

2 SAM. 4:2, 5-12 FROM SHAME TO FAME

THE RECHABITES = Contrast: a lesson on obedience to <sup>MAN</sup> vs - disobedience to God.  
note date - 1053 BC

There are chapters in the books of our lives we want no one to read.. (Keep in touch w/ old ways)  
old standards

2 KINGS 10:10-18, 23-28 - For 269 years the sons of Rehob obeyed fully the teachings + example of their father Jehonadab. DATE 884 BC

This required great self denial + dedication to proper conduct + to convictions + ideals. (Amish youths in Nappanee, Ind...)

It is the outstanding example of obedience to a parent by honoring their lifestyle for 3 centuries. → 458 yrs - since Shame

- "Who is My mother? They that do God's will."

They followed Jonadab - not Rehob. The custom of Israel's Kings = to follow David + not their parents - if evil...

Consider: Neither the Jewish nation nor the Christian Church have continued faithful for 100 consecutive years - in obedience to their Heavenly Father. Modern groups don't last 50 years -

JER. 35:1-15, 16-19 Note vs. 15 = God's [277] faithfulness in sending prophets + warnings - vs 16-19 - God sets His seal on obedience

Obedience - from the heart will bring a revival of righteousness. DATE = 294 yrs. 1640  
→ Total = 1048 years -

2) Consider: Jehonadab ...

- (A) His faithfulness followed the disregard for God's Word by Jehoiakim JER 34.  
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- (B) → Someone has to establish a principle + to lift up a standard.
- (C) → If no one else is doing - what must be done - You do it.
- (D) Jehonadab - required total abstinence, total separation. (consider - temptations from other travelers ...)
- (E) → Yet - many fail to shun every appearance of evil = no separation.
- (F) → Our only hope for survival - "come out from among them" = Separation.
- (G) → The conflict of loyalties - whether to obey God or man ... Jehonadab disobeyed the priests' words - etc -
- (H) Our responsibility to our government, to its laws etc - vs. our responsibility to God -
- (I) → Louisiana soldier + short sleeves -