

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 29
1 Kings 14 – 22, John 8 - 10

1st Kings 14: Jeroboam's doom

Key Point:

Turning to God only when we have a need, rather than turning to God from the heart in obedience, will never take the place of our need to put away our evil ways and follow Him.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 14:10 (NLT)

I will bring disaster on your dynasty and will destroy every one of your male descendants, slave and free alike, anywhere in Israel. I will burn up your royal dynasty as one burns up trash until it is all gone.

1st Kings 15: Abijah and Asa in Judah

Key Point:

It is possible to be faithful in general but still fall into error. It should be our goal to live as fully and authentically for God as we possibly can.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 15:11 (NLT)

Asa did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight, as his ancestor David had done.

1st Kings 16: Elah, Zimri, Omri & Ahab in Israel

Key Point:

It is foolish to think we can ignore the warnings of God and not receive the consequences of willful rebellion.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 16:25 (NLT)

But Omri did what was evil in the Lord's sight, even more than any of the kings before him.

1st Kings 17: Elijah's drought

Key Point:

God may choose to provide for us in unexpected ways – our response should be gratitude and reception rather than legalistic rejection.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 17:1 (NLT)

Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, “As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!”

1st Kings 18: Elijah’s “god” test

Key Point:

If God is God, then follow him! The evidence of prophecy, archaeology, logic, science and other disciplines show that God is God – so follow him!

Key Verse - 1st Kings 18:27 (NLT)

About noontime Elijah began mocking them. “You’ll have to shout louder,” he scoffed, “for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is daydreaming, or is relieving himself. Or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be wakened!”

1st Kings 19: Elijah’s not alone

Key Point:

God is not indifferent to our weaknesses and frailty, but when refreshed and renewed we should expect to get back into the ministry God has for us.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 19:18 (NLT)

Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!”

1st Kings 20: Ahab vs Ben-hadad

Key Point:

We will be held responsible to guard what God entrusts to us so we must guard ourselves to be faithful to our calling.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 20:1 (NLT)

About that time King Ben-hadad of Aram mobilized his army, supported by the chariots and horses of thirty-two allied kings. They went to besiege Samaria, the capital of Israel, and launched attacks against it.

1st Kings 21: Naboth’s vineyard

Key Point:

Mercy from God is ALWAYS undeserved, but God is in the business of reaching out to all human beings – even the worst of us.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 21:16 (NLT)

So Ahab immediately went down to the vineyard of Naboth to claim it.

1st Kings 22: Micaiah’s prophesy

Key Point:

A clear direction from God will always be in accord with God’s revealed word (the Bible) so just hearing advise that we like to hear is not always advise from God.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 22:28 (NLT)

But Micaiah replied, “If you return safely, it will mean that the Lord has not spoken through me!” Then he added to those standing around, “Everyone mark my words!”

John 8: Caught but Taught

Key Point:

Jesus openly declared He was God in the flesh and openly challenges everyone to either believe in Him and have everlasting life or choose eternal death.

Key Verse - John 8:58 (NLT)

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am!”

John 9: Blind & Blinder

Key Point:

Pride, envy, and self-seeking can blind us to the obvious principles of God that should guide us in how to live.

Key Verse - John 9:41 (NLT)

“If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.

John 10: Claim to be God

Key Point:

Jesus will make Himself plain to anyone who truly seeks Him – but those who demand a proof from an unbelieving heart will miss that proof even when it’s right in their face.

Key Verse - John 10:33 (NLT)

They replied, “We’re stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God.”