



“Loyalty”

Who’s # 1
Deuteronomy 13:1-11

Choosing the Lord over:

I. False Prophets – “that prophet...be put to death” (vs. 1-5)

There is an ability to:

- A. **Impress** – “the sign or the wonder come to pass”
- B. **Incite** – “saying, Let us go after other gods”
- C. **Infect** - “So shall thou put the evil away from the midst of thee”

II. Family & Friends – “thy friend...as thy own soul” (vs. 6-9)

There is a temptation to:

- A. **Consent** - “Thou shall not consent unto him”
- B. **Consider** – “nor hearken unto him”
- C. **Conceal** – “neither shall thou conceal him”

III. Feelings – “to thrust thee away from the Lord” (vs.10-11)

There can be no:

- A. **Sympathy** – “neither shall thy eye pity him”
- B. **Sputtering** – “you shall surely kill him, your hand shall be first”
- C. **Secrecy** – “All Israel shall hear, and fear”

Sentence Sermon

Our loyalty to God is proved when our obedience is tested.

Additional Verses

- **James 4:8**
- **II Chronicles 16:9**
- **Hosea 6:6**
- **I Corinthians 15:33**
- **Matthew 6:24**
- **Exodus 20:1-17**
- **James 1:8**

Put away the evil

- **Deuteronomy 13:5; 17:7, 12; 19:19; 21:21; 22:21–22, 24; 24:7**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why are professing believers so interested in “prophets” and “dreamers?”
4. How do we know if someone is a false prophet if the sign comes to pass?
5. Why would a believer want to go after other gods?
6. How does someone “cleave” unto the Lord?
7. Why aren’t false prophets put to death today?
8. Have you experienced family attempting to entice you away from God?
9. When friends leave the church you go to, does it cause a spiritual crisis?
10. How is secrecy often used to cover up a departure from worship of God?
11. What kind of situations do you face that test your loyalty to God?

