



## **Sermon Notes:**

### **Don't Return the Same Way**

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#### **Text Reference:**

1 Kings 13:9-10 NLT

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9 For the Lord gave me this command: "You must not eat or drink anything while you are there, and do not return to Judah by the same way you came."

10 So he left Bethel and went home another way.

#### **Power Points:**

- **The Becoming Process:**
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- **When God speaks to you**
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***God's will. Is God's Bill. Were He leads us. He will feed and provide for us.***

Once you complete a mission with God. Once you come through a storm.

Once you find yourself on the other side of drama. Once you find yourself on the other side of the Shenanigans.

Don't return the same way.

We are supposed to be a transformed person.

Transformation is how we become. What God has declared us to be, have, and do.

### **The Becoming Process:**

John 1:12 KJV

<https://biblehub.com/john/1-12.htm>

But as many as received him, to them gave he power (*authority*) to **become** the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Like *Becoming* what God has declared us to be. **Discernment** is not solely about arriving at a destination. It's also about **transformation**.

We must become people of discernment. People who exercise discernment in every area in our lives.

**Discernment** is key to transformation.

**Discernment** is the mark of maturity.

**Discernment:** To be able to distinguish between best vs good. Clean from the unclean. Holy from the Unholy. A God assignment from a good idea. Distinguishing a cause, a call of God, from the next great thing.

**Discernment:** to understand or know something through the power of the Spirit

It includes:

- Perceiving the true character of people
- The source and meaning of spiritual manifestations
- Discernment is about timing
  - What to do at the right time (Time, Talent, Recourses, and Commitment)
  - Withholding when you need to (Time, Talent, Recourses, and Commitment)

What to do at the right time

**“Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.” - Benjamin Franklin**

Proverbs 26:4-5

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/proverbs/passage/?q=proverbs+26:4-5>

**4** Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him.

**5** Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

This not a contradiction. Discernment/Wisdom is to know how to apply. When to act and when not to act. Both are right it's.

People are on point or offtrack as the result of or the lack of **DISCERNMENT**.  
“Discernment is something you don't want to leave home without” – B. Bronner

**Discernment** is to know the meaning behind an action. What are people intentions. Is it control, destruction, deception, or is it to help you do better, receive better, live better. Corrective criticism.

Love and Hate both have binding power

Forgiveness is a gift for yourself (don't allow people to live rent free in your head.)

### **Responsibility of Ministry/Priest (Teach for Manifestation)**

Ezekiel 44:23

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2044%3A23&version=KJV>

**23** And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

### **The Unnamed**

The Prophet in this text is unnamed

When a name is not given. A Principle that applies to us all is the subject matter.

The focus of the reader is learned the principle.

Text is not restricted to a particular person

The person in this case. The prophet could be me or it could be you.

The lesson/Principle to learn is the importance of exercise and walking in **DISCERNMENT.**

God gave Him specific instructions. Not to take or eat anything from King Jeroboam

### Proper Discernment

1 Kings 13:7-10 NKJV The man of God had withstood Jeroboam's attempt to save face by having the prophet say with him

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<sup>7</sup> Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."

<sup>8</sup> But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place.

<sup>9</sup> For so it was commanded me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.' "

<sup>10</sup> So he went another way and **did not return** by the way he came to Bethel.

### Fail to Discern

1 Kings 13:11, 15-19 NKJV

The Prophet failed to ***discern*** the old Prophet's deception and plainly violated God's clear instructions in verse 13:9.

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<sup>11</sup> Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his <sup>[c]</sup>sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king.

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

<sup>16</sup> And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. <sup>17</sup> For <sup>[e]</sup>I have been told by the word of the Lord, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.' "

<sup>18</sup> He said to him, "I too *am* a prophet as you *are*, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.' " (He was lying to him.)

<sup>19</sup> So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

### **A Revised Word from the Old Prophet**

1 Kings 13:20-22 NKJV

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Kings%2013&version=NKJV>

<sup>20</sup> Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the Lord came to the prophet who had brought him back;

<sup>21</sup> and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the Lord: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the Lord, and have not kept the commandment which the Lord your God commanded you,

<sup>22</sup> but **you came back**, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which *the Lord* said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.' "

### **Improper Discernment: Consequences of Disobeying**

! Kings 13:23-24 NKJV The consequences of disobeying the instructions of God

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<sup>23</sup> So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that *he saddled the donkey for him*, the prophet whom he had brought back.

<sup>24</sup> When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse.

### **The Details**

Counterfeits are always revealed in the detail. Decrement is in the details.

Hear what God is saying to you.

Easy to hear and see what others should do

Easy to detect when the devil is taking (kill yourself, go get high, cheat on your spouse...)

Harder to hear God's voice. Especially in the gray areas (who should I marry, what ministry should I be a part of, what job should I take...what should I give. Where should I sow (time, talent, resources, and commitment)

### **Before you go back to something.**

Questions to the Ask:

- Has sufficient time pasted to allow the process of maturity to happen?
- Am I different in some way that will make this work?
- Is the other person different in some way that will make this work?
- Is the situation fundamentally different that will make this work

Don't go back because you have cooled off. Don't go back unless significant transformation has taken place.

### **When God Bring you out of something.**

Ask Yourself this question.

What lessons did I learned.

There mistakes can be lessons if you learn from them.

If you don't learn. The lessons get harder.

Lessons not learned must be repeated.

You know you have learned a lessons. When your actions changed.

### **When God speaks to you:**

- Given time to process (pray, study, evaluating what happening, and what needs to happen)
- Should align to the Principles of God's Word (it's God's primary way to speak to you)
- It should bear witness in your heart (spirit)
- It should be converting, convicting, or confirming

- His Word will be confirmed by other that are mature in Christ, or by people that don't know anything about you.
- When God speak His Word can disturb and comfort at the same time. His Word can disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed.
- It should produce peace  
The present of peace in your heart. The Peace of God is one of the greatest ways of knowing you are in the Will of God.
- Ultimately glorifying God

### **Prayer for Discernment/Understanding**

Ephesians 1:17-18 AMPC

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+1&version=AMPC>

<sup>17</sup> [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,

<sup>18</sup> By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know *and* understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),