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Don't fall into the trap of pride

Chapter 10 of 2 Chronicles

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While Rehoboam was too young and vigorous to perceive the seriousness of the problem, Jeroboam was adept at seizing the opportunity to take advantage of the change of king to clearly express the expectations of the people and ask the new king, Rehoboam, to consider a more lenient approach to statecraft. "Full of harm and humble benefit" is not only a wise saying among the Chinese, but even in spiritual matters, God has repeatedly made similar appeals to His children through different circumstances.

In fact, if Rehoboam had known to make good use of his father Solomon's shadow and treat his people with kindness, even if Judah could not avoid a divisive fate, it would not have been in Rehoboam's time. Sadly, Rehoboam was carried away by arrogance and foolishness, thinking that he was invincible, and as a result, the elect suffered greatly.

As children of the Lord, we should learn from this and never base our boasting on anything. When we forget to walk in God with humility, we open the door for the devil to undermine God's work.

On the spiritual path, we need to be constantly vigilant and remind ourselves to remain humble and rely on God's wisdom and guidance. Just as Rehoboam caused trouble by pride, we must avoid falling into the trap of pride so that we can walk in God's grace and fulfill His entrusted mission. Let us remember that "grace will find grace to the humble," and use this to motivate ourselves to keep moving forward in spiritual growth.

We ask God to guard our hearts because the fruits of life come from the heart (Proverbs 4:23). Even if everything comes from God, man's choice is just as important. We are to return to the temple of God, seek God's heart, and choose to walk according to God's heart. Haggai said that the last glory was greater than the previous (Haggai 2:9), which foreshadowed the coming of Jesus, the High Priest, who went to the cross for all, and whose blood flowed through the veil of the temple into the Holy of Holies, which was the most glorious hour.

Now that we have Jesus as our High Priest, pray that the Lord will help us to keep looking to God and waiting on Him. God's will will be done. We need to be vigilant in our lives, asking God to guard our hearts and minds so that we can discern His will and do it. Jesus' sacrifice and the grace He brought reminded us that it is only by God's guidance and preservation that we can continue on our spiritual path and ultimately see His glorious face. Let us keep the faith, return to God often, seek His will, and be willing to submit to His leading, so that God's glory will be revealed in our lives.

Therefore, we should accept God's authority with gratitude and reverence, submit to His guidance, and strive to live God's will. No matter how circumstances change, we must remain steadfast in God's promises and trust that He will accomplish His plans. On this spiritual path, may each of us walk with God, bear witness to His glory and faithfulness, and be a part of His eternal kingdom.

We prayed together

Thank you, dear Heavenly Father, for You are the Covenant-Keeper and the Loving Lord. Pray that the Lord will bless us as covenant-keeping people as well, so that we can enjoy the blessings

of the generations. Thank you for teaching us through King Rehoboam's experience how to seek Your will first in matters big and small, rather than in our own way! Teach us to connect with You daily and to use Your Word regularly as a guideline in our daily lives. Let us realize that decisions made by the flesh and flesh often cause more trouble and do not fulfill God's good will. Help us learn to give all things, to ask for all things, and to humbly receive God's leading. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

#### Chapter 10 of the Chronicles of the Dynasties

10:1           And Rehoboam went to Shechem, because all the Israelites had come to Shechem to make him king.

10:2           Jeroboam, the son of Nibat, fled from King Solomon and fled to Egypt, where he dwelt. When he heard this, he came back from Egypt.

10:3           And the Israelites sent to him, and he came to Loboam with all the Israelis, and said to him,

10:4           Thy father hath made us yoke and labour, and now make the yoke of our labours lighter, and we will serve thee.

10:5           And Loboam said to them, Come back to me on the third day. the people went .

10:6           And it came to pass, in the days of the days of Solomon, the father of Rehoboam, that old men stood before him, that King Rehoboam consulted with them, and said, What counsel thou hast given me, that I may answer this people.

10:7           And the old men said unto him, If the king will be gracious to this people, and make them pleased, and answer them with good words, they shall be king's servants forever.

10:8           But the king, without the counsel of the old men for him, consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him.

10:9           And he said, This people say unto me, Thy father hath made us yoke-heavy: make us lighter. What do you think of me, and I will reply to them.

10:10          And the young men who grew up with him said, This people said unto the king, Thy father hath made us a heavy yoke: make us lighter. Thus shall the king say unto them, My little thumb is thicker than my father's loins.

10:11          My Father has made you yoke heavy, and I will make you yoke harder. My father has beaten you with a whip, and I will beat you with a scorpion.

10:12          Jeroboam and all the people did as King Rehoboam said, "Come back to me on the third day," and on the third day they came.

10:13          King Rehoboam replied to them with stern words, without the opinion of the old men,

10:14 And he said unto them, according to the will of the youth, My father hath made you yoke heavy, and I will make you yoke harder. My father has beaten you with a whip, and I will beat you with a scorpion.

10:15 the king would not obey the people . This was of God, that the words of Jehovah by Ahijah the Shiloite might be fulfilled to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

10:16 When all the Israelites saw that the king did not obey them, they said to the king, "What is our part with David? It had nothing to do with Jesse's son. Go every man to his house, every man of Israel. great wei , take care of yourselves . So all the Israelites went back to their homes.

10:17 But the Israelites who dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

10:18 King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was in charge of the afflictions, to the Israelites, and the Israelites stoned him to death. King Rehoboam hurriedly got into his chariot and fled back to Jerusalem.

10:19 In this way, the Israelites have rebelled against the Great Avids to this day.

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The main theme of this chapter is King Rehoboam's mistaken decisions that led to the division of the nation of Israel into two kingdoms. Instead of listening to the advice of the elders, Rehoboam followed his own friends, which caused him to lose the loyalty and support of the people, causing division and chaos. This incident also shows that human beings need to think carefully when making decisions, listen to different voices, and consider the consequences of decisions.

A few important passages from 2 Chronicles chapter 10:

1. "Rehoboam went to Shechem, because all the children of Israel had come to Shechem to make him king." (2 Chronicles 10:1) - This verse describes Rehoboam's journey to Shechem, where the Israelites were to make him king. This scene foreshadows the plot that follows.
2. "They said to him, 'Your father has made us yoke-heavy, now make it easy for us, and we must serve the yoke that his father has given us; Now make it easy for us. (2 Chronicles 10:4)- This verse describes what the Israelites demanded of Rehoboam, who they asked to lighten their burdens. It was also a pivotal event that led to the later division of Israel.
3. "The king did not listen to the people, because the conversion of this thing was of God, that it might be fulfilled the word of the Lord by Ahijah the Shiloite." (2 Chronicles 10:15)- This verse describes Rehoboam's disobedience to the people, which led to the division of the kingdom of Israel. But this is actually God's will, in order to fulfill the prophecy.
4. "So the Israelites rebelled against the house of David to this day." (2 Chronicles 10:19)- This verse describes the division of the kingdom of Israel and the rebellion against David's dynasty. It was also the beginning of the division of Israel into two kingdoms in history.
5. "The house of Judah betrayed the house of David from that time." (2 Chronicles 10:19)- This verse describes the division of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. Although the Kingdom of Judah continued to support the House of David, it also marked a split and a parting of ways between the two nations.

Chapter 10 of the 2 Chronicles records an important event in Israel's history that took place in the time of King Saul, who committed suicide after his defeat in the war against the Philistines. This chapter highlights King Saul's bad decisions and disobedience to God.

Although this chapter is primarily a record of historical events, it still contains some theological ideas and gains.

The following are the theological central ideas and theological findings that can be found in Chapter 10 of the Second Chronicles:

**Obedience and Disobedience to God:** Chapter 10 of the 2 Chronicles clearly records King Saul's mistaken decisions and suicide in war. King Saul disobeyed God's will and did not fully obey God's commands, which led to his calamity.

**God's Judgment and Consequences:** King Saul's bad decisions and disobedience to God had disastrous consequences. God will judge those who disobey and disobey Him, which is a consequence of sin.