word to the people around you. Then God will sure do His part by vindicating you and will be using you as His spokesman.

If you really repent and continue to stand firm with God and accept even persecution, this shall be God's promise for you, "I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD.²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel." (Jeremiah 15:20-21)

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from my sin being doubting that you will vindicate me and prove your word to those who oppose me and oppose your word and will. Lord strengthen me and grant me the grace to persevere in patiently serving you, in Christ name, Amen.

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"¹² The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

(Jeremiah 1:12)