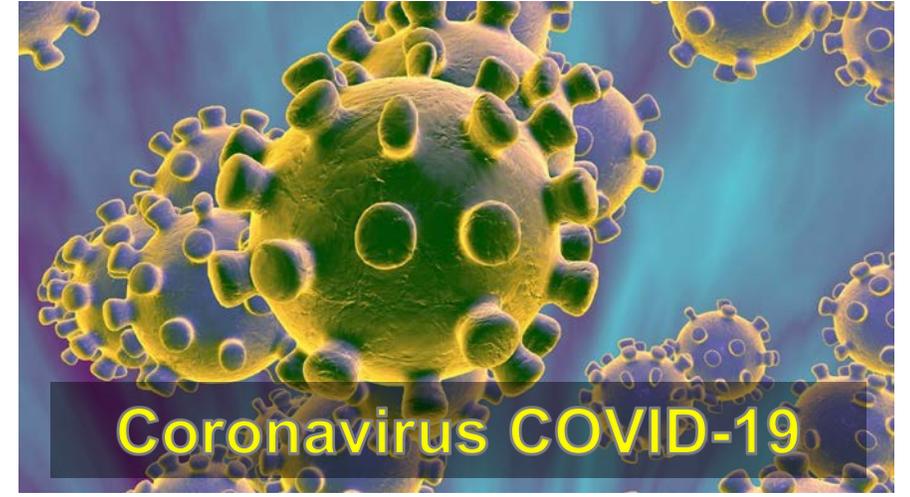


## I Kings 13

1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. <sup>2</sup> And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. <sup>3</sup> And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. <sup>4</sup> And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. <sup>5</sup> The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. <sup>7</sup> And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. <sup>8</sup> And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: <sup>9</sup> For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. <sup>10</sup> So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.



# Believing a Lie



George Floyd Tragedy

All Cops are bad!

Protests and Riots

All Rioters are bad!



God and Christians are not prejudice!

Christians are to be peacemakers!



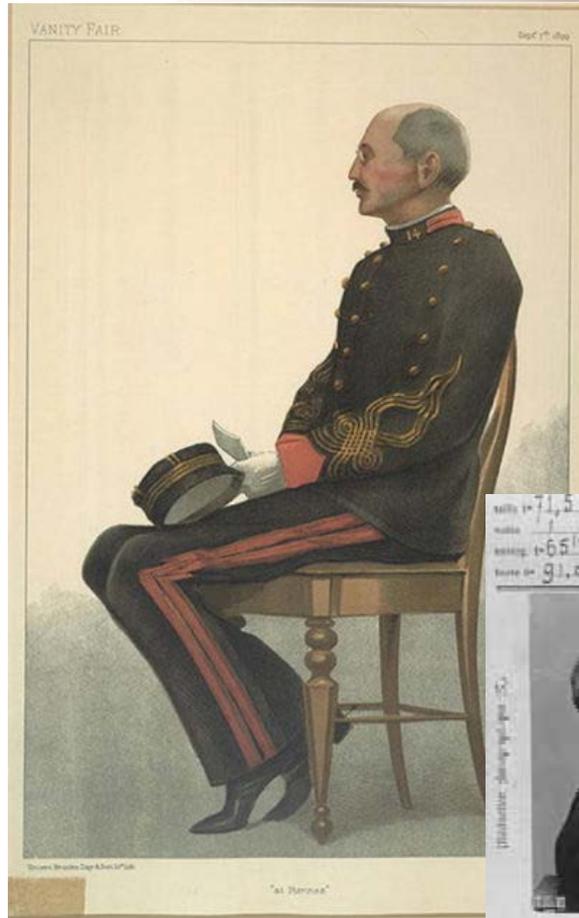
**What is the truth?**

- Don't need to wear masks.
- Need to use sanitary wipes to keep surfaces clean.
- 80% of population will become infected
- 2.25 million Americans projected to die





# Colonel Alfred Dreyfus



taille 171,5	longueur 180,0	largeur 35,5	tour de la tête 58,0	tour de la poitrine 85,0
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Nom et Prénom : Alfred Dreyfus  
 Grade : Colonel  
 Régiment : 7<sup>e</sup> Régiment de Cavalerie  
 Service : 1<sup>er</sup> Régiment de Cavalerie  
 Date : 1895  
 Lieu : Paris



Devil's Island



# Believing a Lie

- Cigarettes were not unhealthy
- Cigarettes are no more addictive than coffee, tea, or Twinkies
- 480,000 Americans die every year from cigarettes





# **BELIEVING A LIE**

**1 KINGS 13**



# The Man of God From Judah – 1 Kings 13

- Prophecy- The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out.”
- King Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar and said, “Seize him!” But the hand he stretched out toward the man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back.
- So the man of God interceded with the Lord, and the king’s hand was restored
- Even if you were to give me half your possessions, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water here.



# The Man of God From Judah

11 Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel, whose sons came and told him all that the man of God had done there that day. They also told their father what he had said to the king. 12 Their father asked them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him which road the man of God from Judah had taken. 13 So he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And when they had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it 14 and rode after the man of God. He found him sitting under an oak tree and asked, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" "I am," he replied. 15 So the prophet said to him, "Come home with me and eat." 16 The man of God said, "I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. **17 I have been told by the word of the Lord: 'You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.'**"





# The Man of God From Judah

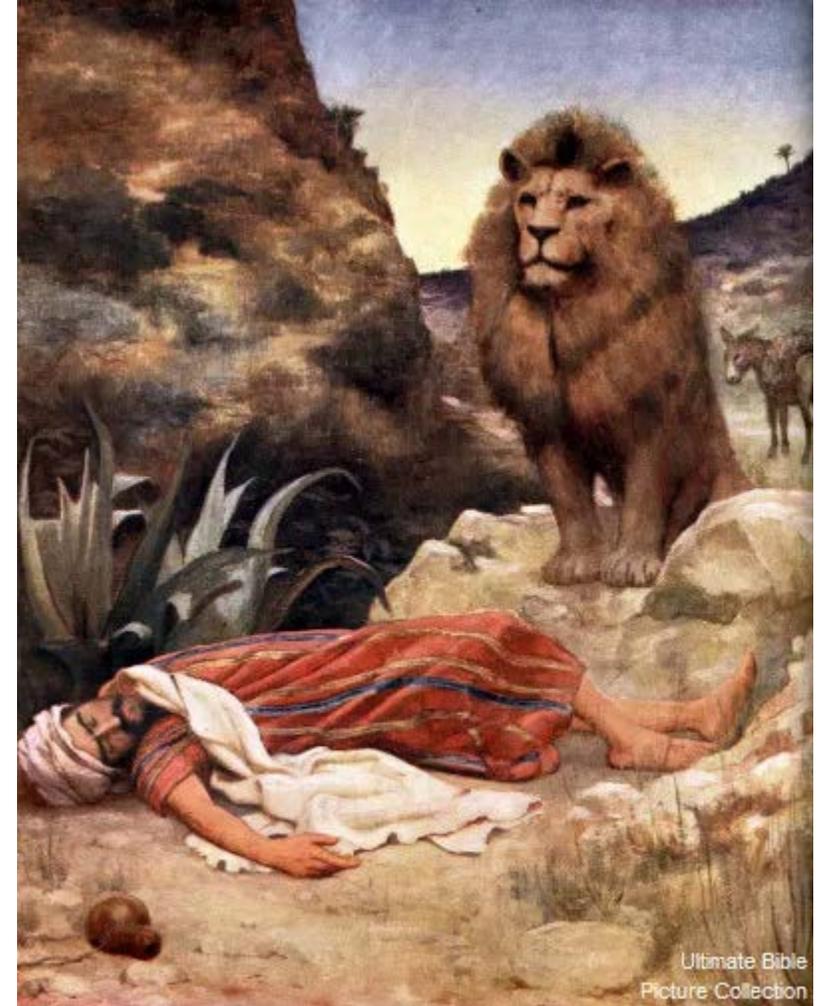
18 The old prophet answered, **“I too am a prophet, as you are.** And an angel said to me by the word of the Lord: ‘Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.’” **(But he was lying to him.)** 19 So the man of God returned with him and ate and drank in his house. 20 While they were sitting at the table, the word of the Lord came to the old prophet who had brought him back. 21 He cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, “This is what the Lord says: ‘You have defied the word of the Lord and have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you.



**Old prophet lies to man  
of God from Judah!**

# The Man of God From Judah

22 You came back and ate bread and drank water in the place where he told you not to eat or drink. Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your ancestors.” 23 When the man of God had finished eating and drinking, the prophet who had brought him back saddled his donkey for him. **24 As he went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was left lying on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it.** 25 Some people who passed by saw the body lying there, with the lion standing beside the body, and they went and reported it in the city where the old prophet lived.



# Believing A Lie

1 Kings 13

- There is hardly a better picture:
  - of a man who wants to be faithful to God (vv. 1-10)
    - He was not afraid of the king
    - He was not moved by honor & riches
    - Refused the king's reward





# Believing a Lie



## 1 Kings 13

- There is hardly a better picture:
  - of a man who wants to be faithful to God (vv. 1-10)
  - to show the devastation of what ‘lies’ can do (v. 24)

24 As he went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was left lying on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it.

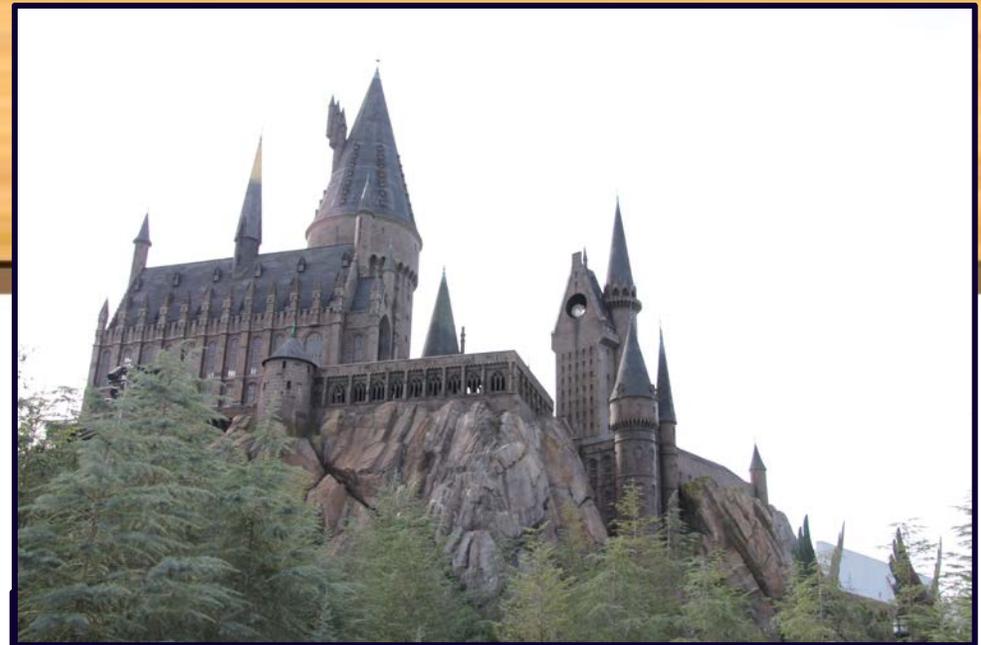
"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, **and all liars** shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8)



# Believing A Lie

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. **Matthew 15:14**

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **Matthew 7:15**



**SHOULD NOT RIDE:  
Back, Neck or Similar  
Physical Conditions**



**Motion Sickness  
or Dizziness**



# Believing A Lie

THE OLDER PROPHET DID WHAT THE KING AND ALL OF HIS RICHES COULD NOT DO. . .

**HE DESTROYED THE MAN OF GOD  
WITH A SINGLE LIE!**

Surely he could trust a prophet of God.



# Believing A Lie

1 Kings 13

- There is hardly a better picture:
  - of a man who wants to be faithful to God (vv. 1-10)
  - to show the devastation of what lies can do (v. 18)
  - to show the certainty of God's word (v. 31, 32)
    - God is not capricious



# Believing a Lie

1 Kings 13

- Believing a thing to be true does not make it true
  - truth is not validated by my believing it (**Prov. 3:5,6**)
- Someone stating something is true does not make it true
  - God's word determines truth (**John 17:17**)



# Believing A Lie

“He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered”

Proverbs 28:26

“Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not”

Psalms 17:5

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way”

Psalms 37:23



# Believing A Lie

1 Kings 13

- We must render “full” obedience to God (Matt. 28:20; Lk. 17:10)

Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Luke 17:10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.



# Some Lies Being Told Today

## *MAN'S WORD*

- “One church is just as good as another”

## GOD'S WORD

- “THERE IS ONE BODY” (Eph. 4:4)



# Some Lies Being Told Today

## *MAN'S WORD*

- “We are saved by faith alone”

## *GOD'S WORD*

- “You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only”  
(Jas. 2:19, 24)



# Some Lies Being Told Today

## *MAN'S WORD*

- “Baptism does not save”

## GOD'S WORD

- “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us”  
(1 Pet. 3:21)



# Some Lies Being Told Today

## *MAN'S WORD*

- “Once you are saved you are always saved”

## GOD'S WORD

- “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God” (Heb. 3:12)



# Ways To **AVOID** Believing A Lie

## 1 Kings 13

- Always test what is said by someone by what we find in the Bible (1 Jn. 4:1; Rev. 2:2)

– demand a scripture

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:



# Ways To **AVOID** Believing A Lie

1 Kings 13

- Consider all passages pertaining to a given subject:  
*“The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever”* (Ps. 119:160)



# Ways To **AVOID** Believing A Lie

## 1 Kings 13

- Read and study for yourself  
(Lk. 10:26; Eph. 3:3ff)

<sup>26</sup> He said unto him, What is written in the law? **how readest thou?**

<sup>3</sup> How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, <sup>4</sup> Whereby, **when ye read, ye may understand** my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)



# Ways To **AVOID** Believing A Lie

1 Kings 13

- Never misuse or misapply the word - (2 Tim. 2:15)
  - confirm context
  - who is it spoken to?
  - is it pertaining to something that no longer exists (i.e., miraculous gifts; law of Moses)?
  - does the interpretation given it contradict other passages?



# Ways To **AVOID** Believing A Lie

## Philippians 2:12, 13

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling;

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.



## Will It Be Said of Us?

- “. . .a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road. . .” (1 Kin. 13:24)
- **WILL I BE IDENTIFIED AS:**  
“It was the man of God who was disobedient to the word of the Lord. Therefore the Lord has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him. . .” (1 Kin. 13:26)



**1 Peter 5:8**

**Believing A Lie**

**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8)**