

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Name some of the prerequisites of finding deliverance in time of trouble.
2. Did the “army of singers” have any part in obtaining the victory? If not, why did they go out? If so, what was their part?
3. How can we praise and worship the Lord even before a victory is won?
4. Do we experience rewards and rests today? If so, upon what are they dependent?
5. If the battle really is not ours, then why do we so often “fight?”

SUMMARY:

The people of Judah called upon God in time of dire need. A source of deliverance was promised. Jehoshaphat laid it upon the hearts of the people to believe in God and believe His prophets. He also appointed them to sing and praise God. It is interesting to note that the Lord did not fight the battle until the people did sing and praise. (vs. 22) It was necessary to them to give evidence of their faith and trust before God could take over. Likewise we must exhibit faith and trust in Him if we desire Him to take over our problems.

The rewards were not the end result of the battle, but rather the end result of their faith. We too will have rewards, joys and blessings if we depend wholly upon God.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

October 16, 2011

Fourth Quarter

JEHOSHAPHAT, A SPIRITUAL LEADER

LESSON TEXT: 2 Chronicles 20:14-30

LESSON SETTING: The reign of Jehoshaphat after the secession of the ten tribes.

TIME: Approximately 896 B.C.

I. SOURCE OF DELIVERANCE. 2 Chronicles 20:14-17

- A. Battle is God's (vs. 15) Exodus 14:14; 1 Samuel 17:47
- B. Depend on the Lord (vs. 17) Numbers 9:8; Psalm 46:10

II. THE ARMY OF SINGERS. 2 Chronicles 20:18-21

- A. God is Glorified (vs. 19) Psalm 9:11; Luke 19:37; Hebrews 13:15
- B. Songs Lead to Victory (vs. 21) 2 Chronicles 23:13

III. REWARDS AND REST. 2 Chronicles 20:22-30

- A. Enemy is Smitten (vs. 22-24) Exodus 23:27; 2 Chronicles 32:8
- B. God's Blessings (vs. 25) Psalm 23:5; 31:19
- C. Victory (vs. 27) Psalm 44:5; Romans 8:35-37
- D. A Time of Worship (vs. 28) Psalm 84:4; Luke 24:52-53
- E. Peace and Rest (vs. 30) Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 26:3; John 16:33

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

2 Chronicles 20:15

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Kings 11:1-21; 12:1-21;
Matthew 21:12-17

QUARTERLY THEME: Kings and Prophets of Judah

TOPIC: JOASH REPAIRS GOD'S HOUSE

INTRODUCTION:

The kings of Israel or Judah who ruled well in God's sight still shine as our bright stars during that period of history. Joash started out his reign in a wonderful way, but sad to say it ended in evil doings. However, we want to consider in our lesson the good part of his reign. He was the seventh king to rule over Judah. His grandfather and father had ruled wickedly and had been removed by the power of God. (2 Chronicles 21:18; 22:7)

By the hand of God, Joash was spared during the purge of Athaliah, his grandmother and after six years was installed as King by Jehoiada the priest. Under the rearing and tutoring of Jehoiada, Joash had developed a great love for the house of God and desired to repair all the damage done by his grandmother and her sons. The gathering of the gifts was a marvelous accomplishment. The chest used for the gathering was filled and refilled time and again until more than enough was gathered for the repair of God's house. This is a wonderful lesson of the power of Christian influence in the lives of other people and should encourage us to stand fast for the Lord.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Revival in the hearts of God's people will bring reverence toward God and respect for God's house.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I HAVE HALLOWED THIS HOUSE, WHICH THOU HAST BUILT, TO PUT MY NAME THERE FOREVER.* 1 Kings 9:3

God found pleasure in David's desire to build a temple, but reserved this work for Solomon. He vowed to Solomon that He would put His name there forever.

There were times when sin overcame the people and they forgot God. This had its first effect when the people of Israel were persuaded that it was too far for them to travel to Jerusalem. (1 Kings 12:28) With this persuasion also came the falling away from God.

It is with this knowledge that we realize proper respect for God's house and reverence toward Him will influence the lives of our young people and all those who are not saved. It also affects our individual lives if in our reverence we also have the desire to attend the house of worship and prayer. An old brother who has since gone to his reward, while being in poor health often said, "I feel good when I am in the house of God." Actually many can testify that his or her physical health improved while they were present in the assembly. May we each be filled with this kind of love and reverence.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 17 – 23

M. A Wicked Queen. 2 Chronicles 22:1-12
T. A Careful Plan. 2 Chronicles 23:1-11
W. A Queen Dies. 2 Chronicles 23:12-15
T. A Wise Prophet. 2 Chronicles 23:16-21
F. *A Carelessness Related. 2 Chronicles 24:1-7
S. *A Good Work. 2 Chronicles 24:8-14
S. A Prophet Slain. 2 Chronicles 24:17-22

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