

Word of God 26  
“Prophetical Purpose/Posture”  
1 Kings 15-22

Review from last week: “Prophetical Profanity”

1. Who are you listening to?
2. Who do you trust?
3. Does it matter?
4. List examples of the importance of discernment (good and bad)..
  - a. Eve listened to Satan (Jesus rebuffed Scripture w/ S)
  - b. Adam listened to Eve...
  - c. Noah listened to God vs. the crowds
  - d. Abram listen to God with “going” & “sacrificing”
  - e. Isaac listened to “dad”/God vs his flesh & logic...
  - f. Moses listened to God vs the trappings of his world
  - g. Israel to “10 spies” vs 2...
  - h. Joshua... to God vs traditional battle strategies...
  - i. Israel (sadly) to Korah vs Moses
  - j. David... to God vs the towering Goliath...
  - k. Samson to Delilah....
  - l. Ananias & Sapphira to greed vs God...
  - m. Blind man to Jesus vs the darkness...
  - n. Cripple man to Jesus vs his mat...
  - o. Jude vs those he was “contending with for the faith”
  - p. Cain, Pharaoh, Northern kings... to pride vs prophets!

5. **1 Kings 13:18:**

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- Proof = 1<sup>st</sup> biblical prophecy = Gen. 3:15...

Abraham, Isaac & Jacob... In **Psalm 105:14-15** we read, “*He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, He reproveth kings for their sakes, saying, **Touch not Mine anointed, and do My Prophets no harm.***” The context clearly identifies these “Prophets.” – A.W. Pink  
Prophets for consideration:

## Review 1 Kings 13

- A. Nathan
- B. (Man of God “sent” from Judah vs old, liar prophet of Bethel)

1. Ahijah = 1 Kings 11:29-33 & ch.14
  - a. 1 Kings 11:29-33 = God speaks thru Ahijah
  - b. 1 Kings 11:29-33 = God promises Jeroboam 10 N tribes
  - c. 1 Kings 14 = Jeroboam sends his wife to deceive Ahijah...
    - God spoke to Ahijah to warn the prophet
  
2. Jehu = 1 Kings 16 & 2 Chronicles 19
  - a. 1 Kings 16:1-3 = Gods speaks thru Jehu
  - b. 1 Kings 16:1-3 = God speaks against king Baasha for evil
  - c. “provoking Him to anger” = frequent prophetic word
  - d. 2 Chronicles 19: Jehu reprimands **Jehoshaphat** for Ahab  
(Note: Jehoshaphat responds w/ God-honoring action)
  
3. **Elijah** = 1 Kings 18 & 21; 2 Chronicles 21:12
  - a. 1 Kings 17
    - v.1 Eli predicts extended drought to Ahab
    - v.2 “the word of the LORD came to him”
    - v.3 God directs his specific steps...
    - v.4 God supernaturally provides for him
    - v.5 He obeys God’s specific instructions
    - v.6 He realizes God’s promises fulfilled...
    - v.7 He deals with real set-backs with God
    - v.8 God speaks to him in great detail
    - v.9 God is supernaturally “hands on”
    - vv.10-24 = Elijah & Widow/son
      - Eli obeys... by “going” & “doing”
      - vv.11-13 = BOLD faith in action...
      - v.16 = “according to the word of the LORD which He spoke thru Elijah.”
      - vv.17-24 = “Son dies & is Raised”
        - \*\*\* Eli is accused of bringing the calamity into their life...
        - \*\*\* God validates Elijah!!!
        - \*\*\* v.22 = “The LORD heard the voice of Elijah and the life of the child returned”
        - \*\*\* v.24 = Eli’s ministry... “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

b. 1 Kings 18

- God sends Elijah back to Ahab (Obadiah)
- NOTE: see exchange between them...
- "Ahab said to him, 'Is this you, you troubler of Israel?'" - v.17
- "Elijah answered him, 'I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and you have followed the Baals.'" - v.18
- ELI CALLS FOR A DIVINE SHOWDOWN  
- 450 Baal & 400 Asherah Prophets

c. 1 Kings 19

d. 1 Kings 21

4. **Prophets of Baal** = 1 Kings 18
5. **Elisha** = 1 Kings 19:15 & 2 Kings 3-7
6. **Micaiah** = 1 Kings 22
7. **Zedekiah + 400 false P's** = 1 Kings 22
8. **100+ Sons of Prophets** = 1 Kings 18:4; 2 Kings 1-5, 9
9. **Shemaiah** = 2 Chronicles 12:15
10. **Iddo** = 2 Chronicles 12:15
11. **Azariah** = 2 Chronicles 15 & 28:9

a. **2 Chronicles 15**

## The Prophet Azariah Warns Asa

**2 Chronicles 15:15** *Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah... 2 and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa... the Lord is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. 3 For many days Israel was without the true God and without a teaching priest and without law. 4 But in their distress they turned to the Lord God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him. 5 In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for many disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 Nation was crushed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every kind of distress. 7 But you, be strong and do not lose courage, for there is reward for your work."*

**8** Now when Asa heard these words and the prophecy which Azariah the son of Oded the prophet spoke, he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. He then restored the altar of the Lord which was in front of the porch of the Lord. **9** He gathered all Judah and Benjamin and those from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon who resided

with them, for many defected to him from Israel when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.

**12** They **entered into the covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and soul**; **13** and whoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman. **14** Moreover, they made an oath to the Lord with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets and with horns. **15 All Judah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him earnestly, and He let them find Him. So the Lord gave them rest on every side.**

**16** He also removed Maacah, the mother of King Asa, from the position of queen mother, because she had made a horrid image as an Asherah, and Asa cut down her horrid image, crushed it and burned it at the brook Kidron.

12. Hanani

a. 2 Chronicles 16 (warns Asa)

### **Asa Imprisons the Prophet**

- a. **7** At that time **Hanani the seer came to Asa** king of Judah and said to him, "Because you have relied on the king of Aram and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand. **8** Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim an immense army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand.
- b. **9** **For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.** You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."
- c. **10** Then **Asa was angry with the seer and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him for this.** And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

13. Jehaziel

= 2 Chronicles 20:14-25

- a. God speaks to **Jehoshaphat** thru Jehaziel... promises to give the battle over to Judah even though they are massively outnumbered... God say: just go and stand there in My name... I will

take care of everything else. God gets the bad guys to turn on themselves, killing 100% of the enemy!

- b.
- 14. **Eliazar** = 2 Chronicles 20:17ff
- a. **Jehoshaphat** had been good but then allies himself with the king of Israel for a boat building venture that the LORD rejects... **DON'T partner with bad guys...**

## ***“Prophetic Predictability”***

2 Chronicles 17-19

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### 2 Chronicles 17:

- A. Jehoshaphat starts out GREAT!
  - a. He honors God...
  - b. God “establishes” him.
  - c. vv.7-9 = He commits as king to discipling the people...
  - d. v.10 = “therefore... all surrounding nations feared him/them...”
- B. **Key Words: PRIORITIES & POSITION**

### 2 Chronicles 18:

- A. **v.1** Jehoshaphat makes a very bad choice/alliance with evil King Ahab  
**Key Word: PLAN** (“man-plan” vs God’s plan)
- B. **v.2-3** Jehoshaphat agrees to go to war with Ahab without consulting God  
**Key Word: Pre-MATURE**

- C. v.4 Jehoshaphat eventually asks Ahab to *“seek the LORD’s word”*  
**Key Word: PROPER** (but post-script!)
- D. v.5 Ahab gets 400 “prophets” to tell him what he wants to hear: Go fight!  
**Key Word: PERSUASIVE**
- E. v.6 Jehoshaphat asks: “Is there one prophet of the LORD” to find?  
**Key Word: PROPHET**
- F. v.7 Ahab responds: “There’s one... BUT, I HATE him... for he NEVER prophesies ‘good’ for me but ALWAYS evil.”  
**Key Word: PREDICTABLE** (Note: “passionate” also applies)
- G. v.8-11 Zedekiah & 400+ “prophets” preach what itching ears want to hear  
**Key Word: POPULAR**
- H. v.12 Micaiah is commanded to mimic the message of the false prophets...  
**Key Word: PRESSURE**
- I. v.13 Micaiah’s response: *“What my God says, that I will speak!”* (Jeremiah 1)  
**Key Words: PREDICTABLE & PASSIONATE**
- J. v.14 Micaiah initially responds with sarcastic, tongue in cheek answer...  
**Key Word: PERCEPTIVE**
- K. v.15-16 Ahab gets angry, Micaiah tells the evil king God’s good plan...  
**Key Word: PATTERN**
- L. v.17 Ahab tells Jehoshaphat: “See, that’s how Micaiah always is...” (Amen!)  
**Key Word: PREDICTABLE**
- M. v.18-22 Challenging biblical/theological truth... (God uses evil at times)  
**Key Word: PLAN**
- N. v.23-26 Zedekiah hit Micaiah & questions the Spirit’s empowerment...  
**Key Words: PRIDE & PERSECUTION**
- O. v.27 Ahab has Micaiah put in prison... Micaiah prophecies against Ahab...  
**Key Word: PREDICT** (with certainty via the Spirit)
- P. v.28-34 Micaiah proven to be a “man of God” when Ahab dies in battle...  
**Key Words: PERSONAL & PROVIDENTIAL**

## 2 Chronicles 19:

A. God sends prophet **Jehu** to **INSTRUCT, INFORM & INSPIRE Jehoshaphat....**

1. *INSTRUCT: v.2 = "Should you help the wicked & love those who hate the LORD, and so bring wrath on yourself from the LORD?"*
2. *INFORM: v.3 = "...but your heart is good overall..."*
3. *INSPIRE: v.4 = Jehoshaphat "brought the people back to the LORD"*

**Key Words: POSTURE & PRACTICE**