

May we stand please...

**Scripture Reading: II Kings 11:1-10**

**Key Verse: V. 10**

**2 Kings 11:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of the LORD.

**Prayer:**

**Subject:** "Old Weapons Still Work!"

**Introduction:**

**Athaliah's evil reign in Judah (11:1-20)**

Athaliah usurped the throne of Judah.

She was Judah's only reigning queen and the strongest Baal advocate among Judah's rulers.

#### 1. JOASH'S PRESERVATION (11:1-3)

11:1. **Athaliah** was **the mother** of the Judean king **Ahaziah**, whom Jehu had slain (9:27-29; 2 Chron. 22:9) in 841 B.C.

Athaliah was a daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, and a sister of Ahaziah and Joram who had reigned successively in Israel after Ahab's death.

She was the wife of King Jehoram of Judah who had died of an intestinal illness (2 Chron. 21:18-19).

Her other sons had all been killed by the raiding Philistines and Arabians ( 2 Chron. 21:17).

Now she saw the opportunity to seize the throne for herself.

So she proceeded to have all her grandsons killed in total disregard for God's will that the descendants of David should rule over Judah forever (2 Sam. 7:16).

11:2-3. **Jehosheba**, a daughter of Athaliah's husband **King Jehoram** (though perhaps not Athaliah's own daughter), was a **sister of King Ahaziah** of Judah.

She took one of Ahaziah's sons, **Joash**, and hid him so that he was not put to death with the other children.

During Athaliah's **six**-year reign (841-835 B.C.) this aunt kept the prince safe by hiding him in **the temple of the LORD** where her husband, Jehoiada, served as high priest (2 Chron. 22:11).

**Joash** was a one-year-old when he was taken by Jehosheba because he was hidden for six years and then was made king at the age of seven (cf. 2 Kings 11:21).

--The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty.

After the showing of **Joash**, protection for him was still very necessary if he was to be crowned king.

1. **The arrangements for the protection.**

*"This... ye shall do; A third part of you... shall be... keepers of the watch of the king's house... a third part... at the gate of Sur... a third part at the gate behind the guard... shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king... ye shall compass the king round about" (II Kings 11:5-8).*

Jehoiada had made detailed arrangements for the protection of the king.

The Lord's business requires diligent planning and preparation.

Many of our Bible-believing churches could use help here.

2. **The acquiescing for the protection.** *"The captains... did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded" (II Kings 11:9).*

**Jehoiada** needed this cooperation from the officials if **Joash** was going to be safely crowned king.

God's people must be of one mind to accomplish great things for Him.

3. **The armament for the protection.** *"To the captains... did he priest give king David's spears and shields... guard stood... with his weapons in his hand round about the king" (II Kings 11:10, 11).*

**Jehoiada** not only ordered the placing of the officials to protect Joash, but he also gave them adequate **armament** for doing the protection.

I want to focus on verse 10.

The “old weapons” that were used to take over and destroy this wicked woman: “Davids old weapons!”

So, what worked years before was still working now—Amen!

I want us to focus on that thought for a while this evening!

That’s what we need still today; keep the “old weapons that work” still at work!

**Jeremiah 6:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup>Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

**Deuteronomy 32:7 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup>Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

The “Old Weapons” of...

1. **Faith in God!**

[**Illus**] Belief in God and his power will still work today!

### Joshua 24:14-15 (KJV)

<sup>14</sup> Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

### Psalm 22:4 (KJV)

<sup>4</sup> Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

### Matthew 17:20 (KJV)

<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

### 2 Timothy 1:5 (KJV)

<sup>5</sup> When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Also, The “Old Weapon” of...

## 2. **Following God’s Word!**

### Psalm 119:89-93 (KJV)

<sup>89</sup> For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

<sup>90</sup> Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

<sup>91</sup> They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

<sup>92</sup> Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

### 1 Samuel 21:9 (KJV)

<sup>9</sup> And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take *it*: for *there is* no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

**[Illus]** Many a battles have been won with the Word of God!

When’s the last time your children saw you reading, studying, quoting the Word of God and clinging to it for victory?!

Also, The “Old Weapon” of...

## 3. **A Fervent Prayer Life!**

### 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> Pray without ceasing.

When was the last time your children heard you praying, crying out to God?!

[**Song**] “If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again...”

We don’t sing that one anymore because mother’s praying out loud is almost a thing of the past!

Also, The “Old Weapon” of...

#### 4. **Fervent Praise!**

- In the Home:

#### **Ephesians 5:19 (KJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

[**Illus**] I recall my mother sometimes singing, “How Great Thou Art!”

- In the House of God:

#### **Psalm 111:1 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

Notice in our text where she “hid” him:

#### **2 Kings 11:3 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

Last, The “Old Weapon” of...

#### 5. **Faithful Living!**

#### **Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

<sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

#### **Closing:**

Let’s give our children a chance and a godly heritage!

Let’s teach them to use these “Old Weapons!”

Lord, Thank You that you are always there when we call on you!

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\*Beach, B. 09/1/96 a.m. PHBC-Chattanooga, TN.(Homecoming)

\*Beach, B. 08/06/97 Wed. TBC-Dalton, GA.

\*Beach, B. 12/31/06 p.m. OBC-Dalton, GA.

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