

## Discussion Questions for “Overlooked Wisdom: Receiving Admonition”

1 Kings 12:25-14:31 (Reading: 13:1-10), Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### Sermon Outline

Episode 1: Two golden calves (12:25-33).

- How the pursuit of power can corrupt faith.
- How we’re not above the sins of those who’ve come before us.

Episode 2: A dried up hand and a dead man of God (13:1-34).

- How gracious God is to sinners.
- How possible it is to ignore the evidence.
- How both the ungodly and godly can reject admonition.
- How dangerous it is to add to God’s Word.

Episode 3: The end of Jeroboam (14:1-20).

- How salvation can prevail in the house of the wicked.
- How our sins can affect those who come after us.
- How God’s Word sees through our disguises.
- How seriously God takes sin.

Episode 4: The end of Rehoboam (14:21-31).

- How jealous God is for His people.

### Sermon Questions

1. Jeroboam leads Israel into a shocking repetition of sin (compare 1 Kings 12:25-33 with Exodus 32:1-6).
  - a. Why are we, as human beings, so prone to repeat the same sins?
  - b. What practical steps can we take to steer ourselves away from this?
2. The words of 1 Kings 13:33 are striking and tragic: *After this thing Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way.*
  - a. What kinds of things did God do for him that could’ve turned him in the opposite direction? What *warnings*? What *evidence*? What *graces*?
  - b. Have you seen the same kind of thing happen in your own life? In the life of a loved one?
  - c. What wisdom does 1 Kings offer us that’ll help us stave off becoming like Jeroboam?
3. Why is it such good news that *salvation can prevail in the house of the wicked*?
  - a. What other true stories can you think of that testify to the same – from the Bible or from your own life?
  - b. How can this truth help you pray?
  - c. Who, specifically, do you need to pray for that’s in this position?

(Questions continue on next page.)

4. Why is it *good* that God is jealous for His people? (1 Kings 14:22)
  - a. In what ways might we see or experience His holy jealousy in our lives?
  - b. Are there any situations where it's good for a Christian to have holy jealousy?
5. There are many themes from the message we couldn't get to in the questions above. So:
  - a. What's one other truth from the message that you found *convicting*?
  - b. And what's one that you found *encouraging*?
6. Do you see any pointers to Jesus in 1 Kings 12:25-14:31?
7. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?