

The Prophet Who Believed A Lie

(1 Kings 13)

- Introduction:
1. The life of this Old Testament prophet serves us well by way of warning us of some dangers in life.
 2. While this young man was called a “man of God,” he made a foolish mistake that cost him his life.
 3. Let us observe several practical lessons from this young man’s life.

I. He Had Courage To Speak Against Wickedness

- A. He prophesied against the Northern kingdom for...
 1. Erecting two golden calves (1 Kings 12:28).
 2. Changing the place of worship (1 Kings 12:29).
 3. Changing the priesthood (1 Kings 12:31).
 4. Changing the feast days (1 Kings 12:32).
- B. We need people today to speak out against wickedness in our society.
 1. Worldliness (James 4:4).
 2. Lukewarmness (Revelation 3:14-22).
 3. Denominationalism (John 17:20-21).
- C. The only hope for the world is to preach the truth (Romans 1:16).

II. It Is Possible To Believe A Lie

- A. (1 Kings 13:17-18).
- B. Relying on human testimony rather than divine testimony will lead to ruin.
- C. (Proverbs 14:12; 2 Peter 2; Acts 17:11-12).

III. Partial Obedience Will Not Suffice

- A. One can start right but end wrong.
 1. Some believe but will not be baptized.
 2. Some attend but will not sing and pray.
 3. Some worship but will not work.
- B. (Matthew 7:21-23).

IV. We Can Be Responsible For Another Person Being Lost

- A. We all have influence (Romans 14:7).
- B. Let us live so that our influence on others will bring them closer to Christ rather than pushing them farther from Him.

V. We Don’t Always Live Up To Our Possibilities And Potential

- A. (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:14-31; Matthew 25:14-30).

- Conclusion:
1. Let the record of this young prophet’s life serve to remind us that the work of God requires daily vigilance.
 2. And remembering the promised reward will make it easier to do.