

can't trust so and so, who can you trust? There is One person you can trust and that is God Almighty. Human beings will lead you astray if you put your trust in them. Follow them when they are right, but do not take any ~~***~~ human being as being a thoroughly dependable guide, because no human being is. So the prophet had this meal with this fellow; they had such fine fellowship -- he despondently went out, got on his mule and started back Judah. And v. 24 says "And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, and the lion also stood by the carcass." God does not always do that sort of thing. The wicked often prosper. And thank God when a righteous man falls, God often lifts him up and brings him back. He won't always do that. You can't depend on it when you fail that God will bring you back. But He often does. It is marvelous that God does forgive us so often. But Oh how ready we are to be stricken, and stern in our judgment of other Christians who fail at one point or another. But there are cases like this one. The case of Ananias and Sapphira where God strikes them dead within a short time. That does not mean they are more wicked than others whom He does not strike dead. It means that God has occasionally given examples. He has occasionally demonstrated ~~XNX~~ in particular ways His hatred ^{against} of sin, and here He wanted to demonstrate in a very particular way the error of moving aside from the Word of God, and the necessity of standing absolutely true to what we find clearly taught in the Word of God.

Oh most of us tend to want to stand absolutely true to what our church councils have said, to what our parents have said perhaps, to what our pastor says perhaps, to what is written in some book somewhere