

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is necessary on our part to receive God's rich blessing?
2. If we are saved by Jesus, are we not to just let Him do everything?
3. Can we expect God to bless our lives as He did Judah during the reign of Asa?

SUMMARY:

After many years of idolatrous rule by Rehoboam and Abijah, Judah now experienced a great change. Asa who did those things good and right in God's sight, destroyed the idols and groves. As a result God blessed the nation. Peace reigned for 35 years with the exception of the subject of our lesson. By "resting" on God and trusting in Him, the enemy was overcome by the power of God.

When sin is removed from lives, God blesses with peace and victory. This is true even yet today in individual lives, as it was with Asa and the people of Judah.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

October 9, 2011

Fourth Quarter

ASA, A KING WHO SOUGHT GOD

LESSON TEXT: 2 Chronicles 14:1-15

LESSON SETTING: King's palace in Judah.

TIME: Approximately 955 B.C.

I. IDOLATRY IS FORSAKEN. 2 Chronicles 14:1-5

- A. Righteous Living (vs. 2) 1 Kings 15:11; 1 Timothy 6:11; Titus 2:12
- B. Seeking God (vs. 4) Psalm 105:4; Hosea 10:12
- C. Idols Destroyed (vs. 3, 5) 2 Kings 10:26-27; 11:18

II. PEACE IS ENJOYED. 2 Chronicles 14:6-8

- A. Lord Gave Peace (vs. 6) Psalm 119:165; Isaiah 26:3
- B. Seeking God Brings Peace (vs. 7) Job 22:21; John 16:33

III. VICTORY IS GIVEN. 2 Chronicles 14:9-15

- A. God's Power Recognized (vs. 11) 1 Chronicles 29:12; Psalm 62:11;
- B. Trusting in God (vs. 11) Psalm 34:22; Proverbs 29:25
- C. God Delivers (vs. 12-13) 2 Samuel 22:2; Daniel 6:27; 2 Corinthians 1:10

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . *HELP US, O LORD OUR GOD; FOR WE REST ON THEE . . .*
2 Chronicles 14:11

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Chronicles 20:14-30

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Habakkuk 3:1-16; Matthew 26:36-39

QUARTERLY THEME: Kings and Prophets of Judah

TOPIC: JEHOSHAPHAT, A SPIRITUAL LEADER

INTRODUCTION:

Jehoshaphat was the fourth king to rule over Judah. He was 35 years old when he started to reign and was king for 25 years. The Bible says that he “walked in the ways of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord.” (2 Chronicles 20:32) The Lord was with him and delivered on more than one occasion.

Jehoshaphat strengthened his kingdom and his people by sending priests and Levites throughout Judah to teach the people the law of God. The effect was so great that the fear of the Lord fell upon all the surrounding nations. (2 Chronicles 17:8-10)

Our lesson deals with God's deliverance of Judah from their enemy who came to battle against them. In fear, Jehoshaphat and the people called upon God. His message was that the battle was not theirs, but God's. Singers were appointed to lead in singing and praising God as they went into the battle. As they sang and praised God, God overcame the enemy so that not one escaped.

This should be a lesson to us too. Our victories can also be found by calling upon God, trusting in Him, and singing and praising Him.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Living close to God in days of blessing will enable the soul to have assurance and faith when trouble comes.

GOLDEN TEXT: THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S.

2 Chronicles 20:15

The people of Judah, under the leadership of two successive kings, who did that which was right in the sight of God, were richly blessed. Often under these circumstances people become lax in their spiritual lives, but these people trusted more in the Lord. When trouble threatened, they turned to God with their great concern and the Lord promised to fight their battle. As a result the people did not have to fight at all. Instead they sang and praised God and God's victory was so decisive that not one of the enemy escaped.

God promises us the same thing. Our battles may not be between men. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12) God's promise is that a way of escape is provided for each temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

May we live close to the Lord, as Judah did, so that our faith may be firmly established and that we can find the victories through our Lord Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 10 – 16

- M. A King Seeks Revival. 2 Chronicles 17:1-9
- T. God's Blessings Outpoured. 2 Chronicles 17:10-19
- W. An Unholy Alliance. 2 Chronicles 18:1-11
- T. A True Prophecy. 2 Chronicles 18:12-27
- F. A King's Life Spared. 2 Chronicles 18:28-34
- S. *God Gives Victory. 2 Chronicles 20:14-30
- S. A King's Prayer. 2 Chronicles 20:1-13

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