

SERMON OUTLINE

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Lessons from Jehoshaphat

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I. The Reign of Jehoshaphat

- A. A few generations from David; Son of Asa (pretty good); Good king
- B. At the same time in Israel - Ahab (evil): **1 Kings 16:31-33**

II. Three Primary Lessons

- A. He Taught the People to Fish
 - 1. His attitude: **2 Chronicles 17:3-6** - pride in ways of Lord
 - 2. His method: **2 Chronicles 17:7,9** - taught the people
 - 3. Permeated life: **2 Chronicles 19:4-7** - righteous judgments
 - 4. Lesson:
 - a. Where is our pride? Teaching? Deciding difficult matters based on what God wants?
 - b. Our focus - directing others to GOD
- B. Unhealthy Influences Will Destroy Us
 - 1. **2 Chronicles 18:1** - allied with Ahab
 - 2. Will you fight with me against Ramoth-Gilead? **2 Chron 18:3**
 - a. His love for the truth: **2 Chronicles 18:4,6-7**
 - b. Word of Micaiah: **2 Chronicles 18:16** - scattered
 - c. Ahab's rejection of truth: **2 Chronicles 18:18-22**
 - d. Decision: They go to battle **2 Chron 18:28**
 - e. Result: **2 Chronicles 19:1-2** - Help wicked?
 - 3. Our struggle between "love" and truth (righteousness)
- C. The Battle Belongs to the Lord
 - 1. War is underway: **2 Chronicles 20:1-2**
 - a. Turns to the Lord: **2 Chronicles 20:3-4**
 - b. Trusted in God's power: **2 Chronicles 20:12**
 - c. God's response: **2 Chronicles 20:15,17**
 - 2. Weird battle plan: **2 Chronicles 20:20-22**
 - a. Trust in the Lord
 - b. Singers go first??? Thank the Lord, praise Him
 - c. Result: **2 Chronicles 20:25** - victory
 - 3. Lesson
 - a. Let the Lord fight your battles
 - b. Do your part but quit worrying about the outcome