

Why Are We Doing This?

2 Kings records the story of the call and fall of Jehu. He was an aggressive, "get it done" kind of military leader. Anointed by one of the prophets sent by Elisha, Jehu was told to eliminate the house of Ahab.

2 Kings 9:7-10

vs. 7 "And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel."

vs. 8 "For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:"

vs. 9 "And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:"

vs. 10 "And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled."

When Joram met Jehu the issue was clear; Jehu was out to get rid of Jezebel and the trouble in the kingdom.

2 Kings 9:22 "And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

Jezebel, the wife of deceased Ahab, was thrown down from the window.

2 Kings 9:32 "And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs."

vs. 33 "And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot."

Joram was killed, along with the seventy sons of Ahab, and soon the false prophets and relatives of Ahab were all gone.

2 Kings 10:11 "So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining."

Jehu saw and preached that God's Word would always come to pass.

2 Kings 10:10 "Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah."

In the following verses we find Jehu destroying all the worshipers of Baal. He was zealous, passionate, and thorough. The problem came when the battle was over.

Tragedy came when the fight was over and the call of God was completed. The problem was that he broke down the images of Baal in 2 Kings 10:27, then set up the golden images of Jeroboam in 2 Kings 10:29. He was doing his job; but forgot why he had the job, he forgot the reason for everything. We need standards, but we must understand that standards are a reflection of our dedication to God. For a lady to wear a modest dress to the bar is meaningless. The dress is to be a reflection of a separated life, not some casual outward rule to keep.

1. Preachers forget they are called to walk with God. Many a preacher preaches God's Word yet has no prayer life nor personal Bible reading. The preacher may be zealous for the Lord's work but has forgotten why he was called. The man is called to walk with God. All of the other duties he performs are useless without a relationship to God. (Micah 6:8)
2. Preachers often preach the part of the Bible that is "palatable" but neglect the delicate portions of Scripture. He serves God, but in actuality, serves men; for he avoids any message that might offend the audience -- forgetting Who called him and Who owns the church.
3. Understanding the "Why" will prevent the pastor from telling young people to run with the right crowd while parking himself in front of a TV filled with the wrong crowd. We must be on guard, or we will set up our own golden calves while killing the prophets of Baal.

May we remember our calling, our purpose, and our mission.

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