The Prophet Eaten by a Lion: Lessons in Obedience and Courage



Explore the compelling story of a prophet who faced death by a lion, learning deep lessons in obedience, courage, and God's providence.





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Introduction

The story of the prophet who was eaten by a lion is found in 1 Kings 13—a remarkable and sobering tale about obedience, divine authority, and the harsh consequences of disobedience. This prophet was sent by God with a clear command, but when confronted with conflicting voices, he faltered, resulting in a tragic outcome. Yet amid tragedy, there are powerful lessons about trusting God's word and the courage required to follow His commands even when the path is difficult or unclear.

This study plan invites you into that gripping narrative to explore profound themes: the weight of obedience, the danger of deception, and God's sovereign control despite human failure. Although the story initially seems dark, it ultimately encourages believers to trust God fully and to seek His guidance in every step of life.

As you journey through these seven days, you will meditate on Scripture, reflect on the prophet's experience, and draw practical lessons for your walk with God. You will also find renewed courage to stand firm in God's word and discern His voice amidst competing messages. Join us in discovering how God's truth sustains and transforms even the most difficult circumstances.

















Day 1: [7] A Prophet's Mission Declared

Your Verse

1 Kings 13:1 - 'By the word of the Lord a man of God came from Judah to Bethel.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Jeremiah 1:7 'Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,' declares the Lord.
- Isaiah 6:8 'Here am I. Send me!'







Day 1: [7] A Prophet's Mission Declared

Devotional: Answering God's Call with Courage

God's calling is unmistakable and urgent. The story begins with a man of God arriving from Judah to Bethel under divine instruction to deliver a message of judgment. This prophet is sent directly by God, showing how vital obedience to God's clear voice is. When God calls, He equips and empowers His servants to deliver even challenging messages.

Think about your own life. How often does God give you a mission or a task? Are you willing to step out in faith to obey, even when the path is uncertain or uncomfortable? The prophet's mission reminds us that God expects us to trust Him completely and act on His word.

God's voice is often clear, but the courage to follow may require a step of faith.







Day 1: 🔃 A Prophet's Mission Declared

Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas in your life do you feel God is calling you to act?
2.	How do you typically respond when God's instructions are challenging?
3.	In what ways can you cultivate greater courage to obey God's word fully?







Day 1: 🔃 A Prophet's Mission Declared

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you felt God calling you but hesitated.
2.	List ways you can develop more courage to obey God daily.
3.	Describe how this prophet's story inspires your obedience journey.







Day 1: [7] A Prophet's Mission Declared

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for Your clear call on my life. Help me to hear Your voice above all others and to obey with boldness and faith. When the path is hard, remind me that Your presence goes before me. Strengthen my heart to follow You, no matter the cost. In Jesus' name, Amen. \bigwedge \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc

















Your Verse

1 Kings 13:11-14 - 'A certain old prophet ... told him, "You yourself are a prophet!" ... the man of God disobeyed the Lord.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Deuteronomy 28:15 'Cursed is anyone who does not obey the words of this law.'
- James 1:22 'Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.'







Devotional: Recognizing and Resisting False Counsel

Despite a direct command from God, the man of God listens to an old prophet who tells him to disobey. This heartbreaking moment shows how easily obedience can be compromised by human persuasion, even when the truth has been clearly spoken. The man's failure to trust God's original instruction leads to devastating consequences.

How many times have we allowed the opinions or pressures of others to overshadow God's voice? Our enemy schemes to confuse and mislead, tempting us to doubt God's word or to act on faulty counsel. This story warns us of the grave cost of disobedience, especially when God's commands are explicit.

Obedience requires us not only to hear but to stand firm against distractions and false guidance.







Reflect and Apply

1.	Are there voices in your life causing confusion about God's will?
2.	How can you discern God's truth from human opinion or deception?
3.	What practical steps can you take to remain faithful to God's commands?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a time when you struggled to obey God due to outside influence.
2.	Write about how you can strengthen your discernment and obedience.
3.	List trusted sources that help confirm God's voice in your life.







Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, guard my heart against distractions and false advice. Teach me to remain faithful even when others urge me to stray. Help me to discern Your voice clearly and obey without compromise. May my trust in You grow stronger each day. In Jesus' name, Amen. \bigwedge \bigcirc \bigcirc

















Your Verse

1 Kings 13:24–28 – 'The man of God died because he disobeyed the word of the Lord.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Galatians 6:7 'A man reaps what he sows.'
- Hebrews 12:6 'The Lord disciplines the one he loves.'







Devotional: The Gravity of God's Commands

The prophet's tragic death at the jaws of a lion reveals the serious consequences of disobedience. Though the story may seem harsh, it underscores the holiness of God's commands and the reality that sin has consequences. However, God's discipline—and the resulting consequences—are not merely punitive but are intended to guide and teach.

Although we serve a God of grace, our choices carry weight. The prophet's death reminds us of the seriousness of divine instructions and the need to take God's warnings seriously. Yet God also uses even our failures to convey lessons and to reveal His sovereignty, as we see in the aftermath of this event.

Obedience is not optional; it is a vital response to a holy and just God.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you view the consequences of disobedience in your life?
2.	What lessons has God taught you through discipline or correction?
3.	How can you grow in reverence for God's holiness and commands?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time God corrected you and what it taught you.
2.	Reflect on areas where obedience may feel difficult and why.
3.	List ways you can respond to God's discipline with humility.







Prayer for Today

Lord God, help me to understand the seriousness of Your commands and the love behind Your discipline. Teach me to respect Your holiness and to walk in obedience always. When I fail, remind me of Your forgiveness and guide me back to Your path. In Jesus' precious name, Amen. \triangle







Day 4: V God's Sovereignty Over Life and Death









Day 4: OGod's Sovereignty Over Life and Death

Your Verse

1 Kings 13:29–30 – 'He went to mourn for the man of God... and buried him in his own tomb.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 89:48 'For who can live and not see death, or who can escape the power of the grave?'
- Romans 14:8 'If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.'







Day 4: OGod's Sovereignty Over Life and Death

Devotional: Trusting God in Life's Final Moments

Though the prophet died tragically, God remains sovereign over life and death. The old prophet mourns and reverently buries the man of God, acknowledging the weight of the event and God's ultimate control over everything. This moment highlights that even when situations seem bleak, nothing escapes the power and authority of our Lord.

Death is a reality we all face, yet as believers, our hope lies beyond the grave in Christ's resurrection and promises. The story encourages us to trust that God sustains us through trials and that His purposes prevail even through loss.

God's sovereignty assures us peace and hope amidst life's greatest fears.







Day 4: ① God's Sovereignty Over Life and Death

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's sovereignty over death bring you comfort or challenge?
2.	What hope do you hold onto in the face of loss or uncertainty?
3.	In what ways can you honor God through your attitude toward death?







Day 4: ① God's Sovereignty Over Life and Death

Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on what eternal life means to you personally.
2.	Write about how God has sustained you during difficult losses.
3.	List ways to share hope in God's sovereignty with others.







Day 4: ① God's Sovereignty Over Life and Death

Prayer for Today

God of life and death, I surrender to Your sovereign will. Help me to trust You fully, even in moments of fear or loss. Remind me of the hope I have in Christ and the peace that surpasses understanding. Use me to bring comfort and hope to others. Amen. 🙏 😂 🗬

















Day 5: A The Power of God's Word

Your Verse

1 Kings 13:22 – 'You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 4:12 'For the word of God is alive and active.'
- Psalm 119:105 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.'







Day 5: A The Power of God's Word

Devotional: Anchoring Life in God's Living Word

God's word is powerful, clear, and must be obeyed. The initial command to the prophet came with specific instructions, emphasizing that God's directives are precise and important. The power of God's word lies in its lifegiving truth and its capacity to guide, correct, and protect us.

Yet, as we learned, hearing the word is not enough — obedience is essential. The prophet's failure reminds us to value God's word highly and to resist any temptation to alter or compromise it. When we anchor our lives in Scripture, we receive wisdom and strength to navigate life.

Let God's word be your foundation and guide every step you take.







Day 5: 🙎 The Power of God's Word

Reflect and Apply

1.	How well do you know God's word and its instructions for your life?
2.	What challenges do you face in obeying scripture?
3.	How can you make God's word more central in your daily decisions?







Day 5: 💁 The Power of God's Word

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write your favorite Scripture and why it encourages you.
2.	Describe a situation where Scripture guided you in obedience.
3.	Plan ways to engage more deeply with God's word this week.







Day 5: A The Power of God's Word

Prayer for Today

Lord, Your word is life to me. Help me to treasure and obey it above all else. May Your Scripture illuminate my path and shape my character. Give me a hunger to know You more through Your word and the strength to follow it. In Jesus' name, Amen.















Your Verse

1 Kings 13:18 - 'An old prophet... said, "I too am a prophet like you."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 10:27 'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'
- 1 John 4:1 'Test the spirits to see whether they are from God.'







Devotional: Guarding Your Heart with Discernment

The prophet was deceived by another claiming divine authority, highlighting the need for spiritual discernment. This old prophet's words contradicted the original command, leading the man of God into sin. In our complex world, many voices vie for our attention, some true and others false.

Learning to distinguish God's voice requires prayer, Bible knowledge, and the Holy Spirit's guidance. Discerning God's will becomes even more crucial when decisions impact faithfulness and obedience. The story challenges believers to seek wisdom and be vigilant against deception.

Align your heart and mind with Scripture to recognize God's genuine voice.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What practices help you discern God's voice in daily life?
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	Have you experienced confusion about God's leading? How did you respond?
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	How can you grow in spiritual discernment through Scripture and prayer?
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Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a time you discerned God's voice clearly.
2.	Write about a moment you recognized false guidance and corrected your path.
3.	List questions to ask God when seeking His direction.







Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, guide me. Help me to hear Your voice above all else and to discern truth from falsehood. Strengthen my spirit to resist deception and align my will with God's. Teach me to walk in wisdom and obedience each day. In Jesus' name, Amen. \bigwedge \bigotimes \bigcirc \bigcirc







Day 7: PRedemption and Hope After Failure









Day 7: Bedemption and Hope After Failure

Your Verse

1 Kings 13:32–33 – 'After I have died... the Lord will provide a lamb for a burnt offering.'

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 John 1:9 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.'
- Lamentations 3:22–23 'His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.'







Day 7: Bedemption and Hope After Failure

Devotional: Hope and Renewal Through God's Mercy

Despite the prophet's failure and death, God's plan for redemption remains powerful and sure. The old prophet foretells that God will provide a lamb for the burnt offering, foreshadowing the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This story reminds us that even when we fail, God's grace is greater.

We are not defined by our mistakes but by God's mercy and forgiveness. Through Christ, we receive hope and restoration. The prophet's story, while tragic, ultimately points to God's loving plan to redeem humanity and transform brokenness into new life.

Embrace God's redemptive love and walk forward in hope and restoration.







Day 7: 💋 Redemption and Hope After Failure

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's forgiveness encourage you after failure?
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2.	What hope do you have through Jesus for restoring your walk with God?
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	How can you extend grace to yourself and others, inspired by God's mercy?
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Day 7: 💋 Redemption and Hope After Failure

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about how you've experienced God's forgiveness personally.
2.	Reflect on ways to embrace hope when you feel discouraged.
3.	List practical steps to grow in grace toward yourself and others.







Day 7: Bedemption and Hope After Failure

Prayer for Today

Gracious Father, thank You for Your unfailing mercy and the hope we have in Jesus. When I stumble, remind me that Your grace lifts me up and restores my soul. Help me to live in the freedom of Your forgiveness and extend that grace to others. Fill me with confidence in Your redemptive love. In Jesus' name, Amen. \bigwedge \bigvee \swarrow \swarrow







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