

The Man of God from Judah - 1 Kings 13:1-34

Topics: Age, Angels, Anger, Consequences, Death, Disobedience, Evil, Follow, Gifts, Healing, Hospitality, Judgment, Lying, Mourning, Prayer, Prophecy, Punishment, Sacrifice, Serving, Sin, Truth

Open It

- * 1. When have you encountered a “wolf in sheep’s clothing”?
- 2. What are some examples of guilt by association?

Explore It

- 3. Where did the prophet come from who met Jeroboam making sacrifices at the altar? (13:1)
- 4. What did the man of God say would happen to the altar at Bethel? (13:2)
- 5. What sign did the man of God claim would confirm the prophecy? (13:3)
- 6. What did Jeroboam try to do when he heard the prophecy? (13:4)
- 7. What happened to Jeroboam when he tried to capture the man of God? (13:4)
- 8. What happened at Bethel to confirm the truth of God’s Word through the prophet? (13:5)
- 9. What did the man of God do at Jeroboam’s request? (13:6)
- 10. What did God do in answer to prayer? (13:6)
- 11. What invitation did the king extend after he had been healed? (13:7)
- 12. How did the man of God respond to the king’s invitation? (13:8-10)
- 13. Where did the second prophet catch up to the man of God? (13:11-14)
- * 14. How did the man of God respond to the old prophet’s invitation to come back and eat and drink? (13:15-17)
- * 15. What deception did the old prophet use to get the man of God to come back with him? (13:18-19)
- 16. What revelation came to the old prophet while he was eating with the man of God? (13:20-22)
- * 17. What happened to the man of God when he left the home of the old prophet? (13:23-24)
- 18. What did the old prophet know immediately when he heard about a lion standing beside a body on the road? (13:25-26)
- 19. What did the old prophet do for his brother prophet whom he had tricked? (13:27-30)
- 20. What special instructions did the old prophet give his sons and why? (13:31-32)
- 21. What sinful practices did Jeroboam continue? (13:33-34)

Get It

- 22. How did the man of God show Jeroboam that God was with him in powerful ways?
- 23. Why would God send someone to confront Jeroboam in such a dramatic fashion as did the man of God?
- 24. How might you have felt if you were the “man of God” and an older prophet claimed God’s authority and contradicted your instructions?
- 25. What is potentially good or bad about using deception to put someone to the test?
- * 26. How do we know that God’s clear instructions are not meant to be corrected or amended?
- * 27. Why is it easier to resist temptation that comes from an enemy than from a friend?

Apply It

- * 28. In what situation should you pray for the courage to do what you know to be God’s will?
- 29. What young Christian could use your prayers that he or she would see through and resist subtle temptations?