

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 36
2 Chronicles 14 - 28, Acts 10 - 13

2 Chronicles 14: Asa serves God

Key Point:

Even with zeal for the Lord, there will be opposition in life. We cannot expect continual smooth sailing just because we serve the Lord.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 14:2 (NLT)

Asa did what was pleasing and good in the sight of the Lord his God.

2 Chronicles 15: Asa's revival

Key Point:

If we continue to draw near to God, He will reveal Himself to us.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 15:10 (NLT)

The people gathered at Jerusalem in late spring, during the fifteenth year of Asa's reign.

2 Chronicles 16: Asa's foolish treaty

Key Point:

Compromise blinds us to what is truly our enemy which can be pride and a hard heart. God looks for ways to show His strength on our behalf if we will just trust Him.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war."

2 Chronicles 17: Jehoshaphat started good.

Key Point:

The people die for lack of knowledge so good instruction in the revealed Word of God is crucial to spiritual health.

Key Verse – 2 Chronicles 17:5 (NLT). So the Lord established Jehoshaphat's control over the kingdom of Judah. All the people of Judah brought gifts to Jehoshaphat, so he became very wealthy and highly esteemed.

2 Chronicles 18: Micaiah’s prophecy

Key Point:

A superficial repentance will always be found out. God is not interested in empty words but in heart change.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 18:27 (NLT)

But Micaiah replied, “If you return safely, it will mean that the Lord has not spoken through me!” Then he added to those standing around, “Everyone mark my words!”

2 Chronicles 19: Jehoshaphat’s judge

Key Point:

A setback because of a bad choice does not have to set us back permanently. Once corrected, jump back into serving the Lord.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 19:5 (NLT)

He appointed judges throughout the nation in all the fortified towns...

2 Chronicles 20: Musicians lead Jehoshaphat’s army

Key Point:

Worship, praise, and humility before the Lord are essential when facing any battle – particularly a situation anyone might see as “no-win.”

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 20:21 (NLT)

After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: “Give thanks to the Lord; his faithful love endures forever!”

2 Chronicles 21: Jehoram’s evil ways

Key Point:

We should learn from history and follow the good examples of those who succeeded. We should see clearly that abandoning God will always lead to consequences in this life – so why die before your time?

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 21:5 (NLT)

Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years.

2 Chronicles 22: Athaliah gets the throne

Key Point:

The plans of the evil and the ruthless will be brought down. No one escapes this life alive and there will be judgement, but God often brings evil plans to nothing by events the self-centered never expected.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 22:12 (NLT)

Joash remained hidden in the Temple of God for six years while Athaliah ruled over the land.

2 Chronicles 23: Joash revealed

Key Point:

Godly men must be willing to do what is right to restore what is right – even at great risk.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 23:12 (NLT)

When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and the shouts of praise to the king, she hurried to the Lord's Temple to see what was happening.

2 Chronicles 24: Joash fails

Key Point:

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Pull away from God and He will pull away from you! Disobedience brings its own bitter end.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 24:22 (NLT)

That was how King Joash repaid Jehoiada for his loyalty—by killing his son. Zechariah's last words as he died were, "May the Lord see what they are doing and avenge my death!"

2 Chronicles 25: Amaziah betrays God!

Key Point:

Compromise leads to destruction and an irrational pride used to try and justify that compromise. Better to repent of compromise rather than double down on it.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 25:14 (NLT)

When King Amaziah returned from slaughtering the Edomites, he brought with him idols taken from the people of Seir. He set them up as his own gods, bowed down in front of them, and offered sacrifices to them!

2 Chronicles 26: Uzziah's pride**Key Point:**

There is a great expense and tragedy in not finishing well – no matter our successes or failures, we should strive with all our hearts to finish WELL in the eyes of the Lord.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 26:16 (NLT)

But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall. He sinned against the Lord his God by entering the sanctuary of the Lord's Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar.

2 Chronicles 27: Jotham did well**Key Point:**

It is wise to learn from the mistakes and the victories of those who have gone before us because when we respond to that example, we can be fully victorious in life.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 27:6 (NLT)

King Jotham became powerful because he was careful to live in obedience to the Lord his God.

2 Chronicles 28: Ahaz the unfaithful**Key Point:**

Unfaithfulness in leadership brings the whole group to ruin. Pride and indifference to the judgments and warnings of God simply leads to disaster.

Key Verse - 2 Chronicles 28:19 (NLT)

The Lord was humbling Judah because of King Ahaz of Judah, for he had encouraged his people to sin and had been utterly unfaithful to the Lord.

Acts 10: Cornelius**Key Point:**

When we cling to Yeshua in the sincerity of our hearts, His Holy Spirit washes us clean no matter what our background.

Key Verse - Acts 10:34 (NLT)

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism.

Acts 11: Gentiles Clean & Seeking Saul

Key Point:

Truth from God's word will always confirm a true message or teaching from God. It is whatever contradicts God's word, not our traditions, that is false.

Key Verse - Acts 11:9 (NLT)

"But the voice from heaven spoke again: 'Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.'

Acts 12: Peter's Free & Herod's Dead

Key Point:

Just because we are Christians or leaders does not make us immune from the troubles of this life. Our duty is to proclaim the Lord in humility until He calls for us.

Key Verse - Acts 12:11 (NLT)

Peter finally came to his senses. "It's really true!" he said. "The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!"

Acts 13: Cyprus, Antioch & the Jews left behind

Key Point:

Wherever there is revival, there will always be opposition. Rather than be discouraged by this, we should praise God because that opposition proves we are in the faith.

Key Verse - Acts 13:46 (NLT)

Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and declared, "It was necessary that we first preach the word of God to you Jews. But since you have rejected it and judged yourselves unworthy of eternal life, we will offer it to the Gentiles.