

But He Lied To Him

I Kings 13:14-18

I. I Kings 13 → The Man of God Out Of Judah

- The prophet of God described:
 - Man of God. (1) | Tim. 6:11-14
 - From Judah. (1)
 - Obedient to the word of the Lord. (1,9,17)
 - Bold and courageous. (2)
 - King Jereboam stands by the altar.
 - Men’s bones to be burned upon you.
 - Altar rent.
 - Jereboam seeks to lay hold on him. Hand withers. Is restored by the prophet.
 - No lover of money. (7)
 - Keeps the word of the Lord. (9)
 - Goes another way. (10)
- The deceit of the old prophet. (11)
 - Lived in Bethel. (11)
 - Sons report the works and words of the man of God. (11)
 - The old prophet pursues him to bring him home and feed him.
 - No apparent evil intent initially.
 - Sees him sitting under oak and invites him home.
 - The man of God initially refuses, and tells of God’s instructions. (16-17)
 - He believes the lie of the old prophet and goes home with him. (19-20)
 - He is persuaded and disobeys the mouth of the Lord. (21)
 - The word of the Lord comes to the old prophet as they eat: rebukes the prophet for disobedience.
 - He is slain by a lion as he returns.
 - The old prophet learns of it, retrieves his body, mourns and buries him.
 - Tells his sons to bury him in the sepulcher with the young prophet.

II. Lessons To Consider...

•We Must Seek To Obey The Word Of The Lord. (Matt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46; Heb. 5:8-9)

- Emphasized in this account: vv. 1,9,17,21
- Regardless of...
 - Our own thinking. (Jer. 10:23)
 - What the majority believes. (Ex. 23:2)
 - What our relatives do. (Gal. 1:14)
 - What tradition says. (Matt. 15:3)
 - What some preacher claims to be the word of God. (Acts 17:11)

•Even the “little things” matter to God.

- The old prophet could have reasoned...
 - One route is as good as another
 - Where you eat and drink is no big deal...
 - God’s response was “you disobeyed” (v—21)
- Other examples:
 - Nabab and Abihu. (Lev. 10:1-3)
 - Uzzah. (I Chron. 13:9-10)
 - Saul. (I Sam. 15:3,9)
 - Naaman. (II Kings 5:13-14)
- Some today: Lord’s supper, Instrumental music, Day of worship, baptism, Work of the church, etc.
- Scriptures to consider: Deut. 4:2; Matt. 5:19; 23:23; Rev. 22:18-19

• **The Destructiveness of Lying.**

- Remember Satan is the father of lies. (Jn. 8:44; Gen. 3:4)
- God hates lying. (Prov. 6:16-19; Eph. 4:25)
 - Gehazi → II Kings 5:22,25-27
 - Ananias and Sapphira → Acts 5
 - The man of God believes a lie and is slain → I Ki. 13
- We must be on guard against false teachers: (Matt. 7:15; I Tim. 4:1ff; II Pet. 2:1ff; II Cor. 11:14-15)
- We must test what we hear: (I Thess. 5:21; Acts 17:11)
- It matters what we teach or preach (Gal. 1:9); what we believe (I Cor. 15:11); and what we do (Col. 3:17)
- The destruction wrought by a lie. (Matt. 15:14; Rev. 21:8)