



WISDOM



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SERMON NOTES:

- This book covers from 853-586 BC. The Northern Kingdom was captured in 722 BC and Judah completely fell in 586 BC.
 - Amos and Hosea prophesied in the Northern tribe while Isaiah, Joel, Micah, Nahum, Habbakuk, Zephaniah, and Jeremiah prophesied in the Southern tribe.
 - Twenty kings served in the Northern kingdom with NONE being righteous, while twenty kings served in the Southern kingdom with EIGHT being righteous.
 - Elisha served in the place of Elijah (he was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot), two people were brought back to life, the Jordan river was parted twice; however, both the northern and southern kingdoms failed to obey God's commands.
1. Man's authority progresses against God's authority (I Kings 17)
 - The characteristics of rebellion are consistent:
 - i. Sinned (II Kings 17:7)
 - ii. Feared gods (II Kings 17:7)
 - iii. Walked in customs (II Kings 17:8)
 - iv. Secret sins (II Kings 17:9)
 - v. Served idols (II Kings 17:11-12)
 2. God's plan for His people to return to His authority; It's still true today!
 - a. He warns (II Kings 17:13)
 - b. He calls for repentance (II Kings 17:13)
 - c. He commands obedience (II Kings 17:13)
 3. Man must choose God, but often continues to pursue his own authority
 - a. Man doesn't listen (II Kings 17:14)
 - b. Man is stubborn and unbelieving (II Kings 17:14)
 - c. Man despises God and pursues false gods (II Kings 17:15)
 4. God's authority prevails through punishing sin
 - a. God sends Israel into captivity (II Kings 17:18, 22-23)
 - b. God sends Judah into captivity (II Kings 17:19-20)
 5. God gives hope in the midst of punishment
 - a. David's descendant Jehoiachin is given grace (II Kings 25:27, 29)
 - b. If we know that God's authority will always prevail, then the wise choice is to follow Him willingly and completely. He must be God of all, or He's not our God at all!
- God provided some godly kings and several men of God to point the people to truth; yet they wouldn't choose God. Do you choose God through the finished work of Jesus by the calling of Holy Spirit?



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GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Elisha asked Elijah for double portion of the spirit that was upon him (II Kings 2:9). Look at the events in the first 14 chapters and describe how Elisha's portion was doubled Elijah's. Notice the pattern with the Shunammite woman in II Kings 4, 8. Does following God always make sense or is always easy? What are some ways that we struggle when we follow God? What are some of the ways that God showed His power through Elisha?
2. The story of the healing of Naaman in II Kings 5 is a powerful story of healing and hope in the midst of a struggling nation. Describe the points of humility, obedience, power, and healing. As much as there exists hope and healing with Naaman, there is hurt with Gehazi. What is the struggle and the problem? What are some areas that we try to profit from God's workings today?
3. Read II Kings 9-10. Jehu did a lot of good things in wiping out the descendants of Ahab and removing Baal, but he didn't follow God. Good works do not constitute a relationship with Jesus. Read II Kings 10:28-31. Jehu followed Jeroboam rather than Jesus. What are some good works that people do today that do not mean a person has a relationship with Jesus?
4. Three kings that demonstrate a godly reign, but more importantly, a godly relationship with the LORD: Jehoash (II Kings 12); Hezekiah (II Kings 18-20); and Josiah (II Kings 22-23). How did each of these kings live and lead righteously? How did their leadership impact the nation? Which one of the three kings would you like to be and why?
5. Read II Kings 25:27-30. If this passage was not included, then it would appear that God was completely finished with Israel, BUT He shows GRACE to Jehoiachin (descendant of David), even in captivity. It is hard to look for grace in the midst of grief. But for the child of God, it is always there. When you are going through a dark period, how do you normally respond? What are some things you can do to find grace?