

The Great Divorce, Part 1

Primary Text: 1 Kings 11:33-38; 12:25-33, Leviticus 10:1-11

~ The Church is going through the great divorce with God. Will you worship in Shechem or will you worship in Jerusalem?

- I. 1 Kings 11:33-38~God promised to Jeroboam that 10 tribes would be given to him. He just had to honor God as David did. However, this was not the heart of Jeroboam.

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- II. 1 Kings 12:25-33~A series of sins are committed by Jeroboam in this passage of Scripture
 - a. His reaction was to create a secondary center to worship in order to maintain his control.
 - b. Jealousy came into his own heart. He didn't want people to worship in the house of Jerusalem.
 - c. He instituted a plan to keep Israel separated from God's presence in Jerusalem.
- III. What were the specific sins of Jeroboam?
 - a. He did not take counsel in God
 - b. He had two golden calves made
 - c. He forced them to accept gods from Egypt
 - d. He made ungodly men priests
 - e. He created days of worship to compete with God

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- IV. Leviticus 10:1-11, Numbers 3
- a. Abihu and Nadab did not do what was commanded of them.
 - b. They offered a fire of their own making, much like Jeroboam did.

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*The church is engaged in the great divorce with God

- V. Six attributes of a man or woman of God
- a. They know the Scriptures (1 Tim. 3:15-17)
 - b. They are to be perfect (2 Tim. 3:17)
 - c. They are to be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17)
 - d. They are to be inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16-27, Neh. 9:30, Num. 11:16-29)
 - e. They are to be people in whom Jehovah makes himself known (Num. 12:6, 22; 3:17, Jer. 15:19)
 - f. They are to be qualified to speak for God as if He were there

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Question for thought:

- 1) Will you worship in Shechem or Jerusalem?