

For Christ's Sake: Trusting God in the Calm and Crisis

“Nevertheless, Christmas”

2 Kings 11:4–12:3

The Lord's Day Morning | Christmas Eve

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Last week, we saw the good work of Jehosheba, *The Preacher's Wife Who Rescued Christmas*. Today, we see how her husband, Jehoiada the High Priest brought Jehosheba's rescue of the Davidic King to the restoration of the throne.

Jehoiada's Seven Steps Out of the Mess

1. He cut a covenant with the royal guard (11:4–8).
2. He crowned Joash, the son of David (11:9–12).
3. He cut Queen Athalia and her cabinet for multiple capital crimes (11:13–16).
4. He cut a covenant between the Lord, King Joash, and the people (11:17).
5. He cleansed Judah of idolatry that destroyed love and promoted injustice (11:18).
6. He consecrated 7-year old King Joash on the throne (11:19–20).
7. He catechized King Joash in the Word of God (12:1–3).

The Role of “Nevertheless” In Calm–Crisis Cycle of 1 and 2 Kings

1. Calm: God's perfect peace maintained by loving God and our neighbor.
2. Their Nevertheless: Selfish rebellion in response to God's kindness.
3. Crisis: God's righteous wrath that punishes unloving injustice.
4. God's Nevertheless: God's free forgiveness for all who repent and believe.

But What's the Christmas Connection?

1. While Jehoiada is the High Priest who _____ the Son of David, Jesus is the greater High Priest who _____ the Son of David.
2. While Jehoiada offered _____ for himself, Jesus offered himself as a _____.
3. Forgiveness is _____ because it was purchased by God with _____.
4. God had a body _____ and blood _____ because of _____.