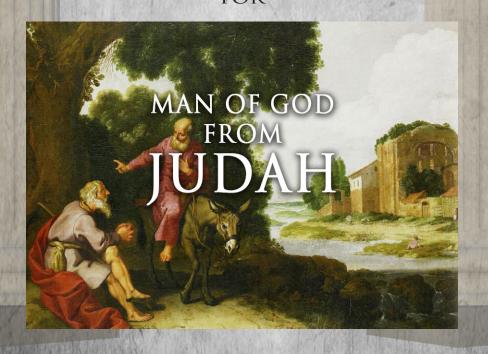




Sermon Notes for



- THE MAN OF GOD FROM JUDAH -

We are not to touch God's anointed.

King Jeroboam does what God says not to do.

³¹ Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites. ³² He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. This he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And at Bethel he also installed priests at the high places he had made. ³³ On the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a month of his own choosing, he offered sacrifices on the altar he had built at Bethel. So he instituted the festival for the Israelites and went up to the altar to make offerings. – 1 kings 12:31-33 (NIV)



By the word of the Lord a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering.

- 1 kings 13:1 (NIV)



² By the word of the Lord he cried out against the altar: "Altar, altar! This is what the Lord says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you."
- 1 kings 13:2 (NIV)

³ That same day the man of God gave a sign: "This is the sign the Lord has declared: The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out."

- 1 kings 13:3 (NIV)

⁴ When King Jeroboam heard what the man of God cried out against the altar at Bethel, he stretched out his hand from the altar and said, "Seize him!" But the hand he stretched out toward the man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back.

- 1 kings 13:4 (NIV)

⁵ Also, the altar was split apart and its ashes poured out according to the sign given by the man of God by the word of the Lord.

- 1 kings 13:5 (NIV)

⁶ Then the king said to the man of God, "Intercede with the Lord your God and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of God interceded with the Lord, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.⁷ The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me for a meal, and I will give you a gift."⁸ But the man of God answered the king, "Even if you were to give me half your possessions, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water here. ⁹ For I was commanded by the word of the Lord: 'You must not eat bread or drink water or return by the way you came.'" ¹⁰ So he took another road and did not return by the way he had come to Bethel.

- 1 kings 13:6-10 (NIV)

⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)



¹¹ Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel, whose sons came and told him all that the man of God had done there that day. They also told their father what he had said to the king. 12 Their father asked them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him which road the man of God from Judah had taken. ¹³ So he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And when they had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it ¹⁴ and rode after the man of God. He found him sitting under an oak tree and asked, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" "I am," he replied. 15 So the prophet said to him, "Come home with me and eat." ¹⁶ The man of God said, "I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.¹⁷ I have been told by the word of the Lord: 'You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.""

- 1 kings 13:11-17 (NIV)



¹⁸ The old prophet answered, "I too am a prophet, as you are. And an angel said to me by the word of the Lord: 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.'" (But he was lying to him.)
- 1 kings 13:18 (NIV)

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!

- Galatians 1:8 (NIV)

⁹As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! - Galatians 1:9 (NIV) ¹⁹ So the man of God returned with him and ate and drank in his house.

- 1 kings 13:19 (NIV)

²⁰ While they were sitting at the table, the word of the Lord came to the old prophet who had brought him back. ²¹ He cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, "This is what the Lord says: 'You have defied the word of the Lord and have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. ²² You came back and ate bread and drank water in the place where he told you not to eat or drink. Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your ancestors.""

- 1 kings 13:20-22 (NIV)

Things to Remember:

When we are disobedient to God's word, there are consequences for it.

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