

Discussion Questions for “Overlooked Wisdom: Heeding Counsel”

1 Kings 12:1-24 (Reading: 12:1-15), Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of September 13th & 14th, 2025

Sermon Outline

Act 1: A king’s foolishness (vv. 1-15)

- See the danger of pride (v. 14)
- See the need to heed wise counsel (vv. 6-11)
- See the hope of God’s sovereignty (v. 15)
- See a glimmer of Jesus (v. 14)

Act 2: A nation’s division (vv. 16-24)

- See how fast a nation can be torn in two (vv. 16-20)
- See how divine judgment is no empty threat (vv. 16-20)
- See how the Word of God always prevails (vv. 21-24)
- See another glimmer of Jesus (v. 20)

Sermon Questions

1. Why are we tempted to regard *pride* as a “small” sin?
 - a. But why is it a *dangerous* sin?
 - b. Share an example of this.
2. Pride is often hidden until it’s too late.
 - a. So how can we *identify* it in our lives?
 - b. And how can we *fend it off*, choosing *humility* instead?
3. What are the *hallmarks*...
 - a. ...of wise *counsel*?
 - b. ...of wise *advisors*?
4. How can we make sure that we’re heeding *wise counsel and advisors*?
5. Why is it vital for us to reckon with the *reality* of divine judgment? What happens if we don’t?
6. Why are the power of God (His sovereignty) – along with the power of His Word...
 - a. ...a source of *hope* for our lives?
 - b. ...*fuel* for our prayers?
7. Highlight a few ways that Jesus is the “anti-Jeroboam”.
8. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?