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GOOD AND EVIL IN JEHU.

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Commentary, Verses, 28-32 — Golden Text,
I Sam. xvi, 7.—Commentary by the Rev.
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Jehu and Jehu gathered all the people to

We find this man's name nearly forty times in this and the preceding chapters, and not once a dozen times elsewhere. He is evidently the Lord's minister of judgment upon sin and sinners, but does not appear to have been a true worshiper of the true God.

10. "I have a great sacrifice to do Baal." This is what Jehu is so commended for having gathered together all the prophets, priests and servants of Baal that he might destroy them. Baal was the chief male deity of the Egyptians and Canaanites. The word signifies master or possessor, and is used fifteen times in this chapter, which is more than it is found in any other chapter in the Bible.

11. "I will be a father to the fatherless." This is the promise of the only true God, and the God

of Israel, and an identification with the false religions of the nations, and was a great provocation of Jehovah.

20. "And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal," is stated in the previous verse to have been that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal, but he is doing it deceitfully, and a God of truth cannot deceive nor authorize deceit.

21. "And Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not."

And we read that the house of Baal was full from one end to the other. "Here is a devotion worthy of a better cause, but it is even so to this present day.

23. "Bring forth vestments for all the, worshippers of Beal." And he brought them forth.

24. Thus while outwardly honoring them and seemingly encouraging them he was robbing them for slaughter. Death, not life, was before them, and it was death leading to the second death. The separation of soul and body is not to be dreaded if we are clothed with Christ's righteousness.

25. "Behold, I, Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab." See in verse 15 the greeting and union of these two, and if not familiar with the story of the descendants of Jonadab, read it in Jer. xxv, and mark the blessings of obedience.

24. "And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings . . .

25. "Go in and slay them; let none come forth." This is the obedient part, as when the Levites went in and out throughout the land and slew every man his brother and companion and neighbor, because of their sin against God. Thus will everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord come day overtake all who know not God and obey not his gospel (II Thes. 1, 8, 9).

26. "And they brought forth the images cut in silver, brass, and burn them." Not only the idolaters but their idols also he destroy.

27. "And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal."

and made it a draught house unto this day."

The whole house of Satan, for he is the prince of "kings and idolaters, shall yet find him a snare," the city and completely broken down.

28. "When Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel."

It was a sore evil, and required severe treatment and received it. It seems to have been Jehu's special mission to put away this iniquity; but he did not win Israel's hearts, and he did not see. It is one thing, to put away evil, but quite another to make people righteous.

29. "Howbeit, from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them."

90. "And the Lord said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing this which is right in mine eyes. Therefore shall thou be as a man at peace, because thou hast brought forth the word of the Lord." (2 Kings 9:26-27)

91. "The Lord also said unto him, Thou shalt not see death; forasmuch as thou hast done this thing which is right in mine eyes." (2 Kings 9:30)

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Lord Jesus who commends his fraudulent treatment of his master, but it is his own lord or master who considers him a shrewd fellow to thus make provision for his future.

“They children of the fourth generation shall come to the throne of Israel.”

“And he shall be called King” (chap. xv, 19). His thronebearing brought him, and his children a temporal kingdom for four generations. If we who believe in Jesus are faithful to Him we shall sit with Him on His throne (Rev. iii, 21; and in bodies like His (Phil. iii, 21) reign with Him over the whole earth. (Rev. v, 8, 10; Dan. vii, 27).

“But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Israel with all

The chief thing was neglected. Let any one read in Deuteronomy, and notice how often it is that one book Israel is commanded to observe and do the commandments of the Lord, and the other book is made to show the commandments seem very questionable. He showed us mercy to the house of Ahab, not in the punishment of him, but he wrought a miracle in the house of Ahab, and preserved the law of the Lord. Where then is his righteousness? He stands before the identical with serpents, a sinful man whom he saved from the wrath of the Lord, and he was tempted twice. Deuteronomy, Eph. xii, 18; Rom. x, 4; vii, 4; and not only turn from idols but turn to God and serve Him (I Thess. i, 9).

It was just an ordinary scrap of writing paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable, and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle; it helped her more, bought another and grew better; she continued to use this and her strength returned. She bought a third bottle, and for further treatment she sent money to W. H. Child, druggist, Fort Smith. Treat bottles of this Wonderful Discovery ten cents, at Brown & Smalley's drug store.

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Edward Kueberger was appointed last...

Guy Howard, "the thirteenth," at the...

Our society people were kept busy last...

Rev. Wm. Gould will preach at the 2d...

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Have you seen the Indian Spirit?

City Surveyor Franklin Marsh has recently...

The cleaning of the pavement in Main...

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