

Lessons The Prophet Learned Too Late 1 Kings 13:1-24

GOD HAD FINISHED SPEAKING

- The Scriptures teach that God had long ago finished speaking. Jude 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Galatians 1:6-9

The Devil Has Camouflage

- God warns today through his word of similar dangers. Matthew 7:15-20; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 John 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Acts 17:11; Matthew 10:34-39

Feelings Deceive

- Isaac believed he was blessing Esau. Genesis 27:1-38
- Jacob believed that his son, Joseph, had been killed by a wild animal. Genesis 37:1-36; Genesis 45:25
- Saul of Tarsus persecuted the early disciples in "all good conscience" Acts 23:1; Acts 26:9; Acts 9:1-8; 1 Timothy 1:12-16
- Therefore, we cannot trust our own mind and heart to bring us to the Lord. Jeremiah 17:9; Proverbs 28:26; Proverbs 16:25; John 8:31-32; 1 John 5:2-3

Believing A Lie Condemns

- Old prophet lied to him. 1 Kings 13:18
- Young prophet believed a lie and was held accountable. 1 Kings 13:21-22; cf. Mt. 15:13-14; Matthew 7:21-23
- Fear Him who has power to cast our souls into hell. Luke 12:2-5

Partial Obedience Is Not Enough

- Nadab and Abihu. Leviticus 10:1-5
- Uzzah. 2 Samuel 6:3-9; 1 Chronicles 15:2,12-15; Numbers 4:5-6, 15
- Achan. Joshua 7:1-26
- King Uzziah. 2 Chronicles 26:16ff
- Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:1-11
- "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all" James 2:10

Conclusion

The prophet ...

- a. Showed great courage before the king, who was initially angered by the message.
- b. Was a good man.
- c. Was willing to leave his country and carry God's message
- d. Initially showed courage by rejecting the request of the old prophet, so he did not let peer pressure persuade him.

Conclusion

- Ultimately failed to recognize some very important facts...
 - God had finished speaking
 - The Devil has camouflage
 - Feelings deceive
 - Believing a lie condemns
 - Partial obedience is not enough