

The Divided Kingdom: The Lesson of Jeroboam's Failure
1 Kings 12:25-33

- I. Believers are encouraged by scripture to “_____” of human failure in God's story (1Corinthians 10:11-12). “Taking heed” involves:
1. _____ the sin exemplified in the story.
 2. _____ ourselves to see if that sin is in us.
 3. _____ in our lives that correct its course from sin to obedience (i.e. repentance).
- Cf. James 1:22-25
- II. Jeroboam failed as a king because he chose to follow his own way rather than Yahweh.
1. Because of Solomon's _____, Yahweh made Jeroboam king over the new kingdom of Israel. (1 Kings 11:9-11, 31-33, 37-38)
 2. Jeroboam abandoned Yahweh and not only committed, but promoted idolatry because he...
 - a) did not _____ in his heart, (cf. Romans 1:21-23).
 - b) was driven by _____ rather than _____, (1 Kings 12:26-27).
 - c) and _____ rather than the command and promise of God, (note that bad decisions were based on human counsel in 12:28 and the inclination of Jeroboam's own heart in vv. 26 and 33).
- III. We can make the same mistakes Jeroboam made.
1. When my love and reverence for God are weak, I am tempted to _____ into my life. (cf. 1 John 5:21)
 2. When life is challenging, I am tempted to indulge _____ which undermines my confidence in God. (cf. 1 Peter 5:6)

3. When making important decisions, I'm tempted to _____ in my flesh rather than seeking direction from God. (cf. Galatians 5:25)
- IV. In Christ, believers are free and enabled to avoid the mistakes of Jeroboam.
1. Instead of idolatry, we are free and enabled to _____, which is acceptable and pleasing to Him. (cf. Romans 12:1)
 2. Instead of being driven by fear, we are free and enabled to confidently live for a kingdom that is _____. (cf. Romans 8:17, 1 Peter 1:4-5)
 3. Instead of navigating life by the flesh, we are free and enabled to _____ and be led by God's Spirit. (cf. Hebrews 11, John 16:13)