



FOUNTAIN OF HOSANNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

BIBLE STUDY SERIES: THE OLD PROPHETS (Part 7)

Tuesday, 26 March 2019

Key Scripture: Ephesians 4:14

Central Text: 1 Kings 13

HOW TO OVERCOME THE OLD PROPHET PATTERNS (MANIFESTATIONS)

1. Talk more with God than with a man

The man of God started his ministry with God and HIS Word but as soon as he delivered the message he began talking with men – **1 Kings 13:6-8**. What transgression! The fact that God answers our prayers or when evil is averted does not always mean we are right! We should not become sympathetic or emotional and thereby deviate a little bit by some little-little interferences.

2. Confess God's promises daily

God's promises are sure and pure - **Proverbs 30:5** and **Psalms 119:160**. The man of God, in our text, confessed the Word of the Lord but he was not affirmative enough. Daily confession of God's promises builds walls of confidence, assurance, and confirmation by faith, knowing that HE who promised is faithful - **1 Thessalonians 5:24**

This confession should not only come from our lips but from the heart, in this way nothing will influence this demonstrative persuasion of our confession of God's Words. Read **1 John 1:1**

3. Listen to God's voice and not the voice of men

Listening is deeper than hearing. The human race fell in the Garden of Eden when man **listened** to the voice of another apart from God's cf. **Genesis 3:17**. Let us read 1 Kings 13:13-19. Jesus Christ tells us to be careful of such words in the last days - **Mark 13:22-23. IF YOU KNOW WHAT IS WRITTEN, YOU CANNOT BE WRITTEN OFF.**



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4. Be fully persuaded of God's promises

The young Prophet, however, believed that all Prophets are the same, but he was wrong because he just met a deceiver - **1 Kings 13:18**. This is nothing but a familiar spirit just like what happened to Paul and his Brethren in **Acts 16:17-18**. *Beloved, do not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God; for many false Prophets have gone forth into the world.* **1 John 4:1**

5. Set Jesus as your "Perfect Mentor" and not any man – Hebrews 12:2

Any attempt to replace the ultimate position of God in our lives often puts us on the offensive side of God. The man of God saw equality in the office with the Old Prophet and respected human 'age-factor' in the Old Prophet. With these considerations, it was difficult for the young man to say, "*I'll rather obey God than men*" – **Acts 5:29**.

The Bible teaches respect for elders, leaders, and men of God but did not instruct us to place them above God neither for them to place themselves above the flock - **1 Peter 5:3** - *Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.*

If we set men as mentors above Jesus, the following and much more will happen:

- i. We do not see their errors and fall into multiple errors
- ii. We become men-pleasers with eye service
- iii. We become unwise due to comparison
- iv. We offend God and miss the mark
- v. We lose the voice of God

Conclusion

No one is infallible. Be on your guard more than yesterday because we are in the very last days. May God keep us from falling away – 2 Thessalonians 2:3; Revelation 3:10, Amen. Let us Pray.