

The Man Of God And His Mission

Text: 1 Kings 13

Introduction

What can we learn from this unusual Old Testament story about an unnamed man of God and his mission?

Message

1. The man of God and his message (verses 1–6).

- a. He proclaimed judgment against a false religion.
- b. Jeroboam's sin was wrongfully believing there was more than one way to God by setting up the alternate sacrificial altar in Bethel (1 Kings 12:28–33).
- c. Christians are Christ's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20,21). They have a message of eternal life for those open to Christ, but judgment for those who proclaim there is more than one way.

2. The man of God and his mettle (verses 7–10).

- a. He withstood the worldly pressures to turn away from his mission and compromise his message.
- b. Worldly people feel better in our presence. They want our blessing on their way of life.
- c. There are numerous contemporary examples of those who have kept faithful under tremendous pressure and trials.

3. The man of God and his mistake (verses 11–25).

- a. He listened to a man who claimed to have a message from God, rather than to God himself.
- b. Do not believe everything just because it is done in the name of God. Test it according to God's Word.
- c. There are numerous contemporary examples of those who have diverted from God's path.

4. The man of God and his memorial (verses 26–34).

- a. The prophet's tomb served as a reminder until Josiah fulfilled his message (2 Kings 23:15–18).
- b. Christ's tomb still speaks, but His tomb speaks because of who is not there.

Conclusion

As men and women of God, may our lives imitate this prophet's faith and willingness to be used by God to proclaim the gospel, but avoid the disobedience and compromise that brought an end to his ministry.

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