

II Kings 11-12 – 13 October 2022

“Christian In Name Only”

Introduction

*Just came thru the worst period of Israel’s history w/ Ahab & Jezebel’s family corruption being wiped out

*There’s 1 remaining component of Ahab’s family

*The usurper Queen Athaliah is dealt w/ today & we’ll see the rise of young Joash to the kingship

*Joash is great example of young person being raised in Christian family but never being born again

*I call this a “Cino” (pronounced *See’-no*) – Christian in name only

*We raise them with the goal of changing them...

*From allegiance to us out of respect (or fear)

*To allegiance to God out of love & gratitude

*Today, *Joash, the Cino, motivated from without*

***So, here’s 4 steps in the progress of the life of a “Cino” – that never chose God for themselves**

1st step of a Cino: Changed into a Godly family (Chap 11:1-16)

Intro

1. We start with the reign of Queen Athaliah
2. Stars of the story are Jehoiada & Jehosheba

Read Chap 11:1

1. Athaliah was the Queen Mum who's now trying to take the throne of Judah
2. God's promise was a man to rule Israel
 - a. Read I Kings 8:25
3. She set about to kill all her sons & grandkids

Read Vs 2

1. Jehosheba=Athaliah daughter or step-daughter
2. Jehosheba is able to hide her nephew Joash
3. II Chr 22:11 tells us that she did this with the help of her husband the priest Jehoiada

Read Vs 3

1. With what happens next, Joash was <1 year old
2. Where to go to hid from evil ones? Church!

Read Vs 4

1. Huge moment went he brought out Joash b/c for 6 yrs many thought there were no survivors in the line of David – thus God’s promise of I Kings 8:25 broken
 - a. Like many thought Gen 49:10 was broken

Read Vs 5-10

1. Jehoiada plans this during weekly shift change of priests on the Sabbath Day – 2x amt of priest

Read Vs 11-12

1. “Let the king live forever” official declaration

Read Vs 13-14

1. This WAS treason...but only against her
 - a. This treason against her was no sin
 - b. The sinful treason was HER usurping God’sWord from I Kings 8:25

Read Vs 15-16

1. She was mass murderer & punishment was just

2nd step of a Cino: Immersed into a Godly life (Chap 11:17-21)

Read Chap 11:17

1. Covenant between the 3 to be in agreement
2. Covenant between king and people b/c they have mutual responsibilities toward each other

Read Vs 18

1. They literally tore down their false worship,
AND improved or fixed up the true worship
 - a. That's repentance

Read Vs 19-21

1. Even as Christians, we should only think of sitting on the throne once the work is done
 - a. God made him a king by birth – like us
 - b. People repented, turning to God – like us
 - c. THEN comes the throne (Rev 3:21)
 - i. Even then it's Jesus' throne we're sitting in
2. This renewal to serve God is what Jehu, Israel's King didn't do when he began (II Kings 9-10)

3rd step of a Cino: Navigated ahead for the cause's sake (Chap 12:1-16)

Read Chap 12:1-3

1. All the days of Jehoiada, his uncle the priest
 - a. Joash allows ungodly counselors to turn him from God after Jehoiada's death
 - i. Read II Chr 24:17
2. Still high places – didn't complete the reforms

Read Vs 4 6

1. Joash sets his heart to use the money coming in to repair temple complex – but it's not getting done

Read Vs 7-10

1. 'No more money for your constituents'
 - a. There's too much mgmt. and poor admin
2. Instead of every priest collecting, they created single chest to collect for greater accountability
 - a. Many have a Joash box – we will not (wait til you hear the end of his life)

Read Vs 11-16

1. Money went directly to those doing the work

4th step of a Cino: Omitted the Word (Chap 12:17-21)

Intro – This is the turning point for Joash Read II Chr 24:17-22

Read Chap 12:17-18

1. This is a key sign in the life of a person that has no relationship with God
 - a. Used up all his earthly strength & resources to deal with the problem – but it doesn't avail
 - b. Willing to take back even the things that were given to God in order to bribe men

Read Vs 19-21

1. These were motivated by King Joash's killing of the righteous prophet Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada
 - a. He proclaimed that b/c they had forsaken God, God had forsaken them (II Chr 24:25)
 - i. It's sinful to have killed the King like this
 - ii. But in this world, you'll reap what you sow
2. Heed the warnings that are sent to us from God
 - a. Read Matt 23:34-38 – God does send them

Conclusion

The young person raised in a Christian family can have the very form of godliness just not have the power thereof.

So close yet never accepting the power of Christ on the inside. Joash was...

1. **Changed into a Godly family**
 - a. Needed to be Changed into God's family!
2. **Immersed into a Godly life**
 - a. Needed to be Immersed into God's image!
3. **Navigated ahead for the cause's sake**
 - a. Needed to Navigate ahead for Christ's sake!
4. **Omitted the Word**
 - a. Needed to Omit the world!

We guide young ones to Christ, but what evidence is there that they're now motivated to serve Christ

What evidence is there that they're led of the Spirit

Be Motivated From Within – by the Holy Spirit

Read John 14:22-26 – Loving God & living devoted to Him is proof that you have the H.S. & eternal life