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1 Kings 20:36

“And then he said to him, “Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you leave me, a lion will kill you....” 1 King 20:36

Our obedience or disobedience to the word of God carries with it tremendous consequences. “But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14)

In this passage of scripture the prophet’s request seems foolish, if not outright ungodly! Yet this man’s natural reasoning cost him his life. It is all too easy for us to relegate such harsh judgments to the dispensation of the Old Covenant. “He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.” (Hebrews 10:28)

But the consequences of disobeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ far outweigh the consequence of disobeying this Old Testament prophet. “Of how much worse punishment do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God under foot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, *and* insulted the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:29)

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relived.”¹

“Lord, help me to have a “quick understanding in the fear of the Lord.” And help me to obey the word of the Lord as soon as I hear it!”

¹ From the hymn, Amazing Grace by John Newton