

# 2 Kings 10:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 10: Zeal for God without heart transformation. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 10 takes place during Jehu's dynasty and the violent purge of Baal worship, around 841 BCE. The chapter's theme (Jehu's Purge Continues) reflects the historical reality of violent political revolution motivated by zeal for Yahweh but lacking genuine heart transformation. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 10 regarding zeal for god without heart transformation?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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אָלָּה מִלְּאָמֵן אָמָר יְהוָה וְאֶת־יְהוּדָה  
gathered And Jehu H853 H3605 all the people and said H413  
H6908 H3058 H5971 H559

עָמַד בְּעַל־בָּאָלָה אֶת־עַל־בָּאָלָה אֶת־עַל־בָּאָלָה  
unto them Ahab served H853 Baal a little And Jehu served  
H256 H5647 H1168 H4592 H3058 H5647

בְּרַבָּה:  
him much  
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