

Life-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles Summaries - Messages 6—10

Supplement to the History of the Kings of Judah

In 2 Chronicles 11 we have a word concerning the reign of Rehoboam. Although Rehoboam was capable and wise, **he did not labor for God's interest on the earth** to build up the kingdom of God. Rehoboam's kingdom was on the proper ground of oneness according to God's choice of a unique place, and he was fundamental and not apostate, but the way he took and the condition he worked out were not proper.

2 Chronicles 17, 19, and 20 are concerned with the reign of Jehoshaphat. Jehovah was with Jehoshaphat because he **walked in the former ways of David and did not pursue the Baals, the idols, and removed the high places and the Asherim from Judah**. In this record we see **that God keeps the principle that to whoever behaves before Him, God gives rest to enjoy the good land**.

2 Chronicles 26 speaks of the reign of Uzziah. Uzziah defeated the Philistines, the Arabians, and the Meunim by the help of God. This shows us that **if we go along with the very God whom we worship, we will prosper**. Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem and works of defense and hewed out many cisterns for his ranch and farm. He had a mighty army and became strong by the marvelous help of God. **When Uzziah became strong, his heart became uplifted to trespass against Jehovah and go into the temple of Jehovah to burn incense**. Burning the incense was the duty of the priests, not of the kings. Uzziah was proud and did not care for anyone other than himself. After being withstood from burning incense to God, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead and later died.

2 Chronicles 29—32 is an account of the reign of Hezekiah. Hezekiah restored the house of Jehovah and brought out the impurity from the holy place. Hezekiah recovered the Passover, he smashed the pillars, hew down the Asherim, pulled down the high places and the altars out of all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh. He set the services of the priests and the Levites in order, and built a defense against the invasion of the Assyrians. However, **not even Hezekiah was perfect**.

Being Fundamental in Full and Walking According to the All-Inclusive Spirit

God's dealing with His people in the details of their living is for **His people to enjoy the good land, Christ, in a very proper way**. To enjoy the good land, the kings had to stand on the proper ground and they had to be fundamental, keeping the faith given by God through Moses. It is the same with us today. **The church ground is quite important, and to keep all the truths, to be fundamental, is also important**.

We need to keep the truth concerning **the assurance of salvation** and the truth concerning **Christ as life**, the truth concerning **the New Jerusalem**, and the truth concerning **deification; that God became a Man that man may become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead**. However, it is not adequate just to have the proper ground and to be perfectly fundamental. What we are, how we live, and how we behave mean a lot. Today we are required by the New Testament to conduct ourselves according to the compound, life-giving, all-inclusive Spirit.

Having a God-Man Living in our Daily Life

- Standing on the proper ground
- Keeping the fundamental faith in God's Word

The kings recorded in the books of Chronicles are examples showing us that **it is not sufficient** for us who love God and seek Christ only to stand on the right ground and keep the fundamental truth. We also need to take care of who we are, how we behave, and how we conduct ourselves. We must pay attention to our interest, our intention, our purpose, our goal, our attitude, and our way of speaking. **In order to have a God-man life, we must be crucified. We must be dying to live. All the vital members should be God-men, crucified in their natural life to live a God-man life by the divine life within them.**

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