

FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH.



SUNDAY, SEPT. 28TH

God is looking for people
who will *turn to Him with
all their heart.*



NEW RIVER

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27TH

2 CHRONICLES 14:2-6

ASA DID WHAT WAS PLEASING AND GOOD IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD HIS GOD. ³HE REMOVED THE FOREIGN ALTARS AND THE PAGAN SHRINES. HE SMASHED THE SACRED PILLARS AND CUT DOWN THE ASHERAH POLES. ⁴HE COMMANDED THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH TO SEEK THE LORD, THE GOD OF THEIR ANCESTORS, AND TO OBEY HIS LAW AND HIS COMMANDS. ⁵ASA ALSO REMOVED THE PAGAN SHRINES, AS WELL AS THE INCENSE ALTARS FROM EVERY ONE OF JUDAH'S TOWNS. SO ASA'S KINGDOM ENJOYED A PERIOD OF PEACE. ⁶DURING THOSE PEACEFUL YEARS, HE WAS ABLE TO BUILD UP THE FORTIFIED TOWNS THROUGHOUT JUDAH. NO ONE TRIED TO MAKE WAR AGAINST HIM AT THIS TIME, FOR THE LORD WAS GIVING HIM REST FROM HIS ENEMIES.

God is looking for people
who will *have faith &
trust Him.*



NEW RIVER

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2 CHRONICLES 14:9-11

ONCE AN ETHIOPIAN NAMED ZERAH ATTACKED JUDAH WITH AN ARMY OF 1,000,000 MEN AND 300 CHARIOTS. THEY ADVANCED TO THE TOWN OF MARESHAH,¹⁰ SO ASA DEPLOYED HIS ARMIES FOR BATTLE IN THE VALLEY NORTH OF MARESHAH.¹¹ THEN ASA CRIED OUT TO THE LORD HIS GOD, “O LORD, NO ONE BUT YOU CAN HELP THE POWERLESS AGAINST THE MIGHTY! HELP US, O LORD OUR GOD, FOR WE TRUST IN YOU ALONE. IT IS IN YOUR NAME THAT WE HAVE COME AGAINST THIS VAST HORDE. O LORD, YOU ARE OUR GOD; DO NOT LET MERE MEN PREVAIL AGAINST YOU!”

God is looking for people
who will *continue to seek*
Him even after victory.



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2 CHRONICLES 15:1-3

THEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD CAME UPON AZARIAH SON OF ODED,² AND HE WENT OUT TO MEET KING ASA AS HE WAS RETURNING FROM THE BATTLE. “LISTEN TO ME, ASA!” HE SHOUTED. “LISTEN, ALL YOU PEOPLE OF JUDAH AND BENJAMIN! THE LORD WILL STAY WITH YOU AS LONG AS YOU STAY WITH HIM! WHENEVER YOU SEEK HIM, YOU WILL FIND HIM. BUT IF YOU ABANDON HIM, HE WILL ABANDON YOU.”³ FOR A LONG TIME ISRAEL WAS WITHOUT THE TRUE GOD, WITHOUT A PRIEST TO TEACH THEM, AND WITHOUT THE LAW TO INSTRUCT THEM.

2 CHRONICLES 15:7

“BUT AS FOR YOU, BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, FOR YOUR WORK WILL BE REWARDED.”

God is looking for people
who will *remain strong*
until the end.



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2 CHRONICLES 16:9

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 16:2-3

²ASA RESPONDED BY REMOVING THE SILVER AND GOLD FROM THE TREASURIES OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD AND THE ROYAL PALACE. HE SENT IT TO KING BEN-HADAD OF ARAM, WHO WAS RULING IN DAMASCUS, ALONG WITH THIS MESSAGE:
³“LET THERE BE A TREATY BETWEEN YOU AND ME LIKE THE ONE BETWEEN YOUR FATHER AND MY FATHER. SEE, I AM SENDING YOU SILVER AND GOLD. BREAK YOUR TREATY WITH KING BAASHA OF ISRAEL SO THAT HE WILL LEAVE ME ALONE.”

2 CHRONICLES 16:7-9

AT THAT TIME HANANI THE SEER CAME TO KING ASA AND TOLD HIM, “BECAUSE YOU HAVE PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE KING OF ARAM INSTEAD OF IN THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO DESTROY THE ARMY OF THE KING OF ARAM. ⁸ DON’T YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ETHIOPIANS AND LIBYANS AND THEIR VAST ARMY, WITH ALL OF THEIR CHARIOTS AND CHARIOTEERS? AT THAT TIME YOU RELIED ON THE LORD, AND HE HANDED THEM OVER TO YOU. ⁹ 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.”