

**SERMON NOTES -
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The Perils of Ignoring Preaching

Second Chronicles 18:4

Introduction:

Mark 2:24 - "Take heed *WHAT* you hear..." - Jesus

Luke 18:8 - "Take heed *HOW* you hear..." - Jesus

James 1:22 - "But be *DOERS* of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." - James

The preaching we are not to ignore is:

1. Sound in DOCTRINE. The Message is Certain. (2 Ch. 17)

2. Sound in DUTY. The Morality is Clear. (Cf. 2 Kings 22:46; 2 Tim. 4:2-3)

I. REVIVAL comes through INSTRUCTION & INSPIRATION from the BIBLE (2 Chron. 17:3, 4, 7, 9)

Result:

1. Kingdom Established, 17:5
2. Fear of the Lord Evident, 17:10
3. Riches & Honor Abundant, 18:1

In the church:

1. True Gospel Church Established
2. Evangelism & Discipleship are Central
3. The Riches of Spiritual Maturity are obvious

++BUT - Wherever revival is breaking out the enemy will come in like a flood

II. REBELLION comes through IGNORANCE & INDIFFERENCE to the BIBLE (2 Chron. 18:1-7)

How did Jehoshaphat get into his dilemma? How do we get into similar dilemmas?

-Jehoshaphat "allied himself with Ahab."

1. The Military Alliance.

2. The Marriage Alliance.

3. The Market Alliance

-Jehoshaphat **IGNORED** the very preaching he had ordered done throughout the land of Judah.

-Even a lost man, Ahab, knew the difference in a real preacher and a false one! But he hated the true man of God!

-Jehoshaphat gets what he asked for - the truth from a man of God, and then he ignores it. In consequence he faces FIVE PERILS:

#1. HIS WALK IS DEFEATED.

#2. HIS WISDOM IS DILUTED.

#3. HIS WORSHIP IS DISCOURAGED.

#4. HIS WITNESS WAS DESTROYED.

#5. HIS WORKS WERE DEFILED.

The Perils of Ignoring the Preaching ...It will cost you your ...

PEACE, Phil 4:7

PERSUASIVENESS, 2 Cor. 5:11

PATIENCE, Col. 1:11

PRAISE, Heb. 13:5

PERFECTION, Heb. 5 & 6

POWER, 2 Pet. 1:3

If that be so, and it is, is it worth it to ignore the preaching?