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There is only one God in our hearts

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2 Kings 10 reminds us of the dangers of compromise and half-hearted obedience to God's commands. It also emphasizes the importance of following God's ways wholeheartedly and seeking to remove anything that stands in our way in our relationship with Him. Many times, we are very zealous to do something for God, but this does not mean that we have a real knowledge of God's mind and understand the latter part of the event, and we regret to see that Jehu did not eradicate the golden calf in this religious zeal, and he obviously did not see God's mind, but only knew how to carry out God's judgment to destroy the evil of Ahab's house. Today, there are many who preach in the name of the Lord, cast out demons in the name of the Lord, and perform many miracles in the name of the Lord, but the Lord Jesus said, "I never knew you, but depart from me, you evildoers." For no matter how zealous a man may be for God, if he does not have a heart of obedience to God, he will end up like Jehu. Therefore the Lord Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:20)

When we decide to follow God's path wholeheartedly, we embark on a journey filled with faith and devotion. It is not just a superficial commitment, but a determination deeply rooted in the heart to entrust everything to the Most High.

We will face all kinds of challenges and temptations on this path, but we know that God is with us and His strength will be revealed in our weakness. We learn to rely on prayer for guidance and to look for wisdom and revelation in the Bible. In prayer, we develop an intimate relationship with God, and His Word serves as a guiding light for us to move forward.

Following God's ways wholeheartedly means letting go of one's own desires and self-interests and choosing to submit to His will. This may mean giving up some seemingly tempting opportunity or enjoyment, but we are convinced that God's plan is better than our own. We learn to praise the Lord in all things because He is our provider, protector, and leader.

On this path, we will also walk with other Christians, support each other, and grow together. We share each other's joys and worries in our quest for a holier life. We become each other's encouragement and support, helping each other through life's trials and tribulations.

Following God's ways wholeheartedly is not only a responsibility, but also an honor and joy. On this path, we walk with God and experience His endless grace

and love. Our hearts are soothed, and our irritable and chaotic hearts are at peace and calm, knowing that our future is in His hands and our hope is in Him.

Here are a few Bible verses that emphasize the importance of respecting Jehovah with all our hearts:

Exodus 20:3-6:

"Let no other god be before me. Thou shalt not make any image for thyself, nor shall thou bow down to them in heaven or under the earth, nor shall thou bow down to them in heaven or in the waters that are under the earth, nor shall they bow down and serve them: for the Lord thy God is a jealous God, and I will seek redress from him who hates me, and will be gracious to them of a thousand generations, from the father and from the Son, unto the third or fourth generation, to those who love me and keep my commandments. "

Deuteronomy 6:5:

"Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. "

Deuteronomy 10:12-13:

"What does the LORD your God now want from you, O Israel, that thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, walk in all his ways, love him, serve him with all your heart and soul, and keep his commandments and statutes, which I command thee this day, for thy blessing. "

Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and not in your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths." "

These verses emphasize the importance of loving, fearing, relying on, and obeying Jehovah's commands with all our hearts. In the Christian faith, these principles are seen as the cornerstone of the believer's life, guiding them on the path of God.

We pray

God the Father,

We bow our knees and supplicate before you. Today we come to you and pray to you that there is only one God in our hearts, and the only true God is you. Give us

clear eyes and set our hearts on your glory, so that our hearts may no longer be tempted and disturbed by other things in the world.

Lord, we know that there are many idols and nothingness in this world that try to invade our hearts and turn us away from your path. But make our hearts firm and deeply rooted in your truth and love. Let your Holy Spirit work within us, pluck out all thoughts that are not in line with your will, and fill our hearts so that we may come to you with all our hearts.

Lord, let our hearts always have one God, and you are our Creator, Savior, and Master. May we always remember your great love and grace, so that all our deeds and words will be glorious to you. Help us to rely on your Word day in and day out and to demonstrate your lovingkindness and truth in our lives.

Let your name be exalted, your kingdom come, and your will done on earth as it is in heaven.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

2 Kings 10

10:1 Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Jehu wrote to Samaria and informed that the princes of Jezreel were elders and men who brought up the sons of Ahab, saying,

10:2 You have with your lord's sons, and chariots, and horses, and weapons, and fortified cities,

10:3 Upon receiving this faith, you may choose a virtuous and suitable one among your master's sons, so that he may sit in his father's place, and you may fight for your master's house.

10:4 But they were very afraid, and they said, "How can we stand before the two kings, if they cannot stand before him?"

10:5 And the ruler of the house, and the ruler of the city, and the elders, and the men who had brought up the sons, sent unto Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and all that thou hast commanded us shall do, and we will not make any one king, but thou shalt do whatever is good as thou shalt do.

10:6 And Jehu wrote to them, saying, If you will be unto me, and hearken unto my voice, you will bring the heads of the sons of your lord to me to Jezreel at this time. Seventy of the king's sons dwelt in the noble families of the city where they were raised.

10:7 And when the faith came, they slew seventy of the king's sons, and put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jezreel Jehu.

10:8 And messengers came to Jehu, saying that they had sent the heads of the king's sons. And Jehu said, Let the heads be piled up in two piles at the gate of the city, and set aside until the morrow.

10:9 And it came to pass in the morning of the next day, that Jehu came out, and stood and said unto all the people, You are all righteous, and I have rebelled against my master, and I have slain him. but who killed these people ?

10:10 From this it is evident that not a word of what Jehohua said about the house of Ahab was in vain, for all the words of Jehohua through his servant Eliah were fulfilled.

10:11 And all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and his courtiers, and his close friends, and the priests, and Jehu were all killed, and not one was left behind.

10:12 Jehu arose, and went to Samaria. On the road, where the shepherds shear the wool of their sheep,

10:13 And he met the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said unto them, Who are you? He replied, "We are the brethren of Ahazieh, and now we go down to greet the king, and the sons of the queen mother."

10:14 Jehu commanded that they should be taken alive. And the men who followed them took them alive and slew them by the pit where they were shearing the sheep's wool, and there were forty-two of them, and not one of them was left behind.

10:15 And Jehu was travelling from there, and found Jonadad the son of Rephal, who came to meet him, and Jehu greeted him, and said unto him, Do thou treat me as I have done unto thee? Jonadad replied, Yes. And Jehu said, If so, thou wilt stretch out thy hand unto me, and he shall stretch out thy hand. Jehu got him into the car.

10:16 And Jehu said, Go with me, and see how zealous I am for Jehovah. so they asked him to sit in the car ,

10:17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that was left of the house of Ahab in Samaria until it was utterly destroyed, just as Jehovah had said to Eliah.

10:18 Jehu gathered the people together and said to them that Ahab was still indifferent in his service to Baal, but Jehu was more zealous.

10:19 Now I will offer a great sacrifice to Baal. Let all the prophets of Baal, and all the worshippers of Baal, and all the priests of Baal, come to me, and let not one be missing. Whoever does not come will not live. In doing so, Jehu was using a subterfuge to kill all the worshippers of Baal.

10:20 Jehu said that he would declare a strict council for Baal. So it was proclaimed.

10:21 Jehu sent people through the land of Israel. All those who worship Baal have come, and there is not one who does not come. They entered the temple of Baal, and the temple was full of people from the front to the back.

10:22 And Jehu commanded the men in charge of the garments, saying, Take out the garments, and give them to all who worship Baal. So he brought out his gown and gave it to them.

10:23 And Jonadab the son of Jehu and Recab went into the temple of Baal, and said to the worshippers of Baal, "Look and see, and there shall be no servants of Jehohua with you, but only those who worship Baal."

10:24 Jehu and Jonadab went in and offered a peace offering and a burnt offering. And Jehu first set up eighty men outside the temple, and said, "I will deliver them into your hand, and if any one escapes, whoever releases them shall pay for his life."

10:25 And it came to pass, when Jehu had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that he went out and commanded the guards and the captains of the army, saying, Go in and kill them, and let not one of them come out. And the guards and captains of the army slew them with their swords, and threw their bodies out, and went to the city of the temple of Baal.

- 10:26 He took out all the pillars in the temple of Baal and burned them.
- 10:27 The statue of the Baal pillar was destroyed and the temple of Baal was demolished to be used as a toilet to this day.
- 10:28 In the same way, Jehu destroyed Baal in Israel.
- 10:29 But Jehu did not leave Jeroboam the son of Nebal, who made the Israelites to sin, the golden calf of Bethel and Dan.
- 10:30 And Jehohua said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done that which is right in my eyes, and hast dealt with the house of Ahab according to my heart, thy children shall sit in thy place in Israel even unto the fourth generation.
- 10:31 But Jehu did not keep the law of the god Jehova and Israel with all his heart, and did not depart from the sin that Jeroboam had made the Israelites to sin.
- 10:32 In those days, Yahweh and China cut off the kingdoms of Israel, and Hazer attacked the borders of Israel.
- 10:33 But east of the Jordan, all the land of Gilead, from Aroor, which is near the valley of Arnon, was the land of the Gadites of Gilead and Bashan, and of the Reubites, and of Manasseh.
- 10:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, all his deeds, and his might, are they not written in the book of the kings of Israel.
- 10:35 Jehu slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son succeeded him as king.
- 10:36 Jehu reigned in Samaria for twenty-eight years.

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One. Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. So Jehu wrote a letter and sent to Samaria and to the officials and elders of Jezreel and to the guardians of the sons of Ahab, saying, "2 Kings 10:1

Two. "When he came to Samaria, he slew Ahab, who was left in Samaria, until he destroyed them, according to the word of the Lord to Elijah. (2 Kings 10:17)

Three. In this way, Jehu wiped out Baal from the Israelites. (2 Kings 10:28)

These verses describe Jehu's mission to destroy the descendants of Ahab, who had been Israel's wicked king, and his efforts to eradicate the worship of Baal, Israel's pagan god. The chapter also details Jehu's brutal means of achieving these goals, including violence and deception.

In 2 Kings 10, we continue to witness Jehu's behavior in carrying out God's judgment on the house of Ahab. This chapter offers a few points to think about:

God's Judgment on Idolatry: Jehu's primary mission was to eradicate the worship of Baal from the Israelites. He devised a plan to gather all the priests and worshippers of Baal in one place and execute them. This account highlights God's

judgment on idolatry and false worship. It reminds us that God demands exclusive devotion and abhors idolatry. It encourages us to look at our own lives and make sure that we do not allow anything or anyone to replace God in our hearts.

The Danger of Religious Hypocrisy: While Jehu was keen to destroy the worship of Baal, he did not fully submit to God. He continued to tolerate the worship of the golden calf of Bethel and Dan, which Jeroboam had established. This reflects the dangers of religious hypocrisy, in which a person may appear to be passionate about God but still compromise in the realm of disobedience. It reminds us to strive to be sincerely and wholeheartedly dedicated to God, so that our actions are consistent with His commands.

The Role of Human Agency in God's Judgment: Jehu played an important role in carrying out God's judgment, but his actions also raised questions about the role of human agency in fulfilling God's will. Although God used Jehu as an instrument of judgment, this does not necessarily mean that all of Jehu's motives and actions were righteous. This narrative prompts reflection on the complex interplay between God's sovereignty and human responsibility. It reminds us that God can use imperfect instruments to accomplish His plans, but it is essential for us to align our hearts and actions with His will.

The Importance of Loyalty and Accountability: Jehu rewards those who align with his mission and punishes those who oppose him. This account emphasizes the importance of faithfulness and accountability. Jehu seeks to ensure the loyalty of those around him and to hold individuals accountable for their loyalty. It reminds us that God values the loyalty of His people and calls us to take responsibility for our choices and dealings.

God's faithfulness to his Word: In this chapter, we witness the fulfillment of prophecies against the house of Ahab. God's words through the prophets were carried out exactly as prophecies. This narrative reflects God's faithfulness to His Word and the certainty of His promises. It assures us that God's Word will never fail and that His plan will come to pass.

Overall, 2 Kings 10 reflects on God's judgment on idolatry, the dangers of religious hypocrisy, the interplay between God's sovereignty and human agency, the importance of faithfulness and accountability, and God's faithfulness to His Word. It encourages us to examine our hearts, live with integrity, and trust in God's righteous judgment and faithful promises.