

Influences and accountability

1 Kings 13 & 14

- I. The prophet of Judah and the prophet of Bethel – Accountable for believing lies contrary to God’s word (1 Kings 13:1-31)
  - A. The split altar, the shriveled and healed hand were warnings of God’s judgment on Jeroboam (13:1-6).
  - B. The prophet from Judah resisted temptation to disobey God by eating with king Jeroboam (13:7-10).
  - C. The old prophet of Bethel lied to him, but God judged the prophet of Judah who disobeyed by eating in Bethel (13:11-31).
  1. *We are deeply influenced by our greatest fears (Fear of Jeroboam?).*
  2. *We are deeply influenced by our trusted peers (The Judah prophet deceived by a fellow prophet).*
  3. *God holds us accountable for full obedience – even we are deceived by other Christians.*
  
- II. Ahijah the prophet – Faithfully speaking God’s word of judgment to Jeroboam (1 Kings 14)
  - When Jeroboam sent his wife to inquire about their sick son, Ahijah declared God’s judgment (14:1-18).
  1. *God honors those who are courageously faithful to his word by using them throughout their lives.*
  2. *If God addresses our disobedience, how much more will he judge the world (Proverbs 11:31; 1 Peter 4:17-18)*