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Break the idols in our hearts

2 Kings chapter 11

No Son of David could sit on the throne in David's kingdom, and God's plan of redemption was thwarted. Then Josheba, the wife of Jehoiada, arose and saved a prince, Jehoash the prince of Ahaziah, and when Jehoash was a year old, "Joash stole out of the prince who was slain, and hid him and his nurse in his bedroom, that they might not be slain. At that time, Jehoash was the only son of David, and God's promise was almost completely extinguished, but God moved Josheba to hide Joash. God saved the whole of Judah with a little woman. As a result, the little prince was saved. In verses 9-11, they took their weapons and set out to move.

"And the priest brought forth the prince, and put a crown upon him, and gave him the book of the law, and anointed him king, and they all clapped their hands, and said, "Long live the king!" So all the people went to the temple of Baal, and broke down the temple, and broke the altar and the image, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altar. Jehoiada the priest sent rulers to guard the temple of the Lord, "God says to us today, 'We are all priests, priests!, arise, and destroy all idols in our hearts, that God may dwell in us with peace.'"

When we are faced with the idols and distractions of our hearts, dedicating ourselves to serving Jehovah is the key to finding peace and tranquility. In the Christian life, idols may not be just material, they may also be things in our hearts that have strayed from God. Breaking with idols, then, means returning to the true faith and giving our hearts fully to Jehovah.

First of all, we should recognize what idols are and face them bravely. Idols can be greed, jealousy, vanity, and even excessive ego. It is only when we become aware of these idols and strive to get rid of them that we can begin to devote ourselves to serving Jehovah.

Second, devoting oneself to serving Jehovah means putting God at the center of one's life. This means seeking His will in prayer every day, looking for guidance in the Bible, and demonstrating Christ's love in our dealings with others.

Finally, devoting oneself to serving Jehovah also means living out the true faith, not only in comfort and comfort, but also in the midst of difficulties and challenges. Jesus Christ is our example of a man who went through trials in the world but remained dedicated to serving the Father.

Therefore, as we desire to break down the idols in our hearts and seek peace of mind, let us continue to devote ourselves to Jehovah's service and seek his help and grace, and he will surely grant us peace and tranquility.

There are many verses in the Bible that mention the importance of breaking the idols in the heart. Here are some related verses:

Exodus 20:3-6: "You shall have no other gods before me." Thou shalt not make an image of thyself, nor make any image of thyself, as in heaven or below the earth, or the waters that lie under the earth, and thou shalt not worship them any more, nor serve them: for I, the LORD thy God, am a jealous God. This passage emphasizes the importance of singular worship and breaking idols.

Psalms 115:4-8: "Their idols are made of silver and gold, the work of human hands." They have a mouth but they cannot speak, they have eyes but they cannot see, they have ears but they cannot hear, they have noses but they cannot smell, they have hands but they cannot touch them, and they have feet but they cannot walk. There is no sound in their mouths, no sound in their mouths. This passage reveals the nothingness and impotence of idols.

Isaiah 44:9-20: "All the makers of idols are in vain, and what pleases them is of no good." And when their witnesses were not seen, and they did not know it, they were ashamed. This passage emphasizes that only the true God is worthy of our worship.

These verses remind us that breaking down the idols in our hearts and devoting ourselves to serving Jehovah is a vital part of the Christian life.

We pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to you and humbly ask for your help. Help us to recognize and break the idols in our lives. We acknowledge that deep down in our hearts, there may be all sorts of idols, both material and spiritual. May your Holy Spirit reveal and tear down these idols so that we may serve you wholeheartedly and wholeheartedly.

Give us wisdom and courage to dare to face our weaknesses and delusions, and dare to break everything that competes with you. Plant love and longing for you in our hearts, so that we will be alone in our hearts, and everything else will be eclipsed.

Lord, you know our weaknesses and flaws, but we believe in your infinite power and grace. May your grace fill our lives so that we can stand firm in your path, follow your will, and walk with you forever.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we offer this prayer. Amen.

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11:1 When Ahaziah's mother, Athaliah, saw that her son was dead, she rose up and destroyed the royal house.

11:2 But Josheba, the daughter of King Joram, the sister of Ahaziah, stole Jehoash the son of Ahaziah out of the king's son, who was slain, and hid him and his nurse in the bedroom from Athaliah, lest they be killed.

11:3 And Joash and his nurse hid themselves in the house of Jehohua six years. Athaliah usurped the throne.

11:4 And it came to pass in the seventh year that Jehoiada sent men and all the captains of the centurions of the Galiites and the guards to bring them into the

house of Jehohua, and made a covenant with them, that they might swear an oath in the house of Jehohua, and showed them the king's sons.

11:5 And he commanded them, saying, Do so, and keep over the royal house every third of the sabbath day.

11:6 one-third at the Sur Gate and one-third at the back gate of the Guardhouse. Thus they guarded the palace and kept the idlers in check.

11:7 Two-thirds of all your sabbath days shall guard the king in the house of Jehovah.

11:8 And every man with his weapon in his hand, surrounded by the king. Whoever trespasses into your ranks will be put to death, and when the king goes in and out, follow him.

11:9 And the captains of the centurions did as Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and every man brought to Jehoiada the priest every man who had been in charge of the Sabbath and went out of his duty.

11:10 The priest gave the centurion the spear and shield of the great avid, which were hidden in the temple of Jehohua.

11:11 And the guards took weapons in their hands, and stood round about the king, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, in the altar and in the temple.

11:12 And the priests brought forth the king's son, and crowned him, and gave him the book of the law, and anointed him king. And they clapped their hands and said, Long live the king.

11:13 When Athaliah heard the voice of the guards and the people, she went to the people and entered the house of Jehovah.

11:14 And the king stood by the pillar as usual, and the centurion and the trumpeters stood on the king's left and right sides, and all the people of the kingdom rejoiced and sounded the trumpets. And Athaliah tore his garment, and cried out, Contrary. the opposite .

11:15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captain of the army, saying, Cast her out of the office, and that all who followed her should be slain with the sword. for the priest said that she should not be killed in the house of Yahwa,

11:16 The soldiers dodged away and let her go. She went up the road to the palace and was slain there .

11:17 And Jehoiah made a covenant with the king and his people to be the people of Jehovah. and made the king make a covenant with the people.

11:18 So all the people went to the temple of Baal, and destroyed it, and broke down the altar and the image, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altar. And Jehoiada the priest sent rulers to guard the house of Jehovah.

11:19 And he took the captain, and the Carites, and the guards, and all the people therein, and asked the king to come down from the palace of the Jehohua, and enter the palace by the door of the guard, and he sat on the throne.

11:20 the people are happy and the city is quiet . They had slain Athaliah with the sword in the king's house.

11:21 Joash was seven years old when he ascended the throne.

2 Kings 11

2 Kings 11 continues the story of the division of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

The focus now is on Judah and his royal family.

At the beginning of this chapter, we learn that Queen Athaliah was the mother of King Ahaziah of Judah and seized power in Judah after the death of her son. She killed all her grandchildren, the heirs to the throne, to eliminate any potential threat to her rule.

However, one of the grandsons, Jehoash, was rescued by his aunt Josheba and her husband, the priest Johoada. Joash hid in the temple for six years, while Athaliah ruled the kingdom.

When Joash was seven years old, Johoiada began to put his plan into action. He gathered together the Levites and the heads of the tribes of Judah and revealed to them that Jehoash was the rightful king of Judah. He then commanded them to guard the king and the temple and to make sure that Athaliah did not enter.

So Jehoiada made a covenant with the people and swore allegiance to Jehoash king of Judah. Athaliah heard the commotion and came to see what was happening, but she was captured and executed.

So Jehoiada instructed the people to tear down the temple in Baal and kill the priests to ensure that Judah would once again follow Jehovah's ways.

The chapter ends with the coronation of Joash as king of Judah and the restoration of temple worship of the Lord. This event was a pivotal turning point in Judah's history, as it represented the end of the corrupt rule of Athaliah and the restoration of the rightful king and the worship of Yahweh. We are reminded to stand up for what is right and fair, even in the face of tremendous opposition. It also highlights the critical role that leaders play in shaping the destiny of a nation and the importance of following the Lord's ways.

2 Kings 11 deals with the reign of Athaliah and the restoration of Judah. Here are some key scriptures:

Verse 1: When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose up and destroyed all the royal house.

Verse 2: Josheba, daughter of King Joram, the sister of Ahaziah, stole Jehoash son of Ahaziah from among the king's sons who were put to death, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So they hid him from Athaliah.

Verse 12: "And he brought forth the king's son, and put a crown upon him, and testified unto him. They proclaimed him king, anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!"

These verses can be found in the Christian Bible, specifically in 2 Kings 11.

In 2 Kings 11, we see the reign of Athaliah and the subsequent restoration of David's lineage through the young Jehoash. This chapter offers a few points to think about:

The Danger of Ungodly Leadership: Ahaziah's mother, Athaliah, seized power after her son's death and sought to destroy the entire royal family of Judah to secure her position. This highlights the dangers of ungodly leadership and the devastating consequences it can have for a nation. Athaliah's actions reveal how far people can

go in order to gain power, and the disregard for God's commands that this ambition can lead to.

God kept His promise: Despite Athaliah's efforts to destroy the royal family, Joash, the youngest child of the House of David, was kept and protected in secret in the temple. This account shows God's faithfulness to His promises and His ability to ensure that His plans are not thwarted. It reminds us that even in the darkest of times, God is always working behind the scenes to fulfill His will and fulfill His covenant promises.

The Importance of Faithful Stewardship: Joash's anointing and coronation marked the restoration of the house of David to the throne. The high priest Johoyada played an important role in securing the reign of the legitimate king and leading the people in renewing the covenant. This chapter emphasizes the importance of faithful stewardship and the positive impact godly leaders can have on a nation. It encourages us to recognize the importance of our role and responsibility in promoting justice and leading others to God.

The Power of Unity: This chapter focuses on the joint efforts of Johoiadab, the priests, the Levites, and the Jews to overthrow Athaliah and restore Jehoash as king. This unity shows that strength can be found when people are united by godly leadership for a common purpose. It reminds us of the power of collective action and the importance of solidarity in the pursuit of justice and God's will.

Consequences of Idolatry: The first act of Jehoash's reign was to remove the idolatry and destroy the temple in Baal, ending the idolatry of Judah. This underscores the consequences of idolatry and the importance of true worship of God. It reminds us that turning away from false gods and dedicating ourselves to the Lord brings restoration and blessings.

Overall, 2 Kings 11 reflects on the dangers of ungodly leadership, God's preservation of His promises, the importance of faithful stewardship, the power of unity, and the consequences of idolatry. It encourages us to seek godly