

**Believing a Lie**  
**1 Kings 12:27-13:26**  
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Thesis: I want to show the ease of believing a lie and the dangers of it.

Intro: 1. There are many things people believe in today.  
2. If we aren't careful we can believe things that are not founded in truth.

I. The Young Prophet & God's Command (**1 Kings 12:27-13:10**)

A. The King's selfish error (**1 Kings 12:27-33**)

1. The King's announcement is made under the disguise of helping the people (**1 Kings 12:28**).
2. The illusion of helping the people is used to hide the king's lie.

B. The king's lie causes the people to commit sin (**1 Kings 12:30-31**).

1. The people fully believed in the King. We do not read of any rebellion from the people to obey the king (**Romans 1:25**-following a lie).
2. The lie was said to help the people, in reality it separated them from God.

C. The prophet sent by God (**1 Kings 13:1-10**)

1. The prophet was sent by God to tell of Josiah and give a sign that his message was from God. Jeroboam still withstood him; some have to learn the hard way (**1 Kings 13:4-5**).
2. They tried to thank the prophet after realizing the error of their ways. He would refuse and do as God commanded (**1 Kings 13:7-10**)

II. The Old Prophet's Lie

A. The Old prophet wanted to meet the prophet sent by God (**1 Kings 13:11-12**, v.13-15).

1. The prophet lived near the city; but he was not involved in the sinful worship. However, we do not read of him having kept God's commands by traveling to Jerusalem.
2. He knew what had happened, his sons had told him (v.11).
3. Speculation: it could be that this man was once a faithful prophet ("old prophet" v.11).
  - a. Whatever the case he proves his worth quickly.

B. This prophet clearly had some issues. (**1 Kings 13:16-19**).

1. The "prophet" lied and deceived a man of God.
2. The result of believing a lie (1 Kings 13:20-24)

III. Those still believing lies today.

1. Those who believe in a plan of salvation not found in the Bible
  - a. Results in a false hope and many sincere people dying in their sins (**2 Pt 2:18a**)
2. False & Sinful Worship
  - a. Results in empty vain worship (**Mt 15:8-9**).
3. Filling the mind of believers with false teachings (**2 Peter 2:12-15**).

Conc: 1. If you have been believing a lie, there is no better time to change than today.  
2. Believing a lie will not get you into heaven, only following the truth will.  
3. Full Invitation