

Day 65 – Apr. 28

When you have a decision to make, and you need some help making it, who do you ask? Do you find a book or article online? Do you go to a trusted coworker who knows about your decision? Do you go to a friend who will listen well?

Ahaziah wanted to know about his future, so he wanted to ask someone who knew about it. He had access to Elijah himself. Through Elijah, Ahaziah had access to God Himself. So when Ahaziah needed to know, who did he turn to? He sent messengers not to Yahweh the God of Israel and Judah, but to Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, a region of the Philistines and one of their seats of power. Elijah, sent by God, confronts the messengers, then the army of the king, and fire from heaven ensues.

It's getting to be a pretty common story as we continue reading in Israel's history. King after king goes to the wrong source for information. This is stupid, but not truly sinful... except for what it reveals about the king. When we need answers, we turn to the ones we trust. So turning to Baal-zebub for answers in stead of Yahweh means Ahaziah trusts Baal-zebub and not Yahweh.

So the question for us today is this: Whom do you trust? We can answer this when we look at who we go to for answers to our deepest questions. When we ask what we should do, or where we should go, who's advice do we take? Who do we seek out for information, wisdom, and direction? This is the person that you trust, and usually that you put your trust in.

Whether it is a job search, a relationship question, a timing issue, or anything else, we need to turn to God for help, for answers, and for direction. We need to turn in prayer and worship to God. Sometimes that means asking in prayer and then waiting – often for a long time – for God's answer. Sometimes it means going to God's emissary, someone we trust who has the mind of God and a solid prayer life. Sometimes it means turning to the bible for an answer. Whatever it looks like for you, be sure you are turning to God for direction and not to your wisdom, the worlds answers, or anywhere else that is not God.