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When Trust is Tested

Lesson from King Jehoshaphat 1 Chronicles 20

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15

The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

For your added benefit, there is also included six daily bible readings that supplement the theme of each sermon. Take time to gather your loved ones to read and discuss the texts.

If you have any further questions relating to the sermon, sermon notes or would like to learn more about how to become a member of Christ Reformed Baptist Church, please do not hesitate to contact

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INTRODUCTION

- Chp.19 Jehoshaphat's principals to rule by: v.6 Accountability to God v.7 Integrity and honesty v.9 Loyalty to God v.10 Concerned for righteousness v.11 Courage.
- Spiritual preparations and spiritual disciplines (spiritual habits) in our lives are vitally important if we hope to stand as courageously as this man of God did when our faith is tested.

vv.1-2 THE TEST

- Despite our imagined securities, our insurance policies for this particular coverage and that coverage, despite all our risk management, despite all these layers of protection and shelters we put in place to guard us from the fallen world that surrounds us and our families...there may someday come against us our own 'great multitude', 'our test of trust'.

vv.3-4 A COMMENDABLE RESPONSE

- Their response teaches us how important and how special it is to unite with one another in prayer and seek the LORD during the times of trials we face. This is only one benefit of local church membership.

vv.5-13 JEHOSHAPHAT'S PRAYER

#1. God's Sovereignty & Power (v.6), #2. God's Provisions (vv.7-9), #3. God's Protection (vv.10-13)

- Those who wish to bring persecution upon God's covenant people had better think twice, because in doing so, they actually are attacking God Himself !
- Like Jehoshaphat, we too must first praise the Lord in our prayers and then trust in His sovereign ability to answer our prayers.
- v.12 *"Our eyes are upon thee;"* This is the most important part of his prayer, because God is at his most merciful when his people are at their most helpless.

v.13 This serves to high light the need to unite the family together in corporate worship, not divide it. These people were not divided up according to special interests...they are together before the LORD.

VV.14-15 GOD'S RESPONSE – IT'S HIS BATTLE

v.15 “*..the battle is not your’s but God’s!*” The main and most important aspect of this statement from the LORD is this: He was the one who actually was going to do the physical fighting of the battle. The LORD Himself was going to be the one facing and fighting their enemy!

VV.16,17 GOD’S DIRECTION FOR BATTLE

v.17 “Stand ye still” is significant, because again it points to the fact there was nothing they could contribute to bring about the victory... God was the One who was going to do it all... God was the One who would receive all the Glory!

VV.18,19 HE IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP

- The king’s response is an example of servant-leadership before the people. One who understands and accepts that he is under the authority of One much greater than himself – The True and Living God!

vv.20-24 DESCRIPTION of the VICTORY

v.26-30 PRAISING GOD for the VICTORY

CONCLUSION

In today’s text Jehoshaphat relied and trust on the divine omnipotence and favor of the Lord. But there are some other accounts where he struggled with such complete trust and sought out his own answers and strength. Perhaps someone here today is struggling with the thought of waiting on and trusting the Lord to help you with a particular situation or concern that you have.

I pray that this lesson from king Jehoshaphat’s life will encourage you to trust in the Lord at all times, pour out the concerns of your heart to Him.

Isa 26:4 Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH [is] everlasting strength:

If you will but wait quietly upon Him, He will hear and help you and then like Jehoshaphat and Judah you too will bow down and worship the Lord with a heart of gratitude for all His

Individual/Family Worship Bible Readings

Monday > Numbers 21:5-9 (Intercessory Prayer)

Tuesday > 1 Kings 8:22-26 (Prayer for Blessing)

Wednesday > Psalm 88:1-13 (Prayer for Life)

Thursday > Luke 11:1-13 (Teaching About Prayer)

Friday > Acts 16:25-34 (Prayer Blessed by Deliverance)

Saturday > 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (Pray for Leaders)

Thought of the week :

Believers are declared by the infallible Spirit to be justified in him; accepted in him; and saved in him. This is the God-appointed method of justification and the provision made by grace for the final acceptance of guilty, ungodly and wretched creatures.

~ Abraham Booth (1734-1806) a leading English Particular Baptist minister and theologian.

These resources are never intended to replace the involvement or instruction of your local church where you are a member, only to supplement your continued growth in the truth of God's Word.

If you do not have a home church we encourage you to search out a bible preaching, reverent worshipping assembly of local believers.