

PRAYER MEETING  
**"THE SIN OF JEROBOAM"**

**Introduction**

1. Importance of reading re. OT men
2. The OT as well as NT is inspired
3. I draw attention to this King Jeroboam

**1. JEROBOAM WAS A MAN WHO BEGAN WELL**

- 1) 3 Kings we should know of:
  - (i) Solomon: Good King who slipped up
  - (ii) Rehoboam: followed the young men!
  - (iii) Jeroboam: was given the Ten Tribes  
**OBSERVE**: How quickly a nation can change!
- 2) Jeroboam had a promising start:
  - (i) A sudden door of opportunity
  - (ii) Encouragement from God
  - (iii) Many of God's people in the land
- 3) But he went terribly wrong  
**APPLICATION**: Not enough to start well. Keep on!

**2. JEROBOAM STARTED TO GO WRONG EARLY IN LIFE**

- 1) He had no single-eye for God's glory
- 2) He could not trust God to bless him
- 3) He made drastic changes to God's worship
  - (i) golden calves
  - (ii) a new priesthood
  - (iii) different ordinances
- 4) He paid no heed to God's warnings

- 5) All these troubles were a judgement on Israel – began to commit apostasy
  - (i) They lost the worship of God
  - (ii) They lost the hope of Christ, Messiah
  - (iii) They drifted into worldliness  
**APPLICATION**: Nothing is so serious as when a nation loses the true worship of God

**3. JEROBOAM'S LIFE WAS A DISASTER**

- 1) The prophet's warning:  
 - What a lesson! Yet it was unheeded.
- 2) The death of his son:  
 - Wife in disguise. Message to doom.
- 3) The stigma attached to his name  
 - over and over again: "made Israel"  
**APPLICATION**: This is a very common thing:
  - (i) old generation good – but new minister
  - (ii) changes in the way of worship
  - (iii) God's favour lost; the blessing gone  
**OBSERVE**: Israel was swept away forever.

**CONCLUSION**

Do not hanker after change in the things of God!  
 Remember Jeremiah 6:

<b>PSALM</b>
<b>9: 1 – 8</b>
<b>10: 13 – 16</b>
<b>12: 3 – 8</b>