

For Our Information

Joyce Venable has been coughing a good bit this week.

Ruben Keisler has an appointment with a foot doctor about an issue with a troublesome toe.

We need to remember those who are dealing with the aftermath of the recent hurricanes. Recovery from such storms is a long term effort.

Remember one another as we pray
to the Father each day

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

final steps of service are back home, where the worship is offered. The form of worship does matter. The proper priesthood does make a difference. The Bible does teach specifics. (**2Chronicles 13:1-12; 2Thessalonians 2:14**)

What was it that held Jehu back? Was his family too deep into bowing down to those golden calves? Did he have such a fascination with identity with the northern tribes that he just couldn't take the step down to the temple in Jerusalem and honor the legitimate priests in the worship? Such a step would have "made the news." It would have made history.

Making the news for us might simply be one soul who repents and the angels in heaven rejoicing. (**Luke 15:7,10,32**) Making history for us might simply be reassurance of the sentence in the Last Day. Success in national or worldly struggles does not necessarily translate into acceptability with God. The world's standards for achievement are not the same as God's standards. Close may count in horse shoes, but not with God. Jehu illustrates the point.

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Jehu: A Successful Man Who Failed

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You need to know the story of Jehu, who was anointed King of the Ten Northern Tribes during the divided kingdom. His story is a tapestry with the stories of Elijah and King Ahab. Jehu was nearly a good king, of whom there were none in the Northern Kingdom, because they all gave in to those golden calves set up by their first king, Jeroboam, and his bootleg priesthood. (**1Kings 12**)

Elijah, who left nothing in writing, was one of God's most effective prophets. He appears with Christ and Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration, and John the Baptist came in the "power and spirit of



So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

2Thessalonians 2:15



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Elijah” by prophecy. (**Luke 1:17**) The name of Elijah was invoked when identifying Christ (**Matthew 16:14**) and at the cross (**Matthew 27:49**). His prayers and signs are held up as an example of what mere mortals can do by the power of prayer. (**James 5:17**)

Elijah’s work saved Israel (and Judah) from total defection to Baal worship and obscurity. King Ahab and Jezebel his wife were militant promoters of their cult, killing the prophets of God, and forcing Baal, along with Asherah his female counterpart, on the people. Elijah’s history-changing challenge to the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel halted the idolatrous movement for the moment. (**1Kings 18**)

But when Elijah heard that Jezebel sought his life, he fled for three days and hid under a Juniper tree, a victim of failed nerves. So God spoke to him, telling him that there was more work to be done, and that: *“I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”* (**1Kings 19:18**) Specifically, God said, *“Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.”* (**1Kings 19:15-16**)

We remember the chariot of fire and Elijah’s ascension into heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha’s receiving his mantle (**2Kings 2**), but the profound work of Elijah continued best when Jehu was anointed king of Israel. Through him God reshaped the landscape for the era.

First, Jehu killed Joram, King of Israel who had taken Ahab’s place. The execution happened in Naboth’s vineyard, which Ahab and Jezebel had treacherously stolen. (**2Kings 9**) Next, Jehu killed

Store In My Heart

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Nobody's perfect. Everyone needs God to be free from sin. We are lost without Him and the redemption found through Christ.

This is why we need to keep God's Word close in our minds. If we fail to keep check on our heart and actions we can so easily slip into the sin that surrounds us.

Putting our trust in Christ and the Word He has given to guide our life will help us avoid and overcome sin. Carrying the Word in our minds will give us constant access to the help that God has provided. The more we depend on God the easier it will be to keep away from the things that may cause us to stumble. Be diligent in your study.

Ahaziah, King of Judah (the Southern Kingdom, through which the promises were ultimately fulfilled). Ahaziah was the son of Ahab’s daughter, who had found her way into King David’s lineage. Then, Jehu killed all the brothers, family, and friends of Ahab in a bloody campaign.

The most audacious act of Jehu came when he invited all the prophets of Baal to come for a “solemn assembly.” He threatened those who didn’t come, pretending to promote Baal himself, offering sacrifices. He even broke out the vestments. He vocally made sure there were no worshipers of Jehovah present, and then he instructed the doors to be shut, and put the sword to all.

“Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.” (**2Kings 10:28**)

The blood on Jehu’s hands was not any more than the blood on King David’s hands. Both had been men of war, who had put to death vicious, ungodly, and treacherous people in their day. But King David was *“a man after God’s own heart,”* whereas, Jehu stumbled at the test of true loyalty to God.

“However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that is, from the golden calves that were at Bethel and Dan.

.... But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.” (**2Kings 10:29,31**)

Defeating God’s outright enemies is not enough if individuals do not turn wholeheartedly to God in worship and submission. We are glad at the great exposure of Atheism, Islam, Hinduism, and other such rebellious insults to Jesus Christ, the son of David. The