

Adventures in Kings
Here's Looking at You
2 Kings 17:1-23

Question: Where are your eyes fixed?

I. What Happened? A Geo-Political Perspective (1-6)

II. Why It Happened? A Spiritual Perspective (7-23)

~ "because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD" (7b)

A. They Disregarded the Grace of God (7-12)

~ because they looked to the nations (8,11)

B. They Despised the Statutes of God (13-17)

~ because they looked to the nations (15)

C. So God Judged Them (18-23)

~ a deeper reality than the king of Assyria

"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:11-12)

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who the joy set before him endured the cross scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2 NIV)

Point to Ponder: How have we allowed our eyes to be turned toward those around us - in a fashion that only leads to conformity? How has that gaze caused us to fail to remember the central story of God's Grace shown to us on the cross?

Next Week:

We will continue our sermon series *Adventures in Kings* by looking at the text of **2 Kings 19:1-19** *For Crying Out-loud*.

