

Religious Status Quo

2 Kings 13:1-9

1. _____ in the status quo (v. 1-3)
 - a. The “new” _____ status quo (10:30)
 - b. The “old” _____ status quo
 - i. Sins of his forefather _____
 - ii. Sins of his father _____
 - c. Response of the _____ to the status quo cult
 - i. _____ upon Israel
 - ii. Use of the _____ to punish the unjust
 - iii. Use of _____ during this era
2. A surprising plea for _____ (v. 4-5)
 - a. _____ plea of the calf-worshipper
 - b. _____ response to the calf-worshipper
 - i. The LORD _____ to Jehoahaz
 - ii. The LORD reacted to Israel’s _____
 - iii. The LORD gave Israel a _____
 1. _____ king (Adad-nirari III)?
 2. _____ (v. 14) with history?
 3. Subsequent 2 _____ (13:17/14:27)?
 - c. _____ – LORD provides savior to needy Israel
3. _____ in the status quo (v. 6-9)
 - a. _____ of Israel to the LORD’s savior
 - i. Refusal to turn aside from _____ cult
 - ii. Remaining participation in _____ cult
 - b. _____ of religious status quo
 - i. _____ military power
 - ii. _____ epitaph

And the LORD said to Jehu, 'Because you have done well in carrying out what is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.'

2 Kings 10:30

If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

Proverbs 28:9

Then the LORD said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians...'

Exodus 3:7

For Further Study

1. Read 1 Kings 12:25-33 and 1 Kings 14:7-16.
 - a. What are the "sins of Jeroboam sin of Nebat" and why are they so egregious?
 - b. What is so egregious about Jehu and his son committing these same sins (consult 2 Kings 10:28-31)?
 - c. How long did Israel follow this golden calf cult? (Consider 2 Kings 17:21-23.)
 - d. What sins does today's church follow? In what ways do we follow a sinful religious status quo in our families? Do we pass on anything like this to our own children or grandchildren? Is our faith pure or syncretistic?
2. Read the Proverbs 28:9 verse above.
 - a. How surprising is it that God listened to Jehoahaz?
 - b. Was the LORD reacting to Jehoahaz because of the relationship Jehoahaz had with Him or with the law?
 - c. Who was the savior? (Read Deuteronomy 29:29.) Why does it not matter who the savior was?
3. Read Exodus 2:23-3:10.
 - a. How wonderful is God's response to His needy people?
 - b. How disappointing is the response of Israel to God's savior? Is any ingratitude found in you? In the church?