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Brother's Keepers or Losers Weepers? Part 2

Lesson 7 • Obadiah 10-14

Judah's Day of Discipline

1. The CIRCUMSTANCES of Judah's Day of Discipline. *Obadiah 11-14*

- Judah's **unfaithfulness** toward Yahweh resulted in divine discipline, but Edom's **unbrotherliness** toward Judah on that day will reap divine judgment.

853-841 BC – 2 Kings 8:16-19; 2 Chronicles 21:1-10; 22:1; 2 Kings 8:20-22; ; Obadiah 11-14

2. The CAUSE of Edom's Day of Doom. *Obadiah 10*

- The proof of Edom's proud heart was in the way they **TREATED** their brother-nation, Judah.

The Lord GOD's Case Against Edom for Being Unbrotherly Toward Judah		
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- Because Edom failed to be their brother's **KEEPER**; they became losers **WEEPERS**!

What Is "Unbrotherliness"?

*Acting toward someone I am physically or spiritually related to in a way God condemns as unjust and unmerciful.
Being too proud to humble myself and show covenant mercy to others in their misfortune.*

3. The CONNECTION to Our Potential Day of Doom or Discipline.

- Am I *proud*? Do I **relate** to others with **Christlike humility**? *Philippians 2:1-11*
- Who is my "brother"? What are my **covenant relationships**?

Physical Family by Blood, Marriage, or Adoption
Spiritual Family by Blood, Marriage, and Adoption in Christ
Friends by Personal Ties **or Nations** by Political Treaties

- Am I "unbrotherly"? Am I fulfilling my **covenant responsibilities**?

Warning for the Proud and Hope for the Humble

1. Warning for the Proud: **You ARE Your Brother's Keeper!**

- The proud progression from **BITTER** root to **BRUTAL** fruit. (10, 12)

Families and entire nations pass on the bitter root and brutal fruit of their proud hearts!

A Lack of Brotherly Love Leads to Brutal Hatred Due to a Proud Heart	
Cause: <i>Obadiah 1-9</i>	Effect: <i>Obadiah 10-14</i>
Proud Heart	Unbrotherly Violence
Passive Attitude	Active Aggression
Bitter Root Internally	Brutal Fruit Externally

- God graciously **WARNS** us not to go down this proud progression. (12-14)

8x “**Do Not**”

- Be Your Brother’s Keepers: **DIG UP** the bitter root, so you don’t bear the brutal fruit.

1. Don’t be **APATHETIC** to the misfortune of others. (v. 11)

NAS “On the day that you stood aloof...you too were as one of them.” **NKJV** “On the day you stood on the other side--”

PASSIVE indifference is the same as **ACTIVE** participation!

To remain passive when others hurt those you are to care for is the same as actively participating in hurting them

2. Don’t be **ARROGANT** toward the misfortune of others. (v. 12)

DON'T BE ARROGANT TOWARD the MISFORTUNE of OTHERS.		
Don't GLOAT!	Don't REJOICE!	Don't BOAST!
Mental Smugness	Emotional Satisfaction	Verbal Superiority
<i>Dwelling on the another's misfortune with smug satisfaction.</i>	<i>Feeling a malicious joy in the misfortune of others.</i>	<i>Expressing how deserving others are of their misfortune in a superior manner.</i>

Two Warnings for Proud Rubbernecks

- Don't **look into** the failures of others with *carnal curiosity*.
- Don't **look down** on those who fall with *proud hearts*.

The only time to look down on your neighbor is when you are bending over to help him!

3. Don't take **ADVANTAGE** of the misfortune of others. (v. 13)

4. Don't take **ACTION** to increase the misfortune of others. (v. 14)

2. Hope for the Humbled: **SERVE Others!**

“Let love of the brethren continue.” Hebrews 13:1

“Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,” 1Peter 1:22

Serve Others Like God in Christ Serves You – Philippians 2:1-18

- **BE** there for others like Jesus is there for you.

- **EMPATHIZE** with the problems of others like Jesus does with you.

- **DO** what you can to meet their needs like Jesus meets yours.

- **SERVE** them like Jesus, *the Humble Servant of Yahweh and our Sinless Sovereign Savior*.

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The Connection Between Edom's Day of Doom (Obadiah 1-9) and Judah's Day of Discipline (Obadiah 10-14)

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Obadiah: Hope for the Humble and Warnings for the Proud										
EDOM'S DAY of DOOM <i>Principles of Obadiah 1-9</i>	JUDAH'S DAY of DISCIPLINE <i>Structure of Obadiah 10-14</i>									
WARNING #1 for the PROUD <i>Pride Goes Before a Fall!</i>	(v. 10) <i>Because of violence to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever.</i> (v. 11) <i>On the day that you stood aloof, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth, and foreigners entered his gate and cast lots for Jerusalem—you too were one of them!</i>									
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