

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Since God had hallowed the temple, how can we explain its need of repair?
2. Why were the collections for rebuilding the temple so successful? Can we draw a parallel regarding building a church today?
3. What are some of the things about the rebuilding of the temple that may have pleased God?

SUMMARY:

The temple had been vandalized and many of the vessels taken or destroyed by Joash's grandmother and some of his uncles. This was probably during the six years when Athaliah had seized control of the country. It also was about 124 years after Solomon built the temple.

Joash filled with zeal and having a love for the temple ordered its repair and the collecting of funds to finance it. After some delay the collection was made and the people, overjoyed that the temple was to be repaired brought bountiful gifts and the collection box was emptied time after time.

In due time the work was finished and the people worshipped God and brought burnt offerings as long as Jehoiada the priest lived. God promises to bless those who worship Him and bring sacrifices of praise.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

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Fourth Quarter

JOASH REPAIRS GOD'S HOUSE

LESSON TEXT: 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

LESSON SETTING: In Judah, during the restoration of the Temple.

TIME: Approximately 885 B.C.

I. THE DECISION TO REPAIR. 2 Chronicles 24:1-4

- A. Solomon's Temple (vs. 4) 2 Samuel 7:12-13; 1 Kings 5:5
- B. Vandalism of the Temple (vs. 7)
- C. The Decision Based on Love (vs. 4) 1 Chronicles 29:3; Psalm 26:8; 122:1

II. FINANCING THE REPAIRS. 2 Chronicles 24:5-11

- A. Joash's Zeal (vs. 5)
- B. Giving According to Moses Command (vs. 9) Matthew 6:3; Deuteronomy 16:16-17
- C. Joy in Giving (vs. 10) 2 Corinthians 9:7; Nehemiah 12:43-44; 1 Chronicles 29:9

III. THE COMPLETION OF REPAIRS. 2 Chronicles 24:12-14

- A. Workmen Hired (vs. 12) 2 Kings 12:11
- B. Work Completed (vs. 13) 1 Kings 7:51
- C. People Worship and Sacrifice (vs. 14)
- D. A Sweet Savour. Exodus 29:18; 2 Corinthians 2:15; Ephesians 5:2
- E. Sacrifices of Praise. Psalm 107:22; 116:17; Hebrews 13:15-16

GOLDEN TEXT: *I HAVE HALLOWED THIS HOUSE, WHICH THOU HAST BUILT, TO PUT MY NAME THERE FOR EVER.*

1 Kings 9:3

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-13

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Ezekiel 1:1-14; John 17:24-26;
Revelation 22:1-13

QUARTERLY THEME: Kings and Prophets of Judah

TOPIC: ISAIAH'S TRANSFORMING VISION

INTRODUCTION:

Isaiah, as a prophet, was active during the reign of several of the kings of Judah. Possibly the first reference we have concerning him was at the end of the reign of Uzziah as recorded in our lesson text. He was active for a period of about 50 years. He warned the people of the impending judgments to be visited upon them if they did not repent. His message was one of repentance toward God and putting off the things that please men. The book of Isaiah also contains probably more prophecies concerning the coming Messiah than any other book in the Bible.

Our lesson refers to God's call to Isaiah to be His spokesman. The outstanding lesson is his humble spirit. He felt unworthy of being used. He felt that he was unclean. This is the same way all sinners must see themselves before God can cleanse them. Isaiah was cleansed by the Lord and then was ready to be used of God.

The message of Isaiah also told the people that a time had come when they would hear warnings, but their hearts would be hardened. In other words they had gone too far. Can such a time come for man today?

CENTRAL TRUTH: The revelation of God to our hearts will produce the "woe" of confession, the "lo" of cleansing and the "go" of commission.

GOLDEN TEXT: *ALSO I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID I, HERE AM I; SEND ME.*
Isaiah 6:8

Isaiah heard the call of God and answered, "Here am I, send me." (Isaiah 6:8) He had a willingness to go and was used of God. It was not an easy road. He had to withstand men because of their sinfulness. He had to prophecy of impending judgment. He pleaded with them to repent.

Today is no different than it was 2,800 years ago. It is very nice to labor for the Lord and preach salvation and pat people on the back. It is an entirely different matter to tell people they are sinners and will meet God's sure judgment unless they repent. Some would teach only love.

Isaiah's ministry is a testimony for us. If we do not warn of sin, God will hold us accountable. If we warn of sin and people repent and turn to God, then we have the precious message of His cleansing power.

Are you ready to answer God's call to go out? Are you ready to warn of sin even though it may mean bitter attacks from those who do not want to be disturbed? If we are ready, He will then say, "Go, and tell this people."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 24 – 30

- M. Uzziah's Failure in Death. 2 Chronicles 26:11-22
- T. Isaiah Prays with a King. 2 Chronicles 32:20-32
- W. Isaiah Tells of the Last Days. Isaiah 2:1-9
- T. *Isaiah Commissioned. Isaiah 6:1-13
- F. Disciples Commissioned. Acts 1:1-14
- S. Paul Commissioned. Acts 26:9-19
- S. Abraham Commissioned. Hebrews 11:8-19

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