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*God Cares How We Worship*

Lesson from King Jeroboam – 1 Kings 12-13:10

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15  
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

For your added benefit, there is also included six daily bible readings that supplement the theme of each sermon. Take time to gather your loved ones to read and discuss the texts.

If you have any further questions relating to the sermon, sermon notes or would like to learn more about how to become a member of Christ Reformed Baptist Church, please do not hesitate to contact

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- Does God care how He is worshiped?
- Often times subjectivism, aestheticism, and (most commonly) emotionalism quickly become the standards for what is or is not validated as acceptable worship to God.
- Are we as His people at liberty (complete freedom) to adopt and adapt other methods, forms, and elements into the worship of God?

### **v.25 Fertile Ground for Sinful Worship**

- Shechem is significantly connected to Abraham.
- Penuel is significantly connected to Jacob.
- The obvious intention of Jeroboam is to turn the attention and thoughts of the people away from the former place they had recognized as their capital and national identity by establishing these political centers which carried with them heavy religious significances.
- Jeroboam allows his own fears to control his thinking regarding worship instead of the promises God. (11:38)

### **vv.26-27 Origin of Sinful Worship- In His Heart**

- His heart was driven by fear vs. God's promise (11:38)
- Just as the inner desire of his own ambitions, and his own fears clouded Jeroboam's perspective on worship, often times our own personal motivations or fears, can also affect our thinking and application when it comes to the corporate worship of God.
- God's worship is and must be thought of as an obedient act of adoration toward our LORD guided by His precepts and principals.
- Pro 19:21 "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand."

### **v.28-33 Elements of Sinful Worship**

**#1 The Golden Calves** • Jeroboam's selection of the calves as symbols representing God was more influenced by his previous cultural surroundings in Egypt than the precepts of God's word.

• These tactics are still common today. The substitute for the regulative principle of worship for that which appeals to the desires of men has become the modern "golden calf" of our own generation.

#2 Invented Location – Bethel & Dan

#3 A false house vs. the true house - Notice that this sinful worship appears to be VERY similar to real worship, however it is all performed without the command of God to validate it.

#4 He recruited his own priests - The scriptures present us with a pattern and requirement for Elders and Deacons of churches and how they are called and ordained.

#5 Invented days of worship - Jeroboam set himself up as the key person in this system of worship by designating himself as the one person who made the sacrifices on the special feast day.

• Among the many great tragedies in all this is the fact that Jeroboam and the people glorified more in the external elements of worship rather than in the God who deserves all their worship

### **vv.1-10 God's Response to Sinful Worship**

• V.1 - The Messenger and Neglectful prophets.

• Furthermore, this particular fulfilled prophecy about Josiah teaches us that God's judgment regarding sinful worship cannot be avoided, though it may come with the passing of history and many years, God will ultimately be glorified.

### **vv.3-6 The miraculous evidence displayed.**

• The withered hand, the rent/broken altar, the king's hand restored.

• ~ Of course all this was powerful displays of the displeasure and judgement of God upon this sinful, man-centered worship that Jeroboam had lead the people into. One would think that with such a profound experience as this that Jeroboam, having been so personally effected would have turned from his ways!

• **vv.33-34 The Obstinate/Stubborn Effect of Sinful Worship**

- People would rather defend and die for traditions and man-centered worship than let go of their inventions and worship God as he has instituted.

Pray and Read the Bible together as a family this week.

**Individual/Family Worship Bible Readings**

*Monday* > Exodus 20:1-6 (Idolatry Condemned)

*Tuesday* > Judges 18:22-31 (Curse of Idolatry)

*Wednesday* > Isaiah 44:9-19 (Vanity of Idolatry)

*Thursday* > John 4:16-26 (True Worship)

*Friday* > Col. 3:5-11 (Warning Against Idolatry)

*Saturday* > 1 John 5:13-21 (The True God)

**Thought of the week :**

“Worship comprehends all that respect which man oweth and giveth to his Maker....It is the tribute which we pay to the King of Kings, whereby we acknowledge his sovereignty over us, and our dependence on him...All that inward reverence and respect, and all that outward obedience and service to God, which the word ‘godliness’ enjoineth, is included in this one word – worship. ~ George Swinnock (English Puritan and Non-Conformist 1627-1673)

These resources are never intended to replace the involvement or instruction of your local church where you are a member, only to supplement your continued growth in the truth of God’s Word.

If you do not have a home church we encourage you to search out a bible preaching, reverent worshipping assembly of local believers.