



Fulfillment Hour
Sunday, June 14, 2020

"No More Excuses"
Jeremiah 1:4-12

This lesson will show there's no valid excuse not to serve God.

"He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else."

- Benjamin Franklin

Right now, our world needs to hear from God, see God, experience God and respond to God. Yes, He can and does speak to humanity through creation ([Psalm 19:1-4](#) and [Romans 1:20](#)). Yes, He can and does speak to humanity through dreams and visions ([Acts 10:1-7](#)). However, the most predominant way God deals with humanity is through His people ([Matthew 5:13-16](#) and [2 Corinthians 5:20](#).)

God had a specific ministry assignment in mind for Jeremiah concerning His people, just like God does for you also. When God told Jeremiah of that assignment, he, like many of us, spoke excuses. Jeremiah said, "[O Sovereign LORD, I can't speak for you! I'm too young!](#)" ([verse 5](#)). He was also fearful of the people because God addressed this in [verse 8](#) by saying, "[And don't be afraid of the people.](#)"

Questions

- What are some of the things that you know God is telling His people to do so that the world can hear from God, see God, experience God, and respond to God?
- What excuses have you made (or are currently making) for not representing God?
- What excuses do you know that others make for not representing God?

Why are our excuses no longer valid?

1. You were Made To Do What God Instructed You (verses 4-5).
 - a. Chosen (verses 4-5), "The LORD gave me this message: 'I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb...!'"
 - b. Consecrated (verse 5), "I set you apart and appointed you."

Question

- How does this encourage you to know that you have been made by God to do what He instructed?
2. You Are Mandated to do What God Instructed You (verse 7).
 - a. Duty (verse 7), "you must."
 - b. Directed (verse 7), "go where I send you and say whatever I tell you."

Questions

- How does a person know that he/she has been chosen and consecrated by God?
 - How does a person view the lordship of God if he/she refuses to obey?
 - Who else is impacted when an individual refuses to do what God mandated?
3. You've Got the Means to do What God Instructed You (verses 8-12).
 - a. God's Presence (verse 8), "I will be with you."
 - b. God's Power (verse 12), "I will certainly carry out my plans."

Questions

- How does knowing that God assumes responsibility for carrying out His plans encourage you?
- How does all of this help you eliminate excuses?