

# It Matters What You Believe

I Kings 13

- God has been clear in His expectations



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## I Kings 13:7-9 (NKJV)

“Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward." But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place. "For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.'””



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## I Kings 13:16,17 (NKJV)

“And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. "For I have been told by the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.'””



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## Ephesians 5:17 (NKJV)

“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”



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## Ephesians 3:1-4 (NKJV)

“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)”



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## I Kings 13:11-15(NKJV)

“Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king. And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" For his sons had seen which way the man of God went who came from Judah. Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it, and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."”



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## I Timothy 6:3-5(NKJV)

“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.”



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## Deuteronomy 18:20(NKJV)

“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”



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## II Timothy 4:3,4(NKJV)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”



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## Luke 6:26(NKJV)

“Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.”



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## Matthew 7:15(NKJV)

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”



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## II Peter 2:1(NKJV)

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”



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## Galatians 1:8,9(NKJV)

“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”



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Isaiah 40:8(NKJV)

“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.””



God's Word is the standard

1 Peter 1:25(NKJV)

“But the word of the LORD endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.”



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## Psalm 119:160(NKJV)

“The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”



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## Hebrews 5:8,9(NKJV)

“though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”



God expects obedience

I Kings 13:10(NKJV)

“So he went another way and did not return by the way he came to Bethel.”



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James 2:10(NKJV)

“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”



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## God punishes disobedience

### I Kings 13:20-29(NKJV)

“Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back; and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, 'but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.'" So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back. When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse. And there, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown on the road, and the lion standing by the corpse. Then they went and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.”



God punishes disobedience

## II Thessalonians 1:8(NKJV)

“in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



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## II Peter 2:20-22(NKJV)

“For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."”



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