

DISGUISE THYSELF

1 KINGS 13:33 – 14:20

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Introduction:

Jereboam had been warned by the man of God concerning his wickedness, however as we read, Jereboam returned not from his evil way, and continued doing things contrary to how God wanted them done.

That brings us to our text. Jereboam's son had become ill. So Jereboam ask his wife to go to the prophet and find out what was going to happen to his son, whether he was going to live or whether he was going to die.

Though Jereboam didn't want to do things God's way, he still had confidence in the Word of God and God's man.

Notice with me

1. DETRIMENTAL WAY (VSS 33, 14:9)

(1 Kings 13:33) "After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places."

(1 Kings 14:9) "But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:"

2. DECEPTION WANTED

Jeroboam was trying to cover up who he was and trying to cover up his sin.

(Proverbs 28:13) "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

(Numbers 32:23) "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out."

A. Was full of pride.

1. Was concerned about what others might think of him getting advice from the man of God.

2. Many today are concerned about what others might think if they were to get right with the Lord and begin to live and serve Him.

(Proverbs 16:18) "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

B. Was full of pretense.

1. It did not matter what the man of God was going to tell him he was doing what he wanted to do.

2. Some who come to church today are a lot like Jereboam. It doesn't matter what the preacher says or the Word of God says they are determined to do what they want and when they want to.

3. DISGUISE WORN (14:2)

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A. Salvation

(Matthew 7:21-23) "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. {22} Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? {23} And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

(Read Luke 16)

B. Humility

C. Spirituality

D. Committed

1. Serve out of convenience instead of priority.
2. Serve out of excitement instead of dedication.
3. Serve out of guilt instead of love for God.

4. DISPLEASURE WARRANTED (VSS 5-20)

- A. God demands obedience
- B. God deals with sin.
- C. God delivers what He says He will do.