

# Inquiring the Wrong Source

2 Kings 1:1-17a

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## 2 Kings 1

- 1) Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.
- 2) Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury."
- 3) But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'
- 4) Now therefore, thus says the LORD: 'You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.' " So Elijah departed.

## 1. *An evil inquiry*

### 2 Kings 1:2

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## 2. *An honor-keeping interception*

### 2 Kings 1:3-4

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### 3. An indignant response

#### 2 Kings 1:5-8

- 5) And when the messengers returned to him, he said to them, "Why have you come back?"
- 6) So they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.' " ' "
- 7) Then he said to them, "What kind of man was it who came up to meet you and told you these words?"
- 8) So they answered him, "A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

### 3. An indignant response

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## 4. *An in-person indictment*

### 2 Kings 1:15-17a

- 15) And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.
- 16) Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.' "
- 17) So Ahaziah died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken.

# The Challenge

Let's honor God as we live according to His Word and as He is the right and only Source we will ever need to live fully for Him.



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