

Anointed To Make A Difference

2 Kings 9:1-13 / Jehu



Leap
of FAITH
Hebrews 11:1



2 Kings 9:1–5 (NKJV)

1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, “Get yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead.

2 Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in and make him rise up from among his associates, and take him to an inner room.

3 Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door and flee, and do not delay."

4 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead.

5 And when he arrived, there were the captains of the army sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, Commander." Jehu said, "For which one of us?" And he said, "For you, Commander."

Anointed While Another King Was On The Throne

The scene is now in Ramoth Gilead where Israel and Judah had combined their forces to recover the city from the Syrians. One of the key commanders of the Israeli army was Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat, but not the Jehoshaphat who was king of Judah and the father of Jehoram.

Anointed While Another King Was On The Throne

Unknown to Jehu, the Prophet Elisha had dispatched one of the young sons of the prophets to anoint him king of Israel. This was the third assignment God gave Elijah (*1 Kings 19:15–16*). Instead of going to the battlefield himself, Elisha wisely gave the young man the authority to anoint Jehu privately. Elisha advised the student to flee the scene as fast as he could, for obviously there was going to be serious conflict.

Ecclesiastes 3:1–3 (NKJV)

1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;

3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

Psalms 75:6–7 (NKJV)

6 For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south.

7 But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

Jehu's Anointing Came With An Assignment

2 Kings 9:6–7 (NKJV)

6 Then he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel.

7 You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

The young man didn't end his work with the anointing but went on to explain to Jehu the work God wanted him to do.

His main task was to wipe out the family of Ahab in Israel and execute God's judgment upon them because of the innocent people they had killed.

He specifically mentioned Jezebel's crimes and her judgment, referring to the words Elijah spoke when he confronted Ahab (*1 Kings 21:21–24*).

That prophecy may have been forgotten by Ahab's descendants, but God remembered it, and the time had come to fulfill it. Just as God had wiped out the descendants of Jeroboam and Baasha (*1 Kings 15:25–16:7*), He would use Jehu to destroy the house of Ahab.

Anointed With A Purpose!

Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:10 (NKJV)

See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

Anointed With A Purpose!

Isaiah 10:27 (NKJV)

It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.



We are not always anointed for a pretty situation. Our anointing will be used to correct the wrong, heal the hurt, and repair the broken.

God will anoint us to deal with a crisis! Jesus read from book of Isaiah to proclaim who He is.



Luke 4:18–19 (NKJV)

18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me To preach the
gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal
the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the
captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To
set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the
LORD.”



**God surrounded
Jehu with people
who confirmed
his anointing.**



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2 Kings 9:11–13 (NKJV)

11 Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, “Is all well? Why did this madman come to you?” And he said to them, “You know the man and his babble.”

12 And they said, “A lie! Tell us now.” So he said, “Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: “I have anointed you king over Israel.” ’ ”

13 Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, “Jehu is king!”

**God Had Him
Surrounded By Men
Who Cared About
His Well Being.**



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After the young man the prophet had made his swift retreat, Jehu, too, resigned the inner chamber, and “came forth”—returned to the place where he had been sitting with “the servants of his lord”—the other captains of the host—and rejoined their company.



2 Kings 9:11 (NKJV)

Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, “Is all well? Why did this madman come to you?” And he said to them, “You know the man and his babble.”

And one said unto him, Is all well? One of the other captains of the host took the word, and asked, in the ordinary phraseology of the time, “Is it peace?”—or, in other words, “Is all right?” “Is all well?” The sudden appearance and disappearance of the messenger had evidently created an impression that all was *not well*.

H. D. M. Spence-Jones, ed., 2 Kings, The Pulpit Commentary (London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909), 190.



He has been anointed as king while the son of Ahab is on the throne, and Jezebel is still in the palace.

He is probably excited and scared at the same time!

He had men who cared about how he was doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV)

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

We should be thankful for those who care how we are doing.



God Had Him Surrounded With Men Who Were Spiritually Discerning.



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2 Kings 9:12 (NKJV)

And they said, “A lie! Tell us now.” So he said, “Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: “I have anointed you king over Israel.” ’ ”

It is a beautiful situation to have friends who care how you fair, and not allow you to lie to them even if you are afraid of telling them the truth.

We all need bold friends who can tell when we are not being totally honest with them, and encourage us to be honest.



Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

He had men in his life who stimulated him to be honest because what he heard left him somewhat troubled!

Galatians 6:2–3 (NKJV)

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

**He Is Surrounded By
Men Who Strongly
Supported His
Appointment.**



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2 Kings 9:13 (NKJV)

Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, “Jehu is king!”

They pressed for an answer, Jehu tells all and receives immediate, enthusiastic support. At least a certain segment of the military wants him to overthrow Joram. He is declared king, but he has much to do for the proclamation to be more than wasted breath.

Paul R. House, 1, 2 Kings, vol. 8, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1995), 287.



It is reasonably assumed that “a deep dissatisfaction with Joram must have prevailed in the army,” though whether the dissatisfaction arose from the idolatry of the house of Ahab, or from Joram’s withdrawal from the war, may be doubted.

Jehu, on the other hand, was evidently highly esteemed. The captains threw themselves with eagerness into his cause, and spontaneous sort of enthronement.

And blew with trumpets. This was a recognized part of the ceremony of a coronation (see *2 Sam. 15:10; 1 Kings 1:39; ch. 11:14*). Saying, Jehu is king.

H. D. M. Spence-Jones, ed., *2 Kings, The Pulpit Commentary* (London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909), 190191.



If the cause was idolatry, we must come to realize God's children want worship that is focused on God, and not creation!

Leviticus 19:4 (NKJV)

'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the LORD your God.

Psalm 96:4–6 (NLT)

4 Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.

5 The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the LORD made the heavens!

6 Honor and majesty surround him; strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.

Real worshippers want to turn their worship towards God, not man or anything created by man!

Jehu was restoring true worship by exterminating the root of false worship.

There should never be room for compromise when it comes to worshipping Jehovah, and having a personal relationship with Jesus!

If it was because of Joram's withdrawal from battle, we must remember leadership in God's kingdom is servant leadership. Don't ask people to do what you are not willing to do yourself.

Matthew 23:11–12 (NKJV)

11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.



Jehu Did The Will Of The Lord

2 Kings 9:24 (NKJV)

Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his arms; and the arrow came out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.



Jehu Did The Will Of The Lord

2 Kings 9:27 (NKJV)

But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw this, he fled by the road to Beth Haggan. So Jehu pursued him, and said, "Shoot him also in the chariot." And they shot him at the Ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. Then he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

Jehu Did The Will Of The Lord

2 Kings 9:33 (NKJV)

Then he said, “Throw her down.” So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot.



Removal Of All Things That Hinder Your Worship Of God!

God used Jehu as a tool of revenge, and to restore true worship!

We do not have the authority to take revenge out on anyone as Christians, and children of God!

Romans 12:19 (NKJV)

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

I believe God is showing us we have a personal responsibility to correct and remove the things in our lives that keep us from God!

Matthew 5:29–30 (NKJV)

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.