

THE LORD IS ABLE TO GIVE THEE MUCH MORE THAN THIS 2 CHRONICLES 25

Text: 2 Chronicles 25:9

Introduction:

Following the death of Joash a man by the name of Amaziah took the throne. Amaziah was 25 when he took the throne and he remained the king for 29 years. We have little insight about his family but we do know that his mothers name was Jehoaddan which means Jehovah pleased or in other words she pleased God. The name that she gave her son means the strength of Jehovah.

Notice:

1. PROMOTION

- A. Took the throne at an early age.
- B. Did right in the sight of God but not wholeheartedly.
- C. Obeyed the law (Deut 24:16)

Deut. 24:16

The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

From all appearances this was a good man who was ruling with an awareness of God. But whole hearted obedience and service will eventually lead to problems.

2. PREPARATION

A. He prepared by organizing his army.

3. PERCEPTION

A. Saw the enemies threat greater the strength of God.

4. PLAN

A. Warriors

1. He hired 100,000 mercenaries from Israel to help strengthen his forces.

B. Warning (vss. 7-10)

1. He is warned for hiring hit men instead of trusting God.

2. The worried about the cost of hiring the 100,000

C. War (11-12)

2 Chron. 25:11-12

And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. [12] And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

D. Wrath (vs 13)

2 Chron. 25:13

But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

5. PROBLEM (VSS 14-24)

2 Chron. 25:14-24

Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and

burned incense unto them. [15] Wherefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? [16] And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

[17] Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. [18] And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. [19] Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? [20] But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom. [21] So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. [22] And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and

they fled every man to his tent. [23] And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. [24] And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

A. His paganism (vss 14-16)

1. After all that God did for him in bringing about the victory over the enemy; he brings back the enemies gods and begins to worship them.

B. His pride (vss 17-20)

C. His punishment (vss 21-24)

Lessons

1. Lack of whole heartedness leads to one having wrongs perceptions, flawed planning, and making decisions.

2. We should never see the enemy greater and more powerful than God.
3. God doesn't need our plans He just needs our person.
4. Never trust human reasoning above God's resources.
5. There is always a great cost involved in carrying out our plans than following God's will.
6. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.
7. God is able to give much more than anything that we give or pay.