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God's love, we are chosen

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Throughout his life, Amaziah relied on God, listened to God, and received success and blessings from God. Later, he forsook God, worshipped idols, turned his back on God, and went to failure, and received God's punishment. Like Amaziah, who once received God's grace but then turned away from God; When God gave him many opportunities, he refused to realize. I believe that nothing can turn him back anymore.

Hebrews 6:4-6 says, "As for those who have been enlightened, who have tasted the gift of heaven, who have partaken in the Holy Spirit, and who have tasted the good word of God, and

who have realized the power of the world to come, if they have forsaken the doctrine, they cannot be repented." This is indeed a warning and a warning to us!

Power brings people a strong sense of enjoyment and satisfaction, but at the same time, power will also infinitely expand people's inner self-perception and evaluation, until a point where power makes people arrogant, and this arrogance will eventually blind people's eyes and make them unable to see God's sovereignty and omnipotence. In this sense, God has not given us the same authority as other kings of the world today, but it is actually a protection and mercy for us. On the other hand, God has now given us authority over all the kings of the world to be representatives of Jesus Christ, ambassadors of the kingdom of heaven, and to live on behalf of the kings of heaven in this world. Worldly power brings temptations and temptations that come from Satan in order to turn people against God.

Amaziah won the battle with God, but he ignored God's grace and arrogantly rejected the prophet's admonition (v.16) and foolishly 'made the defeated idol of Edom his god' (v.14). His battle was won, but the man was defeated. The day of success in life is when Satan's temptation comes. In our victories, be vigilant, for there is only one step from the spiritual peak to the valley. If a person only gives thanks to God with words, but in his heart he 'boasts' (v.19), consciously or unconsciously, to show himself as God, and to establish himself as his God."

Amaziah was able to listen to the prophets (vv.7–8) because he was faced with great battles, invested so much (v.6) and had no certainty of victory, so he did not dare to be presumptuous and did not want to offend God. Now that he has been victorious and his self-confidence is overflowing, he has revealed his 'pride' (v.19) and is no longer able to listen to God. Every believer should ask himself: Are we willing to seek God, or are we like Amaziah, who is 'unfocused' (v.2) and obedient to God?

Today, like Amaziah, we all want to rely on God, but our hearts are not perfect. It turns out that God wants us to trust Him with one perfect heart. Although there are always many weaknesses that must not be perfected, there is one thing that must never be done, and that is to forsake God. We must rely entirely on God and put our security in Him! When life begins at the end of life, it is easier to feel inferior and submit to God's will, because you really have no ability and means. However, once it begins to be smooth sailing, or even successful, it is easy to become proud, thinking that it is all possible and has the means, and there is no need to rely on God anymore. How do you know that before you know it, you have fallen into the way of Satan the Devil, and without God's blessing, your life will begin to deteriorate. Brothers and sisters, may we be vigilant and humbly come to God in the mountains and valleys of life, seek His will and guidance, and walk in the path He has prepared for us all our lives.

We pray

Beloved, Lord, make us faithful to every position and authority you have given us, and make good use of your authority so that it may be a blessing to others and not an obstacle to the growth of others' lives. Lord, make us meditate on Jesus Christ who was sent by you to come into the world in the flesh to live a life of meekness and humility and complete obedience to you until we finally go to the cross to fulfill your plan of salvation. Help us to be humble and learn to rely on

you for everything, because we really can't do anything without you. When we are triumphant and forgetful, warn us that we may be holy and humble, and that we may return to you again, and inquire in your temple, and walk with you for the rest of our lives.

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

## 2 Chronicles, chapter 25

25:1 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoidan, and she was of Jerusalem.

25:2 Amaziah did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh and Hua, but his heart was not attentive.

25:3 As soon as the kingdom was established, he slew the servants who had slain his father's king.

25:4 But they did not put their sons to death, as Jehovah commanded in the Book of the Law of Moses, that the Son shall not kill the Father, nor because the Father shall kill the Son, but every man shall die for his own sin.

25:5 And Amaziah gathered together the children of Judah, and made them commanders and captains of hundreds, according to the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and numbered men, and from twenty years of age onwards, there were three hundred thousand elite men who were able to go out to war with guns and shields.

25:6 And with a hundred talents of silver, he recruited from Israel a hundred thousand mighty men.

25:7 And a man of God came to Amaziah, and said unto him, O king, do not send the army of Israel with thee, for Jehohua is not with the descendants of Ephraim, the Israelite.

25:8 If you are determined to go, fight bravely. But God will defeat you before your enemies. For God is able to help people to victory, and he can also bring people to defeat.

25:9 Amaziah asked the man of God, "What shall I give to the Israeli-armed army the hundred talents of silver?" The man of God replied, "Yahweh can give you more."

25:10 So Amaziah took out the army that had come from Ephraim, and sent them home. Therefore they were very angry with the Jews and went home in a fit of rage.

25:11 And Amaziah took courage and led his people to the valley of salt, and slew ten thousand of the Seir.

25:12 And the Jews took ten thousand alive and brought them to the cliff, and threw them down from there, so that they were all broken.

25:13 But Amaziah sent back, and not let the army that had gone out with him smote all the cities of Judah, from Samaria unto Behoron, and slew three thousand men, and plundered much of their goods.

25:14 When Amaziah returned from killing the Edomites, he brought back the idol of Seir, and made it his god, and bowed before it, and burned incense.

25:15 Therefore the anger of Yahweh was unleashed against Amaziah, and he sent a prophet to him, saying, Why do you seek these gods who cannot deliver his people out of thy hand?

25:16 And it came to pass, while the prophet was speaking to the king, that the king said unto him, Who made thee the king's counsellor? Shut up. why are you looking for a fight ? And the prophet stopped, and said, Do not hearken unto my counsel, for I know that God is determined to destroy thee.

25:17 Amaziah king of Judah took counsel with his courtiers, and sent messengers to Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the son of Johaaz, king of Israel, and said, Come, and we will meet in battle.

25:18 And Joash king of Israel sent messengers to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, Tribulus terrestris of Lebanon, and hath sent messengers to the cedar trees of Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son as his wife. Then a wild beast passed by in Lebanon, and trampled the thistle terrestris.

25:19 And thou sayest, Behold, I have smitten the Edomites, and thou hast been so proud that thou hast boasted. If you have settled in your house, why should you cause trouble and destroy yourself and the kingdom of Judah?

25:20 But Amaziah would not listen. It was from God that they might deliver them into the hands of their enemies, because they sought the God of Edom.

25:21 So Jehoash king of Israel came up and met Beth-shemesh of Judah in battle with Amaziah king of Judah.

25:22 The Jews were defeated before the Israelites, and fled to their homes.

25:23 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah, king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Joash, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem. And he broke down the walls of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

25:24 And he took all the silver and gold, and all the vessels, and all the treasures that were in the king's house, which were in the custody of the temple of Edom of Obe, and took them hostage, and returned to Samaria.

25:25 After the death of Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah, the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years.

25:26 Is not the rest of Amaziah written from beginning to end in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

25:27 After Amariah had forsaken Jehovah, there were men in Jerusalem who rebelled against him, and he fled to Lachish. The rebels sent men to Raj and killed him .

25:28 And they carried his body back on horseback, and buried him in the sepulchres of his fathers in the city of Judah.

A detailed summary of Chapter 25 of the Chronicles of the Ages

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A few important passages from 2 Chronicles 25:

1. 2 Chronicles 25:2: "Joah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, but his heart was not attentive." "

This passage tells of King Joash's actions. Although he did something that was in God's heart, his heart was not entirely sincere. This incident shows people that even if we do the right thing in our actions, we can make mistakes if our hearts are not completely dedicated.

2. 2 Chronicles 25:9: "Amaziah asked God's men, 'What if I gave a hundred talents to the Israelites?' The man of God replied, 'The Lord can give you more than this.' "

This passage tells of King Amaziah wanting to hire an army of Israel, but God's men reminded him that he didn't need the help of the Israelites because God would help him. This event shows people the importance of trusting God rather than relying on one's own strength or the help of others.

3. 2 Chronicles 25:14: "When Amaziah returned from destroying the Edomites, he brought back the god of Seir on Mount Seir, and made him his god, and bowed down to him and burned incense." "

This passage tells how King Amaziah rebelled against God and followed the idols of Edom. This event showed the people the consequences of idolatry, as well as God's punishment for betrayal and idolatry.

4. 2 Chronicles 25:16: "King Amaziah, in counsel with those whom he had recruited, sent messengers to Jehu, the son of Jehoash, the son of Jehoash, king of Israel, and said, 'Come, and we will meet one another.'" ”

This passage tells of King Amaziah asking Jehu of Israel for help. Although he did not believe in God before, he was willing to seek help from other nations. This event shows people that we should trust God instead of seeking worldly help.

2 Chronicles chapter 25 goes on to record important events in Israel's history, particularly his military campaigns and wars against the Edomites during the reign of Jehoash. This chapter emphasizes the importance of faith and reliance on God, as well as God's warnings and faithful punishments.

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The following are the central ideas and theological findings that can be found in 2 Chronicles 25:

**Faith and Reliance on God:** In chapter 25, Joash faced a war with the Edomites, and he relied on God's strength and help to overcome it. This underscores the importance of faith and reliance on God.

**God's Warning and Faithful Punishment:** After his victory, Joash became complacent and disobeyed God's will. God sent prophets to warn him, but he did not repent. Therefore, God punished him faithfully and caused him to suffer calamity.

**Faithful service to God:** Although Joash later turned away from God, in his youth, he was a faithful king who served God. He obeyed God's law and carried out the restoration and rebuilding of the temple.

**God's reward for obedience:** As a young man, Joash served God faithfully, and God blessed him with victory in war.

Overall, chapter 25 of the Book of Chronicles is primarily a record of historical events, and contains themes of faith and reliance on God, God's warning and faithful punishment, and faithful service to God. Through these accounts, we can see more deeply that trusting God and relying on His strength is the core of faith, God's protection and favor for faithful people, and God's warning and faithful punishment for apostasy and sin. Faithful service to God is our response to obeying God's law and relying on Him wholeheartedly so that our lives can manifest God's glory and reflect God's kingdom. At the same time, we need to keep in mind God's warnings and not be complacent and deviate, so as not to incur God's punishment.