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Sermon Series: Standing Tall

Text: 2 Kings 1:1-18

Elijah: an old prophet – a man continuing to stand tall

## I. THE EVIL OF AHAZIAH

Read 2 Kings 1:2

Where do you go for wisdom?

- Prayer
- God's Word (Proverbs)
- Godly mentors
- Parents

Proverbs 2 - seek wisdom like we would seek gold

Read 2 Kings 1:3

Evil gets God's attention

Read 2 Kings 1:4

God sought for a man who knew how to stand tall

Read <u>2 Kings 1:5-6</u>

"Thus saith the LORD" - the safest type of message to deliver

This rebuke to Ahaziah is twofold:

- 1. The **Reason** he sought false gods in obedience
- 2. The **Result** death

## II. THE EGO OF AHAZIAH

Read <u>2 Kings 1:7-8</u>

Ahaziah heard about Elijah from his wicked parents - Ahab & Jezebel Read <u>2 Kings 1:9-10</u> Had Ahaziah forgotten that Elijah was the Prophet of Fire? Read <u>2 Kings 1:11-12</u> God's judgment is called down once again Read Prov 15:21 Read <u>2 Kings 1:13-14</u> God gives clear instructions (2 Kings 1:15) Read Prov 24:16 "Get up - and let God use you again" **III. THE ELIMINATION OF AHAZIAH** Read <u>2 Kings 1:16-17</u> Costly decision can bring decades of misery IV. THE EXAMINATION OF AHAZIAH The crucial lessons to learn from this story: A. How God seeks us Read <u>Luke 9:54</u>, <u>Luke 9:55-56</u> "God does different things in different times for different people for different reasons." B. How God saves us "The infinite Son of God suffered the infinite penalty for the infinite sin of the world." C. How God secures us Read 2 Kings 1:16 The God of the Bible demands our highest allegiance, our total adoration and our unconditional obedience