

SERMON OUTLINE

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The Foundation of Truth

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I. Introduction

- A. Lessons on truth in the story of the man of God in 1 Kings 13
- B. Ties in with King Josiah: shortly before captivity: 2 Kings 23:15-18

II. Setting the Scene

- A. Solomon's sin - Rehoboam (Judah) + Jeroboam (Israel)
- B. Jeroboam sets up golden calves: 1 Kings 12:32-33

III. Lessons from This Story

- A. Speaking the Truth Can Be Challenging: Trust God
 - 1. The reputation of Jeroboam: 1 Kings 11:28 - valiant warrior
 - 2. First reaction - 1 Kings 13:4 - "Seize him!"
 - 3. How scared would you be to speak to the king? 2 Tim 4:1-4
- B. If You Have the Truth, Practice Humility, Patience and Forgiveness
 - 1. The tables have turned - YOU are wrong - too bad buddy!
 - 2. 1 Kings 13:6 - What was prayer like? Sincere? True concern?
 - 3. Matthew 5:44 - pray for your enemies
 - a. How do we USE the truth? Pedestal? (Exalt myself)
Battering ram? (Break down walls to get where I want) Fly
swat? (Get rid of those annoying pests) Flame thrower?
(Burn those sinners)
 - b. Psalm 119:105: God's word shows us ALL to God.
- C. When Challenges Come, Turn to the Source
 - 1. The RESOLVE of this man of God - Obey a "silly" command
 - 2. Gets complicated: 1 Kings 13:18 - ...but he lied!!!
 - 3. ONLY answer - what does GOD say? 1 John 4:1
- D. There are Always Consequences When We Turn from the Truth
 - 1. Old prophet words: 1 Kings 13:21-22 - never made it home
 - 2. Galatians 6:7-8 - there are always consequences
 - 3. Since beginning of time: Listening to Satan - consequences!!!
 - 4. Is God cruel? Why such consequences?
- E. Main Point: God's Word Will Never Fail! Rely On It!
 - 1. 1 Kings 13:33 - "After this event..." - NO CHANGE
 - 2. 2 Kings 18:9-12 - NO CHANGE in the nation - didn't listen
 - 3. Hebrews 4:12-13 - Go knows US, will we follow Him?