

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for January 19, 2025

Sermon Notes

Behold your gods, O Israel!

1 Kings 12:25-33

We saw last week from the first half of chapter 12 that our sovereign God is sovereign and providential, even in the midst of sin, corruption, and rebellion. While that truth certainly colors the way we read the rest of this chapter, we are also reminded of the painful truth that sin always causes a mess. The ripples can be unfathomably wide, both in who it affects and how long the effects can be felt. Sin pushes us deeper into the way things ought not be, and can cause us to compound the consequences in our response. That is the picture we see in v.25-33.

“And Jeroboam said in his heart...”

We cannot follow both the Lord and our hearts.

“The heart of this people will turn ... they will kill me...”

Misplaced fear leads to misplaced trust.

“This thing became a sin...”

The appearance of religion does not equate with devotion to God.

Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JANUARY

20 GriefShare 13-week Seminar begins
23 Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30am-3pm
26 CentriKid Interest Meeting
26 Westwood Kid's Choir @6pm
31-Feb 1 AHG G.R.I.T. Lock in

FEBRUARY

5 Life Together @ 6:30pm
8 Sportsman's Banquet @ 6pm
14-15 Trail Life Lock in
15 Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 7am