

**Short Review**

Review the main points of the morning message.

**Some Questions for Discussion:** Focus the discussion on: **The “Jeroboam Way” in spirituality and why it dishonors God and impoverishes us.**

1. What are some things that people buy as investments?
  - a. What is the difference between buying something for investment versus buying something because you enjoy it?
  - b. Can it be both? Examples?
2. Describe (Review) Jeroboam’s relationship with God. [What had God done for him? What did Jeroboam do which incurred judgment?] Speculate a bit based on his actions: What did Jeroboam think of God?
3. Interesting details in the story – discuss:
  - a. Why did Jeroboam send his wife instead of going himself? [what was he thinking? What does it say about him?]
  - b. Why did he ask her to disguise herself? [How did that work out?]
4. Why did Jeroboam and his wife turn to Ahijah when their son got sick? [What are reasons why we might not expect them to turn to the prophet?]
5. Discuss the death of their son and the reasons given in I Kings 14:12,13. Why did God allow him to die? Does this startle you? Comfort you? Why? [see Isa. 57:1-2]
6. Discuss the “Jeroboam Way”:
  - a. What did Jeroboam want from God?
  - b. Contrast Jeroboam’s attitude towards God with David’s (see I Kings 14:8) – Psalm 27:6.
  - c. How would a mother or father feel if their son/daughter treated them as Jeroboam treated God?
7. Beauty:
  - a. How does beauty draw us to itself? What kinds of beauty in the world have captivated your attention?
  - b. How does God’s beauty draw us to Him?
  - c. Discuss the beauty of God in the “things of God”: I Chron. 16:29 (see the KJV, NASB); Psalm 84:1; Psalm 19:10.
8. Are we tempted by the “Jeroboam way” today? What are some examples? What are the dangers of the “Jeroboam Way” for Christians today?