

Grace to the Unworthy

2 Kings 13:10-25

1. Another unworthy _____ (v. 10-13)
 - a. A king like his _____ and grandfather
 - i. Did what was _____ in LORD's eyes
 - ii. _____ in the sins of Jeroboam
 - b. A king like _____ the others in Israel
 - i. _____, blah, blah, blah, blah
 - ii. Lived, reigned, fought, _____
2. An unworthy _____ to the LORD (v. 14-19)
 - a. _____ recognition of the importance of Elisha
 - i. _____ at his impending death
 - ii. Recalled the _____ of the prophetic office
 - b. Recipient of _____ grace
 - i. An arrow of _____
 1. From God thru prophetic _____
 2. " _____ " for Israel
 - ii. Arrows of _____
 1. Only _____!
 2. _____ victory
3. An unworthy _____ (v. 20-25)
 - a. For the ministry of _____
 - i. _____ of the Word of God
 - ii. _____ of the Word of God
 - b. For the _____ of the LORD
 - i. Gracious because of the _____
 - ii. Gracious due to LORD's _____
 - c. For victories over Syria
 - * Fulfilled by the LORD thru _____ king!

'I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth...'

Revelation 3:8, 15-16

For Further Study

"It is important, then, to see how verses 10-13 and verses 14-19 fit together. Verses 10-13 summarize Jehoash's whole reign, but verses 14-19 capture his most crucial moment – standing before the word of Yahweh. Hence this latter vignette gets more space than the king's whole 'bio' in verses 10-13. The text makes a value judgment: how a man responds to Yahweh's word is more significant than all the achievements and honors of a lifetime.

"Now in Elisha's view – and his is the only view that counts here – Jehoash's response to Yahweh's word was obviously inadequate. He had Yahweh's promise (v. 17) and he should have grasped it with both hands. But Jehoash was content to be a three-victories man. Let us not destroy but only contain Syria. That was enough for him. The promise of God did not stir him enough...

"But Christian believers know something of this half-heartedness. We have the assurance, 'For sin will not lord it over you, for you are not under law, but under grace' (Rom. 6:14). Our union with Christ has brought about regime change and we are now under the power of grace which will give us substantial liberty from sin (as a power). But some of us, using a degree of right theology, make our Jehoash response. We have become convinced of 'total depravity', and that is our condition, and that we are so bound by certain habits, inabilities, behaviors, and reactions, that even though we claim to be Christ's there is no hope of change or transformation. Grace may as well be a mere word, the Holy Spirit a theory, and the gospel only propaganda for all we will expect from it. Yes, we have the promise but we cannot expect too much from it."

Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 196-98