

I Kings 14:6

by Chuck Smith

The sermon warns against the folly of trying to disguise ourselves before God, highlighting the consequences of rejecting Him and the importance of honesty and spiritual awareness.

Scripture: 1 Kings 14:6, Psalm 139:1-4, Proverbs 15:3, Jeremiah 17:10, Matthew 7:23, Luke 12:2-3, Romans 2:6-8, Galatians 6:7-8, Hebrews 4:13, James 1:22

Topics: "Authenticity", "Judgment"

Description

Chuck Smith discusses the story of Jeroboam, emphasizing the futility of disguising our true selves when approaching God. He highlights how people often come to God with hidden truths and masks, believing they can deceive Him, but God sees through all facades. The sermon warns of the heavy tidings that come from turning away from God, including judgment and the consequences of our actions. Smith stresses that just as Jeroboam faced dire consequences for his disobedience, so too will those who reject Christ face heavy tidings on the day of judgment. Ultimately, the message calls for authenticity in our relationship with God, as He knows our hearts.

Transcript

"HEAVY TIDINGS"

Intro: Jeroboam was the first king over Israel. He set up two golden calves; one in Bethel, the other in Dan His son became sick so he had his wife disguise herself and go to the aged prophet Ahijah who was now blind.

I. THE FOLLY OF TRYING TO DISGUISE OURSELVES WHEN WE COME TO GOD.

A. Often in our prayers we seek to disguise truth.

1. "Lord, I haven't been walking as closely as I should."
2. "Lord, I don't love my brother enough."
3. "Lord, help me to sell this place, and I will give half the

profit to you."

B. Some of you have come here this morning all disguised.

1. You try to look like you are comfortable and belong with God's people.

C. God sees right through all our masks.

1. "Everything is open and naked before Him."

2. You might fool man, but you can't fool God.

II. THE HEAVY TIDINGS.

A. You have taken from God, but have given nothing in return.

1. God gave him the kingdom.

2. God made him a prince.

3. He turned himself and the people away from God.

4. God has invested a great deal in your life.

a. So often we use the gifts of God for our own benefit only.

b. God receives nothing for His investment, not even thanks.

B. Evil is going to come upon you.

1. Your house is going to be cut off.

2. The peculiar mind bent of people today, we feel that judgment is not fair. "The ways of the Lord are not equal."

a. So many sob sisters out to protest the death penalty for men like Bianca.

b. Where are the bleeding hearts when the communists invade Afghanistan, or destroy Cambodia?

C. The child is going to die.

1. He will be the only one in the family to be buried.
2. The rest are to be killed and their carcasses eaten by dogs.

D. These are heavy tidings indeed.

E. Some day those who reject Jesus Christ are going to hear equally heavy tidings.

1. "Depart from Me ye workers of iniquity."
2. As they come and say, "Lord, Lord, did we not attend church, sing the songs, dropped money in the offering."
 - a. Heavy tidings, "I never knew you!"
 - b. It was all a disguise.
 - c. You fooled us, you became so cleaver you even fooled yourself. You don't fool God.

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