

FINAL STUDY NOTES – *1 Kings Chapters 12-13!* 2/2-3/2026

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Review:

(1Ki 11:38,42-43) (To Jeroboam) Then it shall be, 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, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. [42] And the period that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. [43] Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

OPENING PRAYER

IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE

1 KINGS – Chapter 12 – The Revolt Against Rehoboam – (vs. 1-24); Jeroboam’s Gold Calves – (vs. 25-33); Chapter 13 – The Message of the Man of God – (vs. 1-10); Death of the Man of God – (vs. 11-34)!

Rehoboam's Folly - 1Ki 12:1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.

- **Shechem is in the area of the tribe of Ephraim.** It was one of the first places that Abraham built an altar when he came into the land. This is going to be his coronation service where Rehoboam expects to be anointed the next king of all twelve of the united tribes of Israel.

1Ki 12:2 So it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it (he was still in Egypt, for he had fled from the presence of King Solomon and had been dwelling in Egypt),

- **Jeroboam was a natural leader. The prophet Ahijah, had come to him,** and tore his new robe, and he gave him ten pieces, saying “The kingdom of Israel is going to be torn, and ten tribes are to be given to you.” Solomon heard of this prophecy and sought to slay Jeroboam to keep it from fulfillment. Jeroboam fled to Egypt for safety, but now that he hears the death of Solomon, he returns.

1Ki 12:3-4 that they sent and called him. Then Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, [4] "Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

- **There is a legitimate complaint. Solomon had been a great king,** leaving the kingdom in good shape outwardly. Yet inwardly in the hearts of the citizens they were really frustrated and resentful over the **terrible tax burden on them.** Also Solomon had raised up a large, forced labor force that was mandatory that he would just draft people into.
- **They requested some tax relief; give us lower taxes, and then they promised to serve Rehoboam.** Behind that request there was an implied threat that they would revolt if their request were not taken seriously. So this is a big deal that happens here.

1Ki 12:5-6 So he said to them, "Depart for three days, then come back to me." And the people departed. [6] Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, "How do you advise me to answer these people?"

- **These people.** Notice Rehoboam’s attitude as he refers to the people as these people. He is already seeing himself a little higher than he ought. So he goes to the older men. They had been advisers to his father and had some wisdom and all. He asked them, what do I say in response to this request?

1Ki 12:7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

- **You can solidify yourself as king over them.** Just go ahead and give in to their demands. But he did not like that counsel. He was impetuous, he was young. They recommended humility on his part that he would just have the heart of a servant in dealing with these people. (**Tit 3:2**) *to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.*
- **Is the level of my humility more like (Titus 3:2) showing all humility to all men, or that of Rehoboam? Am I looking at others, with the Lord’s help, to love, care for, and serve them or to rule over “these people?”**

1Ki 12:8-10 But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. [9] And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?" [10] Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist!'

- It says twice, they had grown up with him and stood in the court of the king. This is an entire generation that grew up with a silver spoon in their mouth in the court of Solomon, the wealthiest throne the world had ever seen to date. They never lacked or worked for anything. Growing up in the court of Solomon, they had no idea what was happening in the life of the working man in the nation. They were out of touch with the people.
- **“You think you have had it tough, man?** You know, you have not seen anything yet!”

1Ki 12:11 And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!"

- **These younger men are encouraging Solomon to tell them** that you think your taxes sting now? Do you think life stings now? It is only going to be like one piece of leather whip compared to what I am

going to lay on you. If you want to continue to maintain the standard of living that Solomon your father had, you better put these people in their place. You better show them who is boss that might makes right, and you better knock them down and put them in their place.

1Ki 12:12-14 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had directed, saying, "Come back to me the third day." [13] Then the king answered the people roughly, and rejected the advice which the elders had given him; [14] and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!"

- Be careful who you make your counselors, your influencers in life, as it will set the course of our life. Rehoboam made the wrong people his influencers, and he is going to pay a pretty price for it.
- **Who is influencing you tonight? Whether you are young or old, who or what is the single greatest influence for your decision-making right now? If it is not God and godly people, then you are being set up for a gigantic fall.**
- **What Rehoboam is doing here, any leader that thinks that he is smarter** in every way than everyone else is a very foolish leader. People are a lot smarter than they are given credit for. That leader has no future.
- **When someone brings some word to me**, I want to take that to the Lord in prayer and see what He has to say! I do it, even if it sounds unbelievable, because I might not be able to see what I need to see. Something is happening here and it is probably something that I need to learn in this situation.
- **If a leader does not have that kind of respect**, a mutual respect for those that he or she leads in life and certainly in the body of Christ, then we are going to set ourselves up for the kind of rebellion that Rehoboam basically forces the people into.

1Ki 12:15 So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from the LORD, that He might fulfill His word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

- **Looking behind the scene, this is a fulfillment of prophecy.** God had spoken through Ahijah that Jeroboam was to be given ten tribes. God sovereignly used the foolishness of Rehoboam, which he wanted and chose to do, to fulfill Ahijah's prophecy. **Without interfering with man's free will, God guides** the course of events, and accomplishes His purposes! This is a good example of this!

The Kingdom Divided

1Ki 12:16 Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying: "What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!" So Israel departed to their tents.

- The people see that Rehoboam does not care about them or listen to them. He tries a power play. He is just bludgeoning them with threats to yield to him. What Rehoboam does not realize as a king and as a leader, without the people, he is nobody. He is nothing. You cannot rule without people, that are willing to have you rule over them. This is just foolishness. He forces them into this rebellion and they make their formal declaration of secession from the union.

1Ki 12:17-18 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah. [18] Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was in charge of the revenue; but all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to Jerusalem.

- **How absolutely foolish of Rehoboam!** His behavior has caused a revolt by the ten northern tribes. Now on top of saying he will increase their taxes, he has the gall to send Adoram, his chief tax collector, right into the middle of the situation. The result was obvious. Adoram was stoned to death! Now Rehoboam knows the ten tribes were serious about their rebellion.

1Ki 12:19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

- **It was that way until 1948.** We have seen a miracle in the last hundred years, as a nation regathered back to the mountains of Israel. In the days of Judah, Jerusalem and Judea looked on Galilee of the Gentiles as not being kosher. There was still a division in the way they thought of each other. But in 1948, as in **(Eze 37:19) say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it,**

with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand." For the first time in thousands of years, the nation is not divided. Now there is one nation there!

1Ki 12:20 Now it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come back, they sent for him and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

- The only ones that followed Judah and Rehoboam were in the south, the tribe of Judah (including Benjamin). Everybody else, the ten tribes, followed Jeroboam in the north.

1Ki 12:21 And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred and eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

- Rehoboam was going to wage war against Jeroboam. He was going to try to force them back.

1Ki 12:22-24 But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, [23] "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, [24] 'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me." Therefore they obeyed the word of the LORD, and turned back, according to the word of the LORD.

- Rehoboam finally listens to some godly counsel here and averts a civil war at that time.

Jeroboam's Golden Calves

1Ki 12:25-28 Then Jeroboam built Shechem (Fortifying the city, making it the capital of the northern kingdom) **in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel.** [26] And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: [27] If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah." [28] Therefore the king asked advice, **made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!"**

- Jeroboam started reasoning, if the people go back to Jerusalem three times a year, which was required unto the law, the three major feasts to present yourself before God in Jerusalem. When they see the glorious temple, the worship and the sacrifices, and all, surely they will think, "Oh man, we made a mistake setting up the kingdom, you know we should be united. So in order to keep them from this reuniting, He decided that he would make two calves of gold.
- Listen, this is too much for you. I have developed a religion that is a lot more convenient than that Jerusalem thing down there. He sought to make an easy religion for the people, making it easy for them to worship their gods. "You do not have to go to Jerusalem, that is too hard of a journey. We will make it easy on you. These two golden calves, they are your gods. We will set one up in Dan, way up north and also one in in Bethel, in the south so that those in the southern portion, can worship there.
- Forget about any self-sacrifice. (Mat 16:24) Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- Why in the world would they listen to him? Possibly because Solomon had set the stage for idolatry in Israel. Solomon had built high places, false altars and temples to other gods right in the face of the living God, right on the Mount of Olives.

1Ki 12:29-30 And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. [30] Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.

- We remember God had come to Jeroboam and by the prophet Ahijah who had said to him, listen, I am rejecting Solomon and his lineage as king in part, and I am going to give you ten of the twelve tribes to rule over as king, because of Solomon's sins. Number one, he is causing my people to disobey Me, disobey My word and My commandments! And number two, he is leading them into idolatry.
- **Jeroboam who knows full well why Solomon has been rejected by God, but he repeats the very same sins, as if God had not spoken to him at all!** There is something about power, that you get in there

and have it, you just throw off all of these warnings that like they do not matter anymore. Having power seems to be very seductive. So Jeroboam established this religious system based upon idolatry, devising an entire religious system again of his own making, just as all of the cults have done.

1Ki 12:31 *He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.*

- Most of the Levites went with Rehoboam to Jerusalem. God had declared that the priests were to come from the sons of Levi. Jeroboam was just pulling anybody and everybody in and making priests out of them.

1Ki 12:32 *Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that was in Judah* (The Feast of Tabernacles, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, according to God's law), *and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made.*

- People are bound by these traditions, and they are deeply ingrained, they are just a part of our whole makeup, the celebrating of these things, and we look forward to them. So, Rehoboam copied the Feast in Judah, setting it up in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, which would more or less take care of them in the north, offering their sacrifices before the two golden calves.

1Ki 12:33 *So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.*

- Easy religions are the invention of man. They are things that a person makes up in his own heart, yet they are a snare to the people.

A Man of God Confronts Jeroboam

1Ki 13:1 *And behold, a man of God* (unnamed – 15x) *went from Judah to Bethel by the word (12x this chapter) of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.*

- Jeroboam was there ready to burn incense, for he made himself a priest in his new religion.

1Ki 13:2 *Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you* (purpose of desecrating the altar).

- This man of God comes to the altar that Jeroboam had built in Bethel to this very public kind of worship service. He makes this remarkable prophecy: Number one, concerning a man, named Josiah, who would come and bring judgment to this altar that they were worshiping before! Number two, he prophesied against the altar itself.
- This man's prophecy here is one of the most remarkable in Scripture because it predicted the name and the actions of a king, Josiah, who would not be born or come on the scene for 290 years. Josiah, who was one of the greatest kings of Judah. We read, just as was prophesied, Josiah went up north to the city of Bethel. **(2Ki 23:15)** *Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and crushed it to powder, and burned the wooden image.*

1Ki 13:3-6 *And he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out."* [4] So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Arrest him!" Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered, so that he could not pull it back to himself. (It was locked) [5] *The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.*

[6] *Then the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please entreat the favor of the LORD your (not "my" but your) God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me."* So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and became as before.

- **This prophecy is quite fascinating.** Three hundred years before, “A man is going to be born of Judah, named Josiah. He is going to come to take your priests and destroy them, and to burn bones, defiling the altar. So this is a two-part prophecy, one part to be fulfilled 300 years into the future and another part to be fulfilled immediately in front of their eyes!
- **He broke the images in pieces and the groves, filling their places with the bones of men.** Moreover the very altar and high place that was at Bethel, which Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin, stamping it into small powder, and he burned the grove. As Josiah spied the sepulchers, he took the bones and burned them upon the altar, polluting it!
- **Three hundred and twenty five years later, exactly what he said would happen, did happen** even naming Josiah as the fellow that would do it! So it tells of Josiah, his reformation, how he actually went on up to Bethel, destroying the altar and so forth.
- **So the king then stretched forth his hand, it froze.** He said, “Hey pray for me!” Pray to Jehovah your God!” He prayed and the king's hand was healed. But the altar, as he said, as a sign that it would happen, did break, and the ashes poured out.

1Ki 13:7-10 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward." [8] 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. [9] 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.' [10] So he went another way and did not return by the way he came to Bethel.

- **So the king is offering now a reward** for “bringing my healing,” and the man of God said, “No, the one who sent me here told me, don’t stay, don’t drink any water, don’t eat, don’t tarry in this place, in fact I’m not even to go home by the same way.” At this point, the young prophet is totally obedient!

The Prophet's Disobedience

1Ki 13:11-17 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. [12] 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. [13] Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it, [14] 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." [15] Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread." [16] 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. [17] 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.' "

- Still at this point, the man of God is holding firm to God’s word.

1Ki 13:18 He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and 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.' " (He was lying to him.)

- **We need to understand that lying prophets do exist.** So when a person comes and says, God told me to tell you this, we must not drop our discernment! We must test it to see whether I am going to accept that as a true prophecy or not from God. There must be discernment, there needs to be testing, there needs to be judgment. The Bible says, Test all things and hold fast to that which is good. We must never elevate the message of an angel above the word of God! (*Gal 1:8*) 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.
- **Be obedient to the word of God! The application for us is that we, having the Bible, must test any supernatural revelation by the word of God because that is unmistakable. We can never go wrong with that. How clear am I on that?**
- **Also note here that this young prophet very naively forgot that God never, ever cancels his words** to his people, a prophecy, or a word that he had given to him, “Do not stick around, do not eat here, leave another way.” God never changes His mind concerning a personal prophecy or a piece of instruction that He has given to us without informing us of that.

- **Never, ever make a decision that violates the Word of God or violates some known revelation** that God has given to you that is given you by some other person. If God has spoken something to me, and I believe that it has come from Him, then if somebody comes to me and says, God told me to tell you this, if what that person is saying to me is not to be followed!
- **Note that after rightly and obediently going to the king and pronouncing judgment** on disobedience and standing firm when the king invited him to come and eat; and even going back home another way, **he now let's his guard down and does the exact thing** he had come to prophesy against - **that of being disobedient to God's word!** What a great lesson for us!
- **You must never ever make a major or even a small decision in life based upon a word God has given to you by someone else.** That word should always be a confirmation of something God has already spoken to you! Take it to the Lord in prayer and He then confirms with you privately that that is or is not of Him.
- **The young prophet did not do this! He makes a major mistake in all of this. We must learn for ourselves so we do not make the same mistake by ever responding to any new thing given to us, even by an angel, that contradicts in any way that which we have received from Him!**

1 Ki 13:19-22 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water. [20] Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the (old) prophet who had brought him back; [21] 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, [22] 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. ' "

- The young prophet who said to obey the word of the LORD, must also live by the same standard.
- Now he does the same thing and disobeys the Word of God. God then will hold him to the same standard that he held those too at Bethel. He has weakened the word of the LORD in that he has compromised it by his conduct.
- It weakened the message that he had proclaimed. Compromising sin always weakens the message that God gives us to proclaim. It is always a tragedy it is when it happens! We may think it is no big deal, but it is a big deal! It is such a big deal here that because of the young prophet's being inconsistent with his message of obedience that he will be killed and not buried in the tomb of your fathers. Hey man, you are not going to make it home. You are dead.
- **Do I clearly see and understand that my sin will always compromise my witness for God?**

1Ki 13:23-25 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. [24] 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. [25] 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.

- So here is an interesting story. God sent this young man with this deliberate command, “Do not eat bread, do not drink water, do not stay in that place, but even come home another way.” Now an old prophet goes after him, saying, I am a prophet too! An angel of the Lord came and said, “Go get him, and bring him back.” He was lying to him. But the young man consented!
- This young prophet, listened to him, came back and it cost him his life! The lion and the donkey just stood there, alongside the dead corpse, just to show that it was from the LORD.
- So people that were passing by saw this strange thing. There is a dead body there, the guy had been killed by the lion, but the lion was just standing there, and the donkey was standing there. So they came in to town, and they said what they saw. This situation also came to the old prophet.

1 Ki 13:26-32 Now when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard it, he said, "It is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of the LORD. Therefore the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him." [27] And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for

me." So they saddled it. [28] Then he went and found his corpse thrown on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse nor torn the donkey. [29] And the prophet took up the corpse of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. So the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him. [30] Then he laid the corpse in his own tomb; and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!" [31] So it was, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. [32] For the saying which he cried out by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the shrines on the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, will surely come to pass."

- He confirms that what this guy has said will indeed happen, and of course, it did!

1Ki 13:33 After this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again he made priests from every class of people for the high places; whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

1Ki 13:34 And this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam, so as to exterminate and destroy it from the face of the earth.

- You would think that Jeroboam would have repented! You would think that this would have been really a sign to the king, say, "Wait! I have taken a wrong course here!" His hand freezes! God heals him, and all. You would think that he would've taken heed. You know God is so good to us. He does not let us just go into folly, without first of all warning us. Then we make our choices.
- *Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but he made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: and whosoever would, he consecrated him*, ordaining everybody into the priesthood! So this sin sealed the fate of Jeroboam!

SUMMARY

- **Is the level of my humility more like (Titus 3:2) showing all humility to all men, or that of Rehoboam? Am I looking at others, with the Lord's help, to love, care for, and serve them or to rule over "these people?"**
- **Who is influencing you tonight?** Whether you are young or old, who or what is the single greatest influence for your decision-making in your life right now? If it is not God and godly people, then you are being set up for a gigantic fall.
- **Be obedient to the word of God!** The application for us is that we, having the Bible, must test any supernatural revelation by the word of God because that is unmistakable. We can never go wrong with that. How clear am I on that?
- **The young prophet did not do this!** He makes a major mistake in all of this. We must learn for ourselves so we do not make the same mistake by ever responding to any new thing given to us, even by an angel, that contradicts in any way that which we have received from Him!
- **Do I clearly see and understand that my sin will always compromise my witness for God?**
- **Oh, the word of God, how important and precious it is!**

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET! Amy Grant Michael W. Smith (1:55/1:58)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (2X)

When I feel afraid Think I've lost my way Still you're there right beside me

And nothing will I fear As long as you are near Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (2X)

I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide And hold me to your side I will love you to the end

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near Please be near me to the end

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And a light unto my path You're the light unto my path

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study *I Kings, Chapters 14-16*