

Cleaning House
2 Kings 9-10
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of following God fully.

Intro:

1. Jehu is a man used by God and is spoken of several times in the O.T.
2. God would use Jehu to carry out His vengeance on those who had killed many of God's faithful.

I. God's chosen King

- A. Elisha sends a young man to Jehu. (**2 Kings 9:1-6**)
 1. Jehu was anointed King by Elisha but chosen no doubt by God.
- B. The new King's task. (**2 Kings 9:7-10**)
 1. Jehu was to avenge those faithful servants who were killed (**v.7-9**)
 2. The death of Jezebel predicted (**v.10**)
- C. Jehu retells what has happened (**2 Kings 9:11-13**)

II. Jehu obedience & disobedience

- A. Jehu kills & destroys
 1. Jehu kills King Joram of Israel (**v.19-24**)
 2. Jehu kills King Ahaziah of Judah (**v.27**)
 3. He kills Jezebel (**v.30-37**)
 4. He kills Ahab's family (**2 Kings 10:11**)
 5. He kills Ahasiah's family (**2 Kings 10:13-14**)
 5. He kills the priest of Baal (**2 Kings 10:25-28**)
- B. Jehu disobeys
 1. Jehu disobeys the Lord (**2 Kings 10:31**)
 2. Jehu dies after reigning 28 years (**2 Kings 10:34-36**)

III. Lessons from Jehu

- A. Obedience in all things is a requirement of God.
 1. God was pleased with much of what Jehu had done (**1 Kings 10:30**)
 2. He did not obey God fully. (**1 Kings 10:29,31**)
- B. Though much good was done, disobedience is not overlooked (**2 Kings 10:32-33**)
 1. There is no such thing as the good outweighing the bad.
 2. The Lord allowed King Hazael to conquer land east of the Jordan River that belonged to Israel's tribes. (Israel's two and a half tribes)

Conc:

1. We may do a lot of good things for God but if we never fully give our heart to Him we will not be truly blessed.
2. Jehu did a lot of good but God still allowed King Hazael to conquer the land east of the Jordan river. The kingdom that Jehu's sons would receive would be that much smaller because of Jehu's sins.

3. Our reward will not be a true reward until we give our heart fully over to God.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.