

GOD'S SCOURGE

2 Kings 10

FROM PASTOR MARK

The lives of Elijah and Elisha remind us that, "God buries his workers, but continues His work." According to 1 Kings 19:15-17, Elijah was to anoint Elisha, Jehu, and Hazael. Elijah did anoint Elisha; but it was Elisha who anointed Hazael and one of Elisha's disciples who anointed Jehu. Pastor Phillip introduced us to Jehu in 2 Kings 9 and reminded us that, "God judges sin in His time and His way." Chapter 10 unfolds more about God's justice and the need to evaluate our true heart.

I. JEHU'S PURGE AND MIXED MESSAGES (10:1-27)

- The Trauma in Samaria...
 - The Horror in Jezreel...
 - Jonadab, Jehu's new best friend...
 - The Massacre at the Temple of Baal...
- A. Fulfillment of God's Mission (9:6-10)
- B. Fulfillment of God's Word (10:10)
- C. Violation of Godly Standards
1. The Gruesome Death of Innocents
 2. The Deception and Bold Face Lies
- D. What are we to make of Jehu?

II. JEHU'S REIGN AND ACTUAL HEART (10:28-36) "But... But..."

- A. His Idolatry and God's Mercy (29-30)
- B. His Disobedience and Unrepentance (31)
- C. God's Chastening and Israel's Decline (31-36)

Taking it Home: *Trust in God's sovereign plan... and keep your own heart fully devoted to Him.*

FOR NEXT TIME: Read 2 Kings 11, *Saving Christmas*

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. God used Jehu to bring judgment. How do events like those of 2 Kings 10 remind us that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a) and that people need the Savior (Romans 6:23b)?

2. Read 2 Kings 10:28-31. How does the mixed evaluation of Jehu remind us to check our own heart commitment to follow God fully?
3. Discuss Pastor Mark's main take home truth for this message: *Trust in God's sovereign plan... and keep your own heart fully devoted to Him.*
4. Give thanks for IBC's Anniversary offering last week of over \$150,000.
5. Spend some time counting your blessings, sharing your Thanksgiving plans, and asking prayer for any unsaved loved ones or friends that you will see over the holiday.
6. Next Sunday evening, November 26, Life Group may certainly meet if that works for you; but there will be no Children's Music ministry or child care.