

Busy Here and There

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Introduction

1. 1 Kings 20:35-43
2. The Old Testament prophets continually called for reform and faithfulness
3. This story shows one's responsibility, duty and judgment before God.
4. Will we heed the warnings contained within this story? Romans 15:4
5. What are the warnings?

II Discussion

1. He was informed of his duties 1 Kings 20:39
 - a. The orders were simple
 - i. Do you think the orders to keep the prisoner were misunderstood, no
 - ii. Do we have orders that are given to us that we might misunderstand, no
 - b. The orders were substantial
 - i. There was enough information given so that the orders could be carried out
 - ii. We have enough information given to us about any aspect of worship or work so that we too can carry out the job John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 15:58; James 4:17
 - c. The orders were settled
 - i. There were consequences for not doing the job, this was stated
 - ii. There are consequences for us not doing the job God has given us John 5:28-29
2. He had the inclination to carry out the orders. 1 Kings 20:39
 - a. He had the ability to carry out the orders Matthew 25:15
 - i. The man thought that the other man had the abilities to carry out the commands given
 - ii. We have the abilities to carry out every command of God
 - b. He had the assets to carry out the orders
 - i. What every was needed to carry out the orders the man had the necessary physical and mental assets to carry out the job
 - ii. We too have all the necessary assets to carry out every job God has given us. Going or worshipping we have all we need to carry out God's commands John 4:24; 2 Timothy 2:2
 - c. He had the ample time to carry out the orders
 - i. Now is the time to work John 9:4; 4:35-38
3. He was not idle but busy doing everything but his duties 1 Kings 20:40 Luke 8:14
 - a. Cares of this life sometimes get us distracted 1 Timothy 5:8, 11-16
 - b. Coins sometimes get us distracted Matthew 16:26; 19:21, 29
 - c. Contentment sometimes get us distracted Philippians 3:8; Matthew 6:33

III Conclusion

1. The man was not idle in sinful pursuits but became to involved with the other things
2. We too can become involved in other things and lose sight of what we are really about
3. Opportunities may never come again 2 Corinthians 6:2
4. We will give an account for what we do 2 Corinthians 5:10
5. Are we prepared to meet God? Amos 4:12

Sources: Old sermon preached 1997; Ft. Worth lecture 1984; MSOP lecture 1999, 200, 2004; Sermon outlines on the parables by Gaddys Roy