

## Are Your Actions Halfhearted

“And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice”, 2 Kings 13:17-19.

About 1700 years after man was created in the image of God, God brought about the races of Jew and Gentile, “And he (Jacob) said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed”, Genesis 32:26-28.

God has blessed both the Jew and the Gentile as appropriate.

Are you looking for the fullness of what God is offering you, or just enough to get you through that stage of your life? The king of Israel, Jeroboam, only took a portion of the deliverance God was offering him.

It is the same with many Christians to day. God's offer of deliverance is a complete deliverance and restoration to the original state of Adam in the Garden. Unfortunately many do not realise that God is aware of the past sins, and in our minds what we believe to be well hidden sins, and only attempt to offer God what are regarded as 'well known daily sins'!

We also have Christians who are determined to follow God until Satan places a temptation in front of them that they cannot resist!

As we look at the well known Scripture of Achan we see that one sin did not affect only his family, but the entire Tribe of Judah.

The Israelites had a clear command from God, "But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword", Joshua 6:19 and 21.

Achan's crime was STEALING FROM GOD! Achan's crime was compounded by the fact that it also denied God from receiving the 'first fruits', a principle found in the Scripture declaring that the first of everything belongs to God!

Israel, by not seeking God's guidance compounded and added their sin to Achan's sin.

For those whose actions are of a halfhearted nature, I believe that Albert Einstein summed it up with the following statement, "Insanity, doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results".

Abraham Lincoln declared, "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters".

But it is to God's statement that I will close with, "IF MY PEOPLE, WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; **THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND**", 2 Chronicles 7:14.