

## II Chronicles 24-25 – 18 December 2025

“He Did What Was Right A.N.D....”

### Introduction

\*Today we see 2 of the ficklest kings Judah ever has

\*Websters 1828 Dictionary for fickle

\*Wavering; inconstant; unstable; of a changeable mind; irresolute; not firm in opinion or purpose; capricious. Not fixed or firm; liable to change

\*Today we'll see the 8<sup>th</sup> (Joash) & 9<sup>th</sup> (Amaziah) kings of Judah

\*We look today at what holds fickle people in a stable state, as short-lived as it is, and what turns them

\*It is said of both kings, that they did that which was right in the sight of Yahweh AND something else

\*The AND is so dangerous

\*The AND is Adultery, Narcissism & Defeat

**Today, we'll see the godly virtue AND more for these two kings of Judah**

# #1 – Joash: It's Right To Follow Godly People

## (Chap 24:1-16)

Read Vs 24:1-3

1. This is the latest & last example of polygamy in the entire Bible
  - a. They didn't see it as lust for sex & pride, but as a means of growth & legacy—still wrong
  - b. As Abe & Hagar “helped God out” in doing God's will, so too Jehoiada does the same
  - c. Right motive, wrong means – sinful
2. Joash's is only prompted in his heart to serve the Lord b/c of those around him

Read Vs 4-7

1. What a wonderful thing that Joash is allowing his heart to be stirred by the Lord & not the world
  - a. He found something in the Bible that wasn't being done and took up the cause
  - b. Would to God that we each would do this
2. Plan was to have priests go collect the money annually & bring it to Jerusalem
3. Problem is that it was very slow

## Read Vs 8-14

1. II King 12:6 tells us this change was in Joash's 23<sup>rd</sup> year as king (30 years old)
2. There were 3 changes made
  - a. Vs 10 - People brought their money directly – cut out middle management
  - b. Vs 11 - Multiple people empty the box daily – for great accountability and no theft
  - c. Vs 12 - Money given directly to those doing the work – again removing a layer of admin
3. There are very tangible things that can be done to keep the process of serving God very simple

## Read Vs 15-16

1. The selfless one, the caretaker ruler when Joash was so young, is honored as a king
2. The blessing of long life comes to the obedient
3. Our Lord Jesus said, those that humble themselves will be exalted
4. The ultimate power couple in the Bible Jehoiada and his wife Jehoshabeath

## #2 – Joash: His Adultery, Narcissism & Defeat (Chap 24:17-27)

Read Vs 24:17-19

1. “And the king listened to them”
  - a. Only do this if that voice aligns w/ the Lord
  - b. Shows the shallowness of someone’s faith that if 1 pillar of strength is removed it falls
2. This would be a great time to read Book of Joel
  - a. He prophesied during this time
  - b. He said, God is coming, repent & get ready

Read Vs 20-22

1. No doubt that Zechariah & his father Jehoiada both stepped into trouble “by the Spirit of God”
  - a. Jehoiada’s actions won the day & he lived
  - b. Zechariah’s didn’t win the day & he died
  - c. BOTH were the right actions – let God choose the results – ours is to faithfully serve
2. Same as giving out the Gospel – ours is the actions of giving it – God’s is the results

Read Vs 23-24

1. Where there is disobedience, God removes His blessing & even a small band can defeat us
2. II Kings 12:18 says, Joash took the treasures dedicated to God to bribe Hazael to leave them
  - a. This is a real mark of unfaithfulness – trusting resources instead of turning to God
  - b. Willing to take back what they gave to God

Read Vs 25-27

1. It's sinful to have killed the King like this
2. But in this world, you'll reap what you sow

### **#3 – Amaziah: It's Right To Follow God's Law (Chap 25:1-13)**

Read Vs 25:1-2

1. None can be perfect, so “doing good” indicates the general direction of the steps of the heart
2. Yet he allowed something else to hold a piece of his heart (the A.N.D.)

## Read Vs 3-4

1. Though Joash forsook the Lord in his later years, Amaziah immediately began w/ godliness
  - a. It was godly justice to kill those murderers
  - b. Yet he didn't seek vengeance in anger
2. "Eye for an eye" is justice without vengeance

## Read Vs 5-8

1. If enter an agreement & later realize there's sin involved – we must remove from the agreement
2. We'll develop many excuses why we can't
  - a. I'll lose money, or reputation or friends
  - b. But this shows we're not pondering what ***God can do*** for a faithful, clean servant!
3. Decisions can make all the earthly sense in the world, but if they don't make spiritual sense, God is against it

## Read Vs 9

1. Do you believe that the value of God's favor is far greater than the value of any action we can take

- a. Example after example is given in II Chr
  - b. Jericho fell to a band of singers & worshippers
  - c. Gideon's 300 defeats the multitude of Midian
2. Greatest resource we could have is a faithful life

Read Vs 10-13

1. Amaziah's warfare is victorious b/c he obeyed God but the consequences of his previous disobedient agreement w/ Israel weren't finished
2. Israel's violent assault against Judah proved why Amaziah shouldn't have trusted them

## **#4 – Amaziah: His Adultery, Narcissism & Defeat (Chap 25:14-28)**

Read Vs 25:14-16

1. In moments of success, pride can easily take us into lusting after the next shiny thing
  - a. Not logical to lust after these defeated gods
  - b. We see the destruction our lust has caused others & yet we go into them ourselves, dumb!

2. God graciously sent Amaziah a correcting prophet, but he rejected God thru him

Read Vs 17-20

1. A little bit of success makes us lustful and blind to our utter dependence on God for victory
2. Reminds us of Samson
  - a. Could defeat great foes but forgot his very strength came from God & not from within

Read Vs 21-24

1. Results of meddling b/c of pride
  - a. Defenses broken down, Treasures stolen
  - b. Humbled in the heart of his power
2. Pride and arrogance are blinding

Read Vs 25-28

1. When in a position of influence, you'll always have people that love you & hate you
2. Only thing we can do to be ready against attack in these times is to be trusting the Lord



## Conclusion

So, have you been analyzing your own fickleness?

1. **Joash began serving the Lord as he was motivated by the Godly people around him**
  - a. But when they left everything changed
2. **Joash fell into the A.N.D.**
  - a. Adultery against God, led to narcissism, which led to defeat
  - b. He forgot the great value of having God's blessing from walking in obedience
3. **Amaziah began serving the Lord and following God's Law**
  - a. But when he was lifted up in victory & pride everything changed
4. **Amaziah fell into the A.N.D.**
  - a. Adultery against God, led to narcissism, which led to defeat
  - b. He also forgot the great value of having God's blessing from walking in obedience

Let us always remember the great value of walking w/ God and letting Him use us for His glory & our good!