

The background of the slide is a circular frame containing a landscape photograph. The scene depicts a large body of water, likely a lake or fjord, filled with numerous icebergs of various sizes. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible under a dramatic sky with soft, golden light from a low sun, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall color palette is dominated by warm oranges, yellows, and blues.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GODLY OBEDIENCE

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Psalm 46 New International Version (NIV)

[a] For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamoth.[b] A song.

- 1. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**
- 2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**
- 3. though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.[c]**
- 4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the**

Most High dwells.

- 5. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**
- 6. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**
- 7. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- 8. Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.**
- 9. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.**

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields[d] with fire.

10. He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;

**I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

11. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

1ST KINGS 13: 1-34 NASB

1 Kings 13 (NASB)

Jeroboam Warned, Stricken

13 Now behold, there came a man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2 He cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, “O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you

and human bones shall be burned on you.”

3 Then he gave a [a]sign the same day, saying, “This is the [b]sign which the LORD has spoken, ‘Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the [c]ashes which are on it shall be poured out.’”

4 Now when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, “Seize him.” But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.

5 The altar also was

split apart and the [d]ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the [e]sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. (God will stand for you when you do his will).

6 The king said to the man of God, “Please [f]entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.” So the man of God [g]entreated the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before. 7 Then the king said to the man of God, “Come home with me and

refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.”

8 But the man of God said to the king, “If you were to give me half your house I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place. 9 For so [h]it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came.’” 10 So he went another way and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel.

The Disobedient Prophet

11 Now an old prophet was living in Bethel; and his [i]sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father. 12 Their father said to them, “[j]Which way did he go?” Now his sons [k]had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone. 13 Then he said to his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it.

14 So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under [l]an oak; and he said to him, “Are you the man of God who came from Judah?” And he said, “I am.” 15 Then he said to him, “Come home with me and eat bread.” 16 He said, “I cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. 17 For a command came to me by the word of the LORD, ‘You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.’”

18 He said to him, “I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.’” But he lied to him. 19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.

20 Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back; 21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, “Thus says the

LORD, ‘Because you have [m]disobeyed the [n]command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, 22 but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, “Eat no bread and drink no water”; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.’”

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

6 The king said to the man of God, “Please [f]entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.”

YOU MAY NOT HEAR THIS OFTEN; BUT THERE IS PRESTIGE AND HONOR IN BEING GODS AMBASSADORS AND PROPHETS,

AS LONG AS WE OBEY HIM”.

**EVEN KINGS MUST ASK THE PROPHETS OF
GOD TO ENTREAT THE LORD FOR THEM.**

Deuteronomy 28:10 King James Version (KJV)

**10 And all people of the earth shall see that
thou art called by the name of the LORD; and
they shall be afraid of thee.**

**13 Then he said to his sons, “Saddle the
donkey for me.” So they saddled the donkey
for him and he rode away on it.**

14 So he went after the man of God and found

(HE WAS STILL IN TOWN); AND IN A VULNERABLE POSITION.

1ST KINGS 13: 18 He said to him, “I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.’” But he lied to him.

1ST KING 13: 19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.

1ST KINGS 13:20 Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back; 21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Because you have [m]disobeyed the [n]command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, 22 but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, “Eat no bread and drink no water”’;

your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.

1 Kings 13:24 New International Version (NIV)

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.

A circular frame containing a sunset over a body of water with icebergs. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the scene. The water is dark, reflecting the sky and the scattered icebergs. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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