

## 1 Kings 13 • Even Prophets Are Accountable

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1. (v.1-3) The role of a true prophet of God is to call God's people **back** to the Word and ways they have **left**. A prophet is like an **evangelist** to God's people, calling them **back** to what they should have never **left** in the first place.
2. (v.4-10) If God's Word is not received and acted upon, the true follower of God never enters into a **relationship** with those who continue to **fall away**.
3. (v.11-19) Even a true prophet of God can be **deceived** in the exact same manner by which any true follower is **deceived**: by failing to test all things by **prayer** and **God's Word**.
4. (v.20-25) Those who fail to heed the greater **message** accompanying God's signs become a **sign** themselves and an unwitting testimony to that **message**.
5. (v.26-30) Not even a prophet is exempt from **obedience** to God's Word. Recognition of God working is never a **substitute** for putting the message into practice.
6. (v.31-34) Refusal to return to God's **Word and ways** ultimately leads from **temporary** separation to **permanent** separation.