

Heading - Chapel April 13 R rd

Last week we discussed the account in 1 Kings 13 of the relation of the ~~relation~~ man from Judah with the king of Israel and with the old prophet in Bethel. We did not have time to examine the question---~~ex~~-exactly what meaning does this (has this have for us today, how much can we draw from it? The prophet refused to eat or drink water with the king who had established the false worship at Bethel. Does that mean that it is wrong for us to have any kind of social relation with those who establish wrong ecclesiastical arrangements? The prophet was strongly condemned for eat with the old prophet at Bethel. Does this mean that it is wrong for us to have any kind of social w relationship with those who do not speak out and stand strongly against false worship.

We found that the old prophet at Bethel, though he lied to the man of God from Judah, was later on used as God's instrument to bring God's message of condemnation to him (the ~~man of Judah~~ man of Judah?) and also to give further attestation to the fact that his prediction of the downfall of the false worship would be literally fulfilled. Thus God made use of the old prophet for His ~~own~~ own purposes.

In connection with God's command to the man of God from Judah I called directed your attention to John 2 where John, the apostle of love, told said to the elect lady in 2 John 2:10-11, "if there come any unto you, and bring ~~not~~ not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." Just what meaning do these have these things things have for us today? Is it wrong for us to have ~~any~~ any social or other connection whatever with any who condone false worship in any way whatever?

This is a very real question for those who are going to serve the Lord today. In the early days of American history a number of denominations became established here. During the ~~xx~~ years these denominations grew until they became ~~tremendous~~ *a hundred* very large and prosperous. Sixty years ago most f of them were declaring their allegiance to the Word of God, and proclaiming their