

I KINGS 13; May 22; A Disobedient Prophet Killed by a Lion

ANALYSIS:

1. When a man of God cried that Jeroboam's altar would be rent, what did Jeroboam do? _____
2. When Jeroboam invited the man of God to stop at the King's house, what did the man of God do? _____
3. How was the man of God persuaded to change his mind and stop at Bethel? _____
4. What did the LORD reveal by the old prophet to the man of God after he had returned to Bethel? _____
5. Did Jeroboam's experience with the man of God have any good result on him? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Consider the experience of the man of God in this chapter. The LORD clearly told him to cry against Jeroboam's altar at Bethel (v 1). He did this. The LORD also had told him not to eat or drink there nor return the way he came (v 9). Thus he refused the king's invitation (v 8). But he was deceived by the old prophet who claimed an angel told him to bring the man of God back to eat and drink (v 18). Our brother Paul warns us not to let even an angel pervert the gospel he preached with another gospel which is not another (Gal 1:6-8).

Most so-called fundamentalists preach a perverted gospel of "decisional regeneration" and reject God's sovereignty in salvation. They teach that the sinner will be "saved," that is, born again, when they meet the condition of asking Jesus to save them.

Let us learn the seven proofs of unconditional salvation, and at least one Scripture in support of each proof. (1) Man by nature is unable to obey or please God for salvation. Eph 2:1-3. (2) God expressly denies man's will and works in obtaining salvation. John 1:13. (3) Faith and works are the results of salvation, not the conditions. Phil 2:13. (4) Jesus Christ saves sinners by himself without human cooperation. Rom 5:14-19. (5) The ordinances of the gospel were not intended to bring life. 1 Cor 1:18; 2:14. (6) The scriptures provide examples of salvation without conditions. Acts 10:1-4; 34-35. (7) Unconditional salvation is the only way to maximize God's glory. 1 Cor 1:26-31.

HELP:

1. Jeroboam stretched forth his hand against the man of God and it dried up (v 4).
2. I will not go with thee for the LORD has charged me "Eat no bread, drink no water, nor return the way you came" and he obeyed the LORD (vs 9-10).
3. An old prophet in Bethel told the man of God an angel had told him to bring him back to eat and drink. But he lied to him (v 18).
4. Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the LORD, thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers (v 22).
5. NO. Jeroboam "returned not from his evil way" (v 33).