

## "IT IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU"

1 KINGS 12:25-33

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## THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

- King Rehoboam's foolishness led to the northern 10 tribe's rebellion and subsequent alignment with Jeroboam who "*reigned over them*" (Israel).
- King Jeroboam reasoned that if the citizens of the northern ten tribes kept returning to Jerusalem to worship, their heart would "*return to their lord.*" (verse 27)
- King Jeroboam then built two golden calves and established them in Dan and Bethel and then reasoned with the ten tribes: "*It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem ...*" (verse 28)

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## SATAN'S SCHEMES

- One of Satan's many tactics (Ephesians 6:11): **convince man that God is asking too much.**
- From the beginning, Satan has attempted to deceive man into thinking what God asks of man is beyond what's reasonable. Consider:
  - Cain (Genesis 4)
  - Moses (Exodus 3-4)
  - The ten spies (Numbers 13)
  - Noah (Genesis 6)
  - Job (Job 1-2)
  - Abraham (Genesis 22)
  - Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1, 4)
  - Esther (Esther 4)

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## "WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?"

(MICAH 6:8; DEUTERONOMY 10:12)

- First, for many, they do not believe God has required anything of us. (Psalms 10:12-13)
- Second, if we understand God requires something of us, what is our attitude towards it? (Luke 17:10)

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## IS IT TOO MUCH?

- Think about the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:23ff who found it to be "*too much*" to detach himself from all that owned to follow Jesus.
- Is it too much to be willing to give "*beyond their ability*" means to the Lord? (2 Corinthians 8:5)
  - David understood that sacrifice was not too much but rather appropriate. (2 Samuel 24:24)

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## IS IT TOO MUCH?

- **To worship every first day of the week?** (Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 John 5:3; Acts 8:27; 20:7; Luke 17:11ff)
- **To partake in every Bible study possible?** (Acts 17:11; 20:20; cf. Acts 2:46; 16:4-5; 20:9, 20)
  - Is it possible to worship and study God's word too frequently? Does frequency make it any less special? (cf. Matthew 5:6)

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### IS IT TOO MUCH?

- To **respect and submit** to divine authority? (1 Kings 12:33; 13:33-34; Matthew 21:23-27; Jeremiah 5:31; 10:23)
- To **understand** that which is revealed by God and be **true students** of His word? (Ephesians 3:3-5; 5:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Deuteronomy 6:6-8)
- To **stand united** in His word and preach the "whole counsel of God"? (1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 20:27)
- To **humble ourselves** as a lowly servant before God and others? (Luke 15:18-19; Matthew 23:11; Philippians 2:3-4)

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### IS IT TOO MUCH?

- To **patiently endure** suffering for righteousness sake? (1 Peter 4:12-14; James 1:2-4)
- To **let our light shine** and evangelize the world? (Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 8:4; 2 Timothy 2:2)
- To **faithfully and "gladly"** deal with our "**thorns in the flesh**"? (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- To **resist temptation** and overcome evil? (1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Titus 2:12; Romans 12:21; Hebrews 12:1-2)
- To **respect God's laws on marriage and divorce**? (Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11)

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### IS IT TOO MUCH?

- To **bring forth fruit worthy of repentance**? (Acts 17:30; Luke 3:8ff; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11)
- To **fully obey**? (Zechariah 6:15; Romans 6:16-18; Acts 22:16)
  - To hear and submit to the will of God? (Romans 10:17)
  - To believe? (John 8:24)
  - To confess? (Romans 10:9-10)
  - To repent? (Acts 17:30)
  - To be baptized? (Acts 2:38)

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### WAS IT TOO MUCH?

Was it too much for Jesus?:

- To have left the glory of heaven at God's right hand to take the form of a bond servant. (Philippians 2:5-8)
- To be rejected by God's creation. (1 Peter 2:4-7)
- To suffer humiliation, pain, and ultimately to lay down His life so that we might be joint heirs with Him. (John 10:15-18; Romans 8:14-17)

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