

Wesley Study Notes

Week of March 6, 2022

Scripture: 1 Kings 13:1-13

Opening Prayer: Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

Reflections and Questions:

- Read the Scripture "1 Kings 13:1-13"
 - *Note aspects of this story start 12:32 and then end in 13:34, But the sermon will focus on this middle section. It may be beneficial to get a better understanding of Jeroboam, and the good character of the unnamed "Man of God" (NRSV) in contrast to the introduction to a new character the "Old Prophet"(NRSV). But that is extra Credit!
- What do we know about King Jeroboam? If you can remember, would he be considered a good king that does what God wants, or a king that does what he wants?
- Who might this Man of God be? It is not to often the bible doesn't name someone. Why do you think the holy spirit had this character be anonymous, as opposed to a named person like Enoch from Ephraim or Bill from Burnet? Is it so we may see ourselves in the story? Is it an Angel? Did he not have a name tag on?
- Does this story have a connection to Lent themes; such as repentance, ashes, preparation?
- Can you identify God's Grace in this story?

Sharing of Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Closing Prayer: When the news is loudly proclaiming anger, hostility, hatred, we are called by Christ to love one another. How hard that is, O Lord! Division abounds in our land, and it is our shame, as we proclaim our faith in you. You call us to love one another, but we put conditions on that love: some of these conditions regard who one votes for, economic status, gender, age, nationality, race, and even favorite fast food choice. It is easy to love people with whom we feel comfortable. It is more difficult to love those who are different from us. And that, O Lord, is our dilemma. Teach us how to love and accept the diversity in our land.