

man of God who came from Judah? And he said, I am. And he said, Come home with me, and eat bread. And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest." The old prophet said, I am a prophet also as thou art: and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him." Just a little white lie! After all, he was a believer. He was a real prophet, and this other man was a real prophet and he had been longing for real Christian fellowship so long -- why couldn't they have fellowship together? And this fellow has gotten this idea in his head, I musn't eat with anybody here in this town. Well, that's right; he shouldn't eat with the king. You should not eat with these ungodly. But now when you stick to the precise word of your understanding of the Word of God, well, that doesn't include me - I'm a true prophet too! I'm a follower of God just as you are, and if I just make a little imagination about an angel talking to me and make a little white lie, just a way to get the truth across to him. What harm can it do? What possible harm can it do? How easy it is for us to rationalize. How easy it is for us to think that a little white lie can't do any harm. But in this case, it cost the life of the prophet who had stood for God. And in this case the old prophet who had brought him back was the very one who later rebuked him for disobeying the Word of God. You'll find that in your life. People