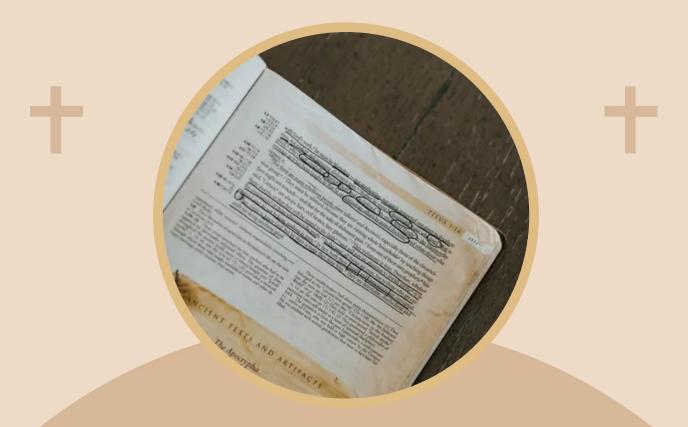
The Man of God from Judah and the Lying Prophet



Explore the clash between truth and deception in 1 Kings 13, uncovering lessons on obedience, discernment, and God's unfailing Word.





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Introduction

The story of the Man of God from Judah and the Lying Prophet is a compelling biblical account found in 1 Kings 13. It reveals a dramatic encounter between divine truth and deception that holds lasting lessons for us today. This narrative stands out not only for its intense emotions and consequences but also for the spiritual principles it teaches us about obedience, discernment, and the authority of God's Word.

In this story, a prophet is sent by God to deliver a specific message to King Jeroboam of Israel, warning him against idolatry. The Man of God obeys God's command with courage and boldness. However, a second prophet — often called the Lying Prophet — deceives him by contradicting the original command, leading to tragic consequences. This tension between the two prophets invites us to reflect deeply on what it means to remain faithful to God's Word, to discern truth from falsehood, and to understand the costs of disobedience.

As you journey through this study, you will explore the key moments of this encounter, meditate on Scripture, and apply these lessons to your own spiritual walk. May this time deepen your love for truth, sharpen your discernment, and strengthen your commitment to hearing and obeying God's voice above all else.

Let us embark on this 7-day journey, seeking God's wisdom and growing in faith, inspired by the courage of the Man of God and warned by the







consequences faced when deception takes root. Let's discover how God's Word guides us through challenges and calls us to unwavering obedience.

















Day 1: **B** The Man of God's Divine Commission

Your Verse

1 Kings 13:1 "By the word of the Lord a man of God came from Judah to Bethel and proclaimed the word of the Lord to the altar."

Supporting Scriptures

- Isaiah 55:11 "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty..."
- Jeremiah 1:7 "Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you."







Day 1: **B** The Man of God's Divine Commission

Devotional: Courage in Obedience to God's Call

The Man of God from Judah begins his story with a clear and powerful commission from God. Sent to Bethel, his obedience to deliver God's message sets the stage for all that follows. His courage to speak God's truth in a land hostile to divine commands reminds us that spreading God's Word isn't always easy but is essential.

His message to the altar in Bethel was direct and divinely inspired, illustrating how God uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary purposes. We see the importance of listening carefully to God's call and faithfully delivering His instructions without compromise.

Reflect on how God might be calling you to faithfully proclaim His Word in your sphere of influence. Are you ready to obey God's commission even if it challenges the status quo or places you in opposition to popular opinion?







Day 1: 🥦 The Man of God's Divine Commission

Reflect and Apply

	How does the Man of God's obedience inspire your own willingness to follow God's commands?
2.	In what ways might God be calling you to speak truth boldly today?
	What challenges or fears do you face when considering God's calling on your life?







Day 1: 🥦 The Man of God's Divine Commission

Journaling Prompts

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Day 1: 🥦 The Man of God's Divine Commission

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for the example of the Man of God who was faithful to Your call. Help me to hear Your voice clearly and obey without hesitation. Give me courage when standing for truth, even if it is difficult. Strengthen my faith to rely on Your presence and promises. Teach me to share Your Word with boldness and love. *May Your Word remain my guide and shield.* In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Your Verse

1 Kings 13:18 "But the man of God said to him, 'That is not what the Lord said when He spoke to me.'"

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 12:22 "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy."
- John 8:44 "He was a murderer from the beginning... There is no truth in him."







Devotional: Guarding Against Spiritual Deception

The encounter between the Man of God and the Lying Prophet shows a dangerous clash between truth and deception. The Lying Prophet contradicts God's direct command, inviting the Man of God to disobey. This scenario warns us about the subtle ways falsehood can infiltrate spiritual life, undercutting God's purposes.

Deception often appears believable and even authoritative, but it leads away from God's truth. The Man of God's initial resistance to the false claim reveals our own need for discernment. We must anchor ourselves in God's Word to recognize lies and to stand firm against misleading voices.

Consider the sources you rely on for spiritual truth. Are they consistent with Scripture? Are you vigilant about testing words and teachings against God's clear commands?







Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you distinguish God's voice from misleading messages?
	Have you ever experienced confusion or doubt because of conflicting spiritual advice?
	What steps will you take to deepen your discernment and scriptural knowledge?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a situation where you struggled to discern truth from falsehood.
2.	Record Scriptures that help you recognize God's truth.
3.	List practical ways to test teachings or words you hear.







Prayer for Today

Lord, help me guard my heart and mind against deception. Strengthen my ability to discern Your voice amidst many competing messages. Teach me to hold fast to Your Word as the ultimate standard of truth. Guard me from falsehood that seeks to lead me astray. May Your Holy Spirit guide me always into all truth and protect my faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Your Verse

1 Kings 13:20 "But he disobeyed the word of the Lord and returned... and was killed by a lion."

Supporting Scriptures

- Deuteronomy 28:15 "But if you do not obey the Lord your God... all these curses will come on you."
- Hebrews 12:11 "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness."







Devotional: The High Cost of Partial Obedience

The tragic end of the Man of God's journey shows how serious disobedience to God's command can be. Despite a clear directive, the Man of God listens to the Lying Prophet and breaks his word, which leads to his death by a lion.

This sobering truth underscores the gravity of obeying God fully—not selectively. God's instructions come with purpose, protecting us and aligning us with His will. When we deviate, even with good intentions, consequences can follow. This does not mean God is unloving but that His holiness demands reverence and our full obedience.

Reflect on areas where you may be tempted to compromise or rationalize disobedience. Are you willing to submit fully to God's plans, trusting His wisdom even when unclear?







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does this story teach about God's expectations for obedience?
	Have you ever faced consequences for not fully obeying God? How did it affect you?
3.	How can you grow in trusting God's directions even when difficult?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Identify any areas where you struggle to fully obey God's Word.
2.	Write about steps you can take to strengthen your obedience.
3.	Pray for a heart willing to trust and follow God's guidance completely.







Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, forgive me when I have disobeyed Your commands or taken Your Word lightly. Help me to recognize the seriousness of Your instructions and to trust Your wisdom, even when I don't fully understand. Give me the grace to obey fully, without compromise or hesitation. May I surrender my will to Yours daily, and walk securely in Your protection. In Jesus name, Amen.





















Your Verse

1 John 4:1 "Test the spirits to see whether they are from God..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."







Devotional: How to Discern God's True Voice

The story encourages us to **discern carefully** between God's true guidance and other voices. The Man of God was caught in a trap because he failed to confirm the second prophet's claim with God's original command.

Discerning God's voice requires intimate knowledge of Scripture, wisdom from the Holy Spirit, and cautious testing of every word we hear. Our spiritual wellbeing depends on this skill. It is a daily practice of aligning what is said with the unchanging truth of God's Word.

Ask God to sharpen your spiritual discernment and to help you seek confirmation through prayer, the Bible, and godly counsel. Let His Word be the standard by which all teachings are measured.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What role does Scripture play in your process of discerning truth?
2.	How do you respond when teachings or guidance conflict with the Bible?
3.	Who in your life helps you test and confirm God's voice?







Journaling Prompts

1.	List ways you currently discern God's voice.
2.	Write about a time you discerned God's guidance successfully.
3.	Identify areas you want God to grow your discernment skills.







Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for Your faithful Word that guides and protects me. Help me to test every spirit and teaching against Scripture. Grant me wisdom and sensitivity to Your voice, and courage to reject error. Surround me with godly counsel and faithful friends who encourage truth. May Your light shine clearly on my path each day. In Jesus' name, Amen. \square \bigcirc \bot

















Day 5: ① Standing Firm in Obedience

Your Verse

Joshua 1:7 "Be strong and very courageous...and careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore put on the full armor of God..."
- James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word...do what it says."







Day 5: V Standing Firm in Obedience

Devotional: Empowered to Obey Courageously

Remaining obedient to God amid opposition requires strength and courage. The Man of God responded bravely at first, but his failure to stand firm against deception led to tragic consequences.

God calls us to be vigilant, strong, and courageous in obedience: not just hearing His Word, but living it out fully. Spiritual battles are real, and the armor of God is essential to resist temptation, deception, and doubt.

Reflect on your spiritual journey. Are you standing firm in obedience today? What spiritual 'armor' do you need to rely on more? Trust that God empowers you to live faithfully and boldly.







Day 5: **(**) Standing Firm in Obedience

Reflect and Apply

1.	What challenges test your obedience to God regularly?
2.	How can you put on God's armor daily to stand strong?
3.	In what ways does courage in obedience impact your witness to others?







Day 5: **(**) Standing Firm in Obedience

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about an area where God is calling you to greater obedience.
2.	List ways you can strengthen your spiritual defenses.
3.	Pray for courage to obey fully, no matter the cost.







Day 5: V Standing Firm in Obedience

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, fill me with strength and courage to obey Your Word in all circumstances. Help me to put on Your armor and resist every attack that threatens my faithfulness. Teach me to live as a doer of Your Word, standing firm even when it's challenging. Thank You for Your power working in me. Amen.







Day 6: W Lessons from the Man of God's Faith









Day 6: 😂 Lessons from the Man of God's Faith

Your Verse

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."
- Romans 10:17 "Faith comes from hearing the message...through the word of Christ."







Day 6: ধ Lessons from the Man of God's Faith

Devotional: Growing Unwavering Faith in God

The Man of God's story is a profound lesson in faith, even in difficult circumstances. His initial obedience and trust in God's Word demonstrate the power of faith to act boldly but also the need for faith that continuously trusts God's directions fully.

Faith is more than an initial step; it is a daily walk of trust and submission. When doubts or contradictions arise, faith holds firm, relying on God's promises rather than human words or feelings.

How is your faith challenged today? Are you willing to trust God fully, even when the path is unclear or difficult? Let this story inspire you to grow in unwavering faith.







Day 6: 😂 Lessons from the Man of God's Faith

Reflect and Apply

1.	How has your faith been tested in following God's commands?
2.	What helps you keep trusting God when situations seem confusing?
3.	How can you cultivate daily faith that perseveres?







Day 6: 😂 Lessons from the Man of God's Faith

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time your faith led you through a difficult choice.
2.	List biblical promises that strengthen your faith.
3.	Pray for increased faith and trust in God's guidance.







Day 6: W Lessons from the Man of God's Faith

Prayer for Today















Your Verse

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul."
- 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching..."







Devotional: God's Word: Our Eternal Anchor

The ultimate truth in the story of the Man of God and the Lying Prophet is the supremacy of God's Word. Human words may deceive and falter, but God's Word stands eternal and unshakable.

Embracing God's unchanging Word means prioritizing it above all other voices. It is our life source, our guide, and our protection. No matter the circumstances or conflicting messages, God's Word remains the anchor for our lives.

Take this day to recommit yourself to knowing, meditating on, and living by God's Word. Its power transforms and guides us through every situation.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you make God's Word the foundation of your daily life?
2.	What practices help you internalize Scripture effectively?
3.	How does standing on God's Word impact your outlook and decisions?







Journaling Prompts

Commit to a plan for daily Bible reading or memorization.
Write about how Scripture has guided you recently.
Pray to have a heart that treasures God's Word above all else.







Prayer for Today

Lord God Almighty, thank You that Your Word never fails and is a firm foundation in my life. Help me to cherish, study, and live by Your Word every day. Let it guide my steps, renew my soul, and protect me from deception. May I always stand on the unchanging truth that Your Word represents. In Jesus' name, Amen. \square \(\text{\text{\text{\$\scrt{\text{}}}}\)







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