



SERMON SERIES: 1 Kings

SERMON TITLE: God's Expectations

KEY TEXT (NKJV): 1 Kings

OTHER TEXTS (NKJV, NLT, ESV): 1 Kings 16:29-33, Psalms 94:20-23, Micah 7:3, Proverbs 11:1, 1 Kings 18:17-18, Ephesians 4:7-16.

Big Idea: The book of 1 Kings is more than a historical record; it is a powerful mirror reflecting how our choices shape the course of our lives and communities. Through the rise of Solomon, the glory of the temple, and the tragic decline of Israel's unity and worship, 1 Kings shows that obedience to God brings blessing, while compromise leads to downfall. But even amidst disobedience and national decline, God remains faithful, raising prophets like Elijah to call His people back to covenant loyalty. This call echoes into the New Testament, where Jesus, our perfect King, fulfils what Israel's kings could not. His Spirit now empowers us to live with the wholehearted devotion that 1 Kings demanded. As we walk through the series, we are invited to examine our worship, our obedience, and our leadership responsibilities. God is sovereign, His standards are holy, and His invitation to return to Him remains open.

In this final sermon of the series, Pastor Walker highlights God's expectations of us in our individual roles and responsibilities, so that we may live faithfully to His covenant, reflecting obedience in His eyes, and not human approval.

1 Kings 15:9-15 NKJV

In the twentieth year of Jeroboam, King of Israel, Asa became King over Judah. And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His grandmother's name was Maachah, the granddaughter of Abishalom. Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did his father David. And he banished the perverted persons from the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. Also, he removed Maachah, his grandmother, from being queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah. And Asa cut down her obscene image and burned it by the Brook Kidron. But the high places were not removed. Nevertheless, Asa's heart was loyal to the Lord all his days. He also brought into the house of the Lord the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils.

God Bless You!

The Connection Groups Office



Leader Heads-Up: *A good shepherd knows the condition of their flock and pays careful attention to their numbers!* Are all members of your group accounted for? Take attendance of all the members present, including the visitors.

A. Start Talking:

CG Family Fun Day: Share with the group what you have prepared for the CG Family Fun Day on Saturday, 30 August 2025, from 09:00-15:00 hours, including the sports activities and food arrangements.

B. Start Thinking

1. Read **1 Kings 15:13 NKJV**. What sinful patterns or influences have you chosen to walk away from in your family? How did your family respond, and how has your decision shaped your life?
2. What responsibilities has God entrusted to you in your different roles (e.g. spouse, child, neighbour, work colleague, etc.), and how does His Word shape your understanding of His expectations in each of them? Read **1 Kings 15:11 NKJV**
3. How will you better receive and honour the five-fold ministry gifts in your life, knowing their biblical purpose is to equip, mature, and build up the body of Christ? Read **Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV**

C. Start Praying

Pray that you will live according to God's expectations, worship Him alone, remove all idolatry from your life, and faithfully fulfil every responsibility He has entrusted to you. (Colossians 3:23-24 NKJV)

D. Start Doing

1. **Live** each day by God's expectations, not by people's approval or standards.
2. **Remove** every form of sin and idolatry in your life and family, even when it requires hard choices.
3. **Fulfil** your God-given responsibilities faithfully, resisting selfish ambition, compromise, or empty tradition.
4. **Receive** God's correction with humility and respond quickly in obedience, rather than resisting His voice.

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