Disrespecting The Word of God

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INTRODUCTION

- Old Testament history is beneficial to us today because it teaches us lessons.
- The only thing better from learning from your own mistakes is to learn from somebody else's mistakes so that you don't have to make those same mistakes.
- This tragic story of Jeroboam disregarding and failing to live up to the legacy that God had planned for him, that it all started with disrespecting the word of God.

1 The Tragedy of King Jeroboam

1 Kings 13:33; 1 Kings 11:37–38; 1 Kings 14:10–11

- The greatest crime that Jeroboam was guilty of is this one. He changed the object of worship.
- So he's changed the object of worship. He's changed the place of worship. He's changed the priesthood. And he'll change the day of worship.
- If you heed all that I command you, walk in my ways, and do what is right in my sight to keep my statutes and my commandments, as my servant David did.
- He squandered the opportunities that God had given him, the blessings that God had afforded him.
- I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and I will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel.

2 The Tragedy in Bethel, the House of God

Genesis 28:12–19

- The word Bethel itself literally means the house of God.
- Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, Surely the Lord is in this place. And I did not know it.
- How awesome is this place. There's none other than the house of God. And this is the gate of heaven.
- Jeroboam, a poor student of history and a poorer servant of God, goes to that very location and sets up an altar to golden calves.
- Jeroboam changed Bethel. It's no longer the house of God. It was the house of corruption, the house of deceit, the house of sin.

3 The Tragedy of the Man of God

1 Kings 13:18–19; Galatians 1:6–8

- And the man of God correctly says, No. God told me not to.
- An angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.
- But then he loses his way. When he's deceived by the other guy who's lying to him and says, But God told me something different.
- Paul says, God's word is established. It doesn't matter who might come along.

- Study the word of God. Know what it is and what it says. But be warned. Not everybody is speaking the word of God.

4 What Happens When We Disrespect the Word of God

- First of all, those who do the disrespecting are negatively affected.
- It really begins, and maybe we could even say ends with the fact is that he did not respect the word of God.
- Secondly, when we disrespect God's word, others are influenced.
- The house of God is affected. Bethel, the house of God, became a place of shame. When it should have been a place of honor.
- And then lastly and most importantly, God is displeased when we disregard his word.
- That's how God feels when his word is disrespected.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What will I do with his word? Will I honor it? Will I obey it? Or will I disrespect it?**

MY NOTES