

Yet they continued...
2 Kings 17:7-12
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from those who attempted to worship God & false gods.

Intro: 1. Do people today try to serve God and other things or other gods?
2. Is God OK with those who attempt to do such things? What does the Bible say?

I. Hoshea & Israel (v.1-6)

A. The abomination by Hoshea (v.1-2)

1. Hoshea does what is evil in the Lord's sight.

B. Israel taken to Assyria (v.3-6)

1. King Shalmaneser of Assyria defeats Hoshea and forces Israel to pay a heavy annual tribute. (v.3)

2. Hoshea conspires with the king of Egypt to break free of Assyria's power (v.4), The king of Assyria hears of Hoshea's plan, so he arrests Hoshea, destroys Samaria, and exiles the people to Assyria. (v.4-6)

II. The reason for the Assyrian Captivity (v.7-23)

1. The disobeyed God who saved them (v.7-8)

2. The sinful acts against the Lord (v.9-12)

3. God's offer and the people's reply (v.13-17)

4. God's response (v.18-23)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. It's all or nothing

1. **Faithfulness to God is an all or nothing lifestyle.**

2. **In our text they tried to worship God and false gods, this did not work.**

a. Today is no different, we cannot serve God and something, or multiple somethings, and be pleasing to God (**Lk 16:13**).

B. God cannot be fooled.

1. These people tried to fool God in an attempt to do as they please (v.9-10).

2. **Galatians 6:7**, God is not mocked, God is not ignorant.

a. **Jer 32:19**

Application & Conclusion:

1. **It's time to get on God's side (Ex 32:26)**

2. **You are with God or you are not. Those who say differently condone sin. Serving wickedness and claiming to serve God at the same time is sin. It's not even being lukewarm, it's just sin.**

3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9