

A Prophet Who Lied And A Prophet Who Died

(1 Kings 13:1-34)

- Introduction:
1. The account found herein evokes a number of feelings, and often leaves people a bit confused.
 2. However, what it should do is teach us about the character and expectations of God.
 3. We have “tamed” God in our minds; but he is not tame - He is God!
 4. Let’s review the account and then see what lessons we can learn.

I. The Historical Context

- A. Jeroboam has just led 10 tribes away, and split the kingdom (1 Kings 12).
- B. God sent a young prophet to Bethel to cry out against their false worship (1 Kings 13:1).
 1. Consider how dangerous this task was.
 2. He very well could have been killed - it’s not like prophets weren’t killed! (Acts 7:52).
- C. God gave the prophet a sign to validate his message (13:3).
- D. Jeroboam sought to arrest this prophet, then quickly sought his help (1 Kings 13:4-6).
 1. Notice that Jeroboam said, “Entreat the favor of your God.” (1 Kings 13:6).
 2. Jeroboam “shows his hand” here.
- E. Jeroboam invites the prophet to his home and we learn of God’s instructions given to the young prophet (1 Kings 13:7-10).
- F. An old prophet seeks, finds, and lies to this young prophet (1 Kings 13:11-18).
- G. Because the young prophet listened to him and disobeyed God, he lost his life (1 Kings 13:20-32).
- H. The repentance of Jeroboam was short-lived (1 Kings 13:33-34).

II. Lessons To Be Learned

- A. God calls us to do difficult things.
 1. How hard would it have been to leave Judah and go to Israel and prophesy?
 2. (2 Corinthians 10:3-4).
- B. We must obey God.
 1. God demands obedience.
 2. (Galatians 1:8-9).
 3. “The word of the Lord” - (1 Kings 13:1,2,3,5,9,17).
 4. There are countless voices that call for our attention today.
- C. We can believe a lie.
 1. Some lie intentionally, while others lie ignorantly (1 Kings 13:18; 1 Timothy 1:13).
 2. A lie from one we trust is more dangerous. Notice how he dismissed the invitation by Jeroboam, but fell for the invitation of the old prophet.
- D. Repentance isn’t always sincere.
 1. (1 Kings 13:33).
 2. He went right back to his old ways.