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Do not depart from God

Chapter 24 of 2 Chronicles deals primarily with the events of the reign of King Joash of Judah. When Jehoash became a young man, his uncle Jehoiada helped him carry out the Reformation, purging Judah of idols, repairing the temple, and restoring the worship of God. Under the teachings of Jehoiadah, Jehoash practiced benevolent government in the early years of his reign. However, with the death of Jehoiada, Joash began to follow idols and even ordered the killing of Joadah, the son of the prophet Zechariah. Jehoiah's good and bad deeds depended on Jehoiada's presence or not, which indicates that his faith was based on Jehoiada and not directly on God. This confidence is changeable and unreliable.

We need to be vigilant not to turn away from God just because someone is gone, or because someone has failed. The revival led by Jehoiada was completely reversed overnight, because the people, like kings, only followed and worshiped God on the outside, but did not have absolute obedience and fear of God in their hearts. It is a natural inclination for every human being to follow man rather than God. If we don't really know God and have a living connection with Him, we will fail like Judas. Followers who can be as zealous as Jehoash or perverse as he are, but this is actually out of their own flesh and not out of God-given faith.

Hebrews 11:6 says, 'Without faith it is impossible to please God', and everything that a man does with zeal will eventually come to naught (vv.18, 20). When we lead people to faith in Christ, if

they only stop at "zeal," such construction is only a temporary "plant and straw" (1 Corinthians 3:12) and cannot withstand the "test" of fire (1 Corinthians 3:13).

Today, every New Testament believer, like Joash, is easy to follow the man who is visible, but not the God who is not visible. I know I should follow God, but I actually follow people unconsciously. As a result, as soon as the leader stumbled and left, the one who followed became Joash. Therefore, those who preach the gospel and teach must hide themselves in Christ, "admonishing and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that he may bring every man perfectly before God in Christ" (Colossians 1:28), so that people can commune directly with God through Bible reading and prayer. Let people learn all spiritual writings and teachings by "examining the scriptures for themselves to know whether the word is true or not" (Acts 17:11). In this way, we can help people to be disciples of the Lord (Matthew 28:19), not disciples.

Jehoash's sins led to an attack by Syria, and Judah was besieged by Syrians, forcing him to pay tribute to the king of Syria in exchange for protection with the gold and silver treasures in the temple. After Joash's death, he was succeeded by his son Amaziah.

Let's review what God has revealed to us in this chapter: Man always unconsciously follows man and does not follow God; We must learn to always follow God, not man. We are to devote ourselves to serving God, who will bless those who do good all their lives and will seek after those who have forsaken Him. We are to be strong leaders, not that we follow the people, but that the people follow our lead and follow God together. As parents, we cannot just rely on our own authority to make our children obey, but we can truly bring them into God's presence and truly believe in God. If you forsake God, you will be forsaken by God, and you will be judged by God. According to the book of Ezra, if you marry a Gentile woman and worship an idolatrous and forsake God, the plague will affect not only one generation, but also from Jehoram to Ahaziah, to Joash and the generations to come, because the sins of Ahab's house have spread throughout the house of Judah. The book of Ezra warns the people not to marry Gentile women, or they will be like Joash who, despite receiving much grace, will be ungrateful and fall in grace. It is the same for us who believe in God, we have the Spirit of God, and do not marry with Gentiles, otherwise even if God gives us great grace, we will still fall, which cannot be reversed by our own power.

We pray together

Dear Lord, we praise God and thank Him for allowing us to understand that as parents, we need to bring our children to God and make their lives truly connected to God, rather than simply relying on our own authority to make our children superficially obedient to God. At the same time, as individuals, we need to learn to always follow God, not man. Pray that God will strengthen our faith so that we can unswervingly follow God no matter how the circumstances and personnel around us change. Lord, help me not only to strengthen the work in my hands, but also to strengthen the strength of my heart. Lord, give me a vigilant heart that focuses not only on outward prosperity but also on inner purity and strength.

Thank you in the sacred name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

## 2 Chronicles, chapter 24

24:1 Jehoash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. His mother's name was Sibia , and she was a Pakistani .

24:2 While Jehoiada the priest was alive, Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh and Huahua.

24:3 Jehoiada took two wives for him and had sons and daughters.

24:4 After that, Joash intended to rebuild the temple of Jehohua,

24:5 And he called together the priests and the Levites, and said unto them, Go ye into all the cities of Judah, that all the Israelites may contribute money, that they may repair the house of your God every year. You have to deal with this quickly. It's just that the Levites don't deal with it quickly.

24:6 And the king called Jehoiada the high priest, and said unto him, Why do thou not cause the Levites to bring the expenses of the temple from Judah and Jerusalem according to the cost of the offering which Moses the servant of Jehohua made for the tabernacle of the ark of the testimony and for the congregation of Israel?

24:7 For the sons of the wicked woman Athaliah had destroyed the house of God, and had offered Baal with the holy things of the temple of Yahohua.

24:8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest and laid it outside the door of the house of Yahohua.

24:9 And he told all the people of Judah and Jerusalem that they should send to Jehovah the donations which Moses of God, the servant of God, had commanded the Israelites in the wilderness.

24:10 And all the chiefs and the people rejoiced in bringing the money and putting it into the ark until it was done.

24:11 When the Levites saw that there was much silver, they brought the ark to the king's minister. And the king's secretary and the high priest's servants came and emptied the ark and left it in its place. It is like this day and day , and he has a great deal of money in his savings.

24:12 And the king and Jehoiada gave the money to the men who were in the house of Jehowa, and they hired stonemasons, and the carpenters repaired the house of Jehohua, and the blacksmiths and coppersmiths repaired the house of Jehohua.

24:13 The workmen worked and gradually built the temple as it had been before, and it was very strong.

24:14 When the work was finished, they brought the rest of the silver before the king and Jehoiiah, and used it to make vessels and spoons for the offerings of the house of Yahoah, and vessels of gold and silver. And it came to pass during the days of Jehoiada that burnt offerings were offered in the temple of Jehodah.

24:15 ye ho ye was old in his old age , and died at the end of his life . He was one hundred and thirty years old when he died,

24:16 Buried in the tombs of the kings of the Acropolis. For he did good among the Israelites, and served God, and repaired the house of God.

24:17 After the death of Jehoiada, the princes of Judah came to worship the king. And the king listened to them.

24:18 They forsook the house of the god of Jehohua and their fathers to serve the Asherah and the idols. Because of their sin there was wrath against Judah and Jerusalem.

24:19 But God still sent prophets to them to lead them to Yahweh. The prophet warned them, but they would not listen.

24:20 Then the Spirit of God touched Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada, the priest, and he stood before the people, saying, Thus saith God, Why have you transgressed the commandments of Jehovah, that ye may not prosper? For you have forsaken Yahweh, therefore he has forsaken you.

24:21 And all the people conspired with Zecharia, and as the king had commanded, they stoned him to death in the court of the temple of Jehoda.

24:22 So King Joash did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada his father had done to him, and killed his sons. When Zechariah was dying, he said, "May the Lord see and avenge him."

24:23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the armies of Syria came up against Joash, and against Judah and Jerusalem, and slew the princes of the people, and sent the plunder to the king of Damascus.

24:24 Though a small army of Syrians had come, Yahwahwa delivered a large army into their hand, because the Jews had forsaken the God of their fathers, and had punished Joash through the Syrians.

24:25 When the Syrians departed Joash, he became seriously ill. And the servants rebelled against him, and thou shalt avenge the blood of the son of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and bury him in the acropolis, and not in the tombs of kings.

24:26 Those who rebelled against him were Zabal, the son of Shemeab, a woman from Ammon, and Jozabal, son of Shimeri, a Moabite woman.

24:27 As for his sons, and for the warnings which he received, and for the restoration of the temple of God, are they not written in the biography of the kings. And Amaziah his son succeeded him as king.

A detailed summary of Chapter 24 of the Chronicles of the Chronicles

Chapter 24 of the Book of Chronicles deals primarily with the events of the reign of King Joash of Judah. When Jehoash ascended to the throne at a young age, Jehoiada, his uncle, with his help, arranged a religious reformation that cleared Judah of idols, repaired the temple, and restored the worship of God. Joash followed Jehoiada's teachings and was benevolent in the early days of his reign, but after Jehoiada's death, he began to follow idols and even ordered the death of Zechariah, the son of the prophet Zechariah.

Jehoash's sins led to an attack by Syria, and Judah was besieged by Syrians, forcing him to pay tribute to the king of Syria in exchange for protection with the gold and silver treasures in the temple. After Joash's death, he was succeeded by his son Amaziah.

A few important verses from 2 Chronicles 24:

1. 2 Chronicles 24:4: "And Joash, having a good heart, sent that certain vessels of the house of the Lord should be brought and that all the broken places should be repaired." "

This passage tells how King Joash ordered the temple to be repaired. Recognizing that the temple needed to be repaired, he ordered the people to bring the temple vessels and repair the temple damages. This act demonstrated Joash's loyalty and concern for God.

2. 2 Chronicles 24:14: "And they took out the money and gave it to the overseers and the labourers to repair the house of the Lord." "

This passage tells of King Joash ordering the temple to be repaired with the money he had given and appointing overseers and workers to do the work. This shows that King Joash attached great importance to the temple of God and was willing to devote a great deal of time and resources to the restoration of the temple.

3. 2 Chronicles 24:17: "But after these things the servants of Jehoash king of Judah turned their backs on him and followed the foreign gods and served them." Then Jehovah's anger was on Judah and Jerusalem. "

This passage tells how the servants of Jehoash, king of Judah, rebelled against him and followed the gods of the Gentiles. Their actions angered God and provoked His wrath. This event shows the people the consequences of betrayal and the importance that God places on loyalty and faith.

4. 2 Chronicles 24:22: "Jehoash king of Judah did not remember the kindness his father Jehoash had done to Jehoiada, but killed his son." On his deathbed, Joash said: 'May the Lord seek justice!' "

This passage tells of King Joash's murder of Jehoiada's son. This event shows how King Jehoash rebelled against Jehovah's will and violated his father's promise to repair Jehovah's temple. On his deathbed, Joash recognized his mistakes and called on God to judge the wronged.

2 Chronicles chapter 24 continues to record important events in Israel's history, particularly the restoration and rebuilding of the temple during the reign of Jehoash in obedience to God's laws and commandments. This chapter focuses on worship and obedience to God, as well as God's warnings and faithful punishments.

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

The following are the central theological ideas and theological findings that can be found in 2 Chronicles 24:

**Worship and obedience to God:** In chapter 24, during the reign of Jehoash, the people turned to God and obeyed his laws and commandments. They carried out the restoration and rebuilding of the temple and rededicated it to God, emphasizing the importance of worship and obedience to God.

**God's Warning and Faithful Punishment:** In this chapter, God sent prophets to deliver warnings to the people, but they did not repent. God punished them faithfully for their apostasy and sin, causing them to suffer calamity.

**Faith and Loyalty:** During the reign of Joash, the faith and faithfulness of the people were heard by God. They regained their reliance and faith in God and re-established their relationship with God.

**Responsibility and Influence of Leadership:** Joash was a devout king whose worship and reliance on God had a positive impact on the people. Leaders have great responsibilities, and their actions affect the entire country and its people.

Overall, chapter 24 of the Book of Chronicles is primarily a record of historical events, with themes of worship and obedience to God, God's warning and faithful punishment, and faith and

faithfulness. Through these accounts, we can see more deeply that the worship of God and obedience to His laws are central to the faith, God's protection and favor for faithful people, and God's warning and faithful punishment for apostasy and sin. Leaders have great responsibilities, and their beliefs and actions can have a profound impact on the country and its people. In faith, we should turn to God with all our hearts, restore our relationship with Him, and trust in His power so that our lives may manifest God's glory and reflect God's kingdom.