

SERMON OUTLINE

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Sunday Morning 3/15/09

Lessons from King Asa

I. An Example of the Ups and Downs in Our Journey - King Asa

A. Rulers to this point:

1. Solomon to ~930 b.c. - kingdom divided
2. Jeroboam leads the North successfully (although ungodly)
3. Rehoboam leads the South - 17 evil years – 2 Chron 12:14
4. His son Abijah (Abijah) – 3 more evil years – 1 King 15:3
5. 60 years after David - Asa rules

B. Condition of the Land: 1 Kings 14:22-24 - Evil throughout Judah

II. Lessons from King Asa

A. Break the Cycle

1. His Good Works: 2 Chron 14:2-5; 2 Chron 15:16-18
2. Lesson About Responsibility
 - a. 20+ years of poor examples of leadership
 - b. People (all of them) turning from God - selfish
 - c. But Asa did right!!! Matthew 10:34-39
3. Lesson About Doing What You Can
 - a. 2 Chronicles 15:17 - high places NOT removed (Israel)
 - b. He didn't change everybody - but he still did right
 - c. Don't let them influence you!!!

B. Humbly Seek God

1. His Trust in God
 - a. Ethiopians 1 Mill + 300 chariots vs. 580k
 - b. Humility to God - 2 Chronicles 14:11
 - c. God's comment to Asa - 2 Chronicles 15:1-2
2. Lesson on Trust and Commitment
 - a. Our level of commitment is tied to our recognition of God's power and trust in Him - 2 Chronicles 15:8
 - b. How much are we willing to change in trusting Him?

C. Don't Forget God

1. Losing Sight of God in the Good Times
 - a. His reign - 2 Chronicles 15:19
 - b. 2 Chronicles 16:1-10 - Baasha of Israel attacks
 - c. 2 Chronicles 16:12-13 - disease in feet
2. What Changed? FORGET God: 1 Timothy 6:17-19
3. What a shame if our story ended this way!!!