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Topic: The Prophet of Fire: The Folly of Indiscretion

Scripture text: 1 Kings 20:31-43

1. Some decisions that we make can have big impact on our life. Decisions and judgments require discernment and rash decisions can lead to disasters. King Ahab had no discretion and was foolish in his actions. He was fooled by the Syrian's false act of surrender and spared Benhadad. He did not seek the LORD for His will. He did not obey God's commandments. He did not consider the spiritual implications of his actions. He was conceited, complacent and proud. He compromised and cooperated with Benhadad willingly.

2. We must not apply situational ethics. When God's instructions are clear, we just need to obey. There is grave consequences for disobedience. King Ahab will pay for Benhadad's life with his own life. We must trust in the LORD and His counsels to make decisions. We cannot blindly follow human reasoning or human emotions. Rather, we must exercise spiritual discernment. Follow the Word of God and seek Him in prayer.