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God of Every Grace, and do not be arrogant

2 Chronicles chapter 26 recounts the deeds of Uzziah, king of Judah. As a young man, Uzziah humbly feared God and followed God's commands, and God blessed him with great political and military strength. He defeated enemies such as the Philistines, Arabs, and Mananite, and his fame spread far and wide. During the reign of Uzziah, walls were built, armories were built, trebuchets were invented, and many people made a rich living from agriculture, animal husbandry, and gardening.

However, when Uzziah became arrogant, he sinned, went into the temple to burn incense, and was punished by God for leprosy. His son Jotham succeeded him as king, for Uzziah had been ill for a long time, and the government of the kingdom had been affected accordingly. Uzziah sought God, received God's help, and was very strong. On the other hand, Uzziah was haughty and had sinned against the LORD his God.

Uzziah's decline began with a shift in his attention from reverence for God to pride in himself. Probably because of Zechariah's death, the godly man's guidance stopped, and prosperity and success blurred Uzziah's vision, and the failure to see the cause of success was the grace of God. He began to feel that it was his own ability that made the country rich and the people strong. King Uzziah's "haughty heart" and sinning against God also implied that the people also had this

"haughty" mentality. His arrogance led him to recklessly bring the priestly duties under his control, as manifested in blasphemy by burning incense on the altar of incense.

We should take this as a lesson and resolutely put an end to the behavior of some church leaders today who are intoxicated with their own success and reputation, and hold the power of the church, manipulate the affairs of the church, and even challenge God's authority. We are willing to obey at first, but for a variety of reasons, we may begin to turn away from God. The reason for each abstinence is nothing more than the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of this life.

When God blesses us as we seek His kingdom and righteousness, He gives us what we need to be strong. When we become strong, we tend to be arrogant because we give ourselves the glory of God. Pride is giving oneself the glory of God. Satan is the most proud of all because he wants to be equal to God. When God's blessing comes to us today, we feel powerful. Therefore, we need to always be vigilant, come to the Lord every day, be cautious about our sinful nature, and be careful not to fall into the trap of pride.

God saves us not only from sin and death, but also so that we will reign with Christ forever (2 Timothy 2:12; If we deny Him, He will deny us.) In the Book of Chronicles, God shows us what a king is after God's heart, what a king is in a firm position, and also allows us to learn the desire to be king. The higher a person's status in the kingdom of God, the more important it is to learn the ministry of a servant (Luke 22:26 "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become like little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.") Therefore whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.); The greater the gift, the more you must learn to match with your co-workers. We are to serve one another according to the gifts we have been given, and to be good stewards of all the gifts of God (1 Peter 4:16). lest he be like Uzziah, who is successful and strong, and is "cut off from the house of the Lord." This passage reminds us not to be proud: "Pride precedes destruction; Madness before it falls." (Proverbs 16:18) When we are proud, we are corrupted, and God's judgment is imminent! God wanted the Jews of that time to see the fruits of pride, to return to God's Word, not to intermarry with Gentile women, not to be proud.

What is the position and authority God gives us today? We are to be content with what God has and not to covet what others have. The more satisfied we are, the more God will help us. But if you are not satisfied, pride will sin against God, and the result will be corruption. Some people can't afford to fail, while others can't afford to succeed. Neither failure nor success can sustain one's godliness and can become a stone that causes one to fall.

We need to be vigilant and let go of the seeds of pride. Uzziah did not go to idolatry, nor did he fail militarily, but he sacrificed himself in worship and committed a great sin that brought immediate punishment: he became leprosy, he was disqualified from governing the country, he lived in another palace, he died of sickness, he could not be buried in the king's tomb, and he was even called a leper!

We should thank God for His mercy, for sacrifice is the authority of the priests, not the kings. God's punishment is also a mercy that gives him a chance to repent in another house.

We pray together:

Dear Lord, Lord, what do you see in our hearts? Is it pride? Lord, what do men see on our foreheads? Is it a success? Cleanse us, Lord. Pray to the Lord to help us grasp today, and seek God quickly, so that we can be thankful in blessings and grasp the Lord more. Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your infinite grace and love, and for Your grace that fills our lives like a river. You have given us more grace than we can ask or think, and we are grateful to praise You for your greatness and goodness.

Lord, You know the weakness of our hearts, and we are often deceived by pride. Help us to humble ourselves and remember that all accomplishments and blessings come from You, not by our own strength. When we are proud of our hearts, remind us to face all the grace You have given us with thanksgiving.

Give us wisdom and humility so that we can always think of Your Word in our lives and never forget Your grace and teachings. When we face challenges and difficulties, please give us strength and courage to rely on You and not on our own ingenuity. Lord, may all our words and deeds glorify Your name, and may our hearts always be humble and acknowledge that You are our Lord and that all that we have is by Your grace. May we grow in Your love, love You more, and serve You more.

in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

2 Chronicles, chapter 26

26:1 And all the people of Judah set up Uzziah son of Amaziah to reign in his father's place, when he was sixteen years old.

26:2 After Amaziah had slept with his fathers, Uzziah recovered Elul and returned it to Judah, and renewed his teachings.

26:3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. His mother's name was Jerkriah, and she was of Jerusalem.

26:4 And Uzziah did what was right in the eyes of Hohua, and imitated all the ways of his father Amaziah.

26:5 Knowing God's inspiration, Uzziah was determined to seek God while Zechariah was on earth. He sought Yahweh, and God made him prosperous.

26:6 He went out against the Philistines, and destroyed the cities of Gath, and Jabines, and Ashdod. Among the Philistines, in the border of Ashdod, some more cities were built.

26:7 God helped him against the Philistines, the Arabs who dwelt in Gulbaal, and the Meunites.

26:8 The children of Ammon paid tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread to Egypt because he was very strong.

26:9 And Uzziah built towers at the corner gates and valley gates of Jerusalem, and at the bends of the walls, and they were very strong.

26:10 And he built watchtowers in the wilderness and in the plateau and in the plains, and dug many wells, because he had a great number of livestock. And in the mountains and in the beautiful lands there are farmers and vineyard keepers, because he delights in farming.

26:11 And Uzziah had an army, according to the number of Jereh and Maaseiah the officer, under one of the king's generals, Hananiah, in detachment.

26:12 the total number of the patriarchs and the mighty warriors was two thousand six hundred,

26:13 Their army numbered 307,500 men, all of whom were capable and good at war, and helped the king in attacking his enemies.

26:14 Uzziah prepared shields, spears, helmets, armor, bows, and stone-throwing strings for all the army.

26:15 And he made a machine in Jerusalem with skillful craftsmen, and installed them on the towers and the towers, that they might shoot arrows and stones. Usiah's fame spread far and wide. because he received extraordinary help , he was very strong .

26:16 And when he was strong, he was so proud of his heart that he did wickedness, and transgressed against the god of Yahwah, and entered into the house of Yahwah, and burned incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 And Azariah the priest took eighty men of the priests of Yahweh and Rhauda, and went in with him.

26:18 And they hindered king Uzziah, and said unto him, O Uzziah, it is not thy business to burn incense unto Jehohua, but it is the duty of the sons of Aaron to take up the priesthood. Get out of the temple. for thou hast sinned. and if thou doest this, the God of Yahweh will not glorify thee.

26:19 And Uzziah was angry, and took the censer in his hand to burn incense. And when he was angry with the priests, he suddenly went into a great leprosy on his forehead in the presence of all the priests beside the altar of incense in the temple of Jehoda.

26:20 When Azariah the high priest and all the priests looked, and saw a great leprosy on his forehead, they urged him out of the temple. And he himself hurried out, because the plague of Yahweh had brought upon him.

26:21 King Uzziah grew up leprosy unto death, and dwelt in another house, cut off from the house of Jehovah. His son, Jotan, took charge of the household and the people.

26:22 The rest of Uzziah was written by the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz.

26:23 Uzziah slept with his fathers and was buried in the graves of his fathers in the fields of the king's tomb. for it was said that he was a leper . And Jotham his son succeeded him as king.

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A few important verses from 2 Chronicles 26:

1. 2 Chronicles 26:5: "Amaziah sought God, and on the day of the death of his father Joash, he sought God at the instruction of Zechariah the seer, and when he sought God, God made him prosperous." "

This passage tells how Uzziah (Amaziah's son) sought God during his reign and received God's blessings and help. This event shows people the power of trusting in God, and if we honestly seek Him and follow His guidance, we can find success and blessings in our lives.

2. 2 Chronicles 26:16: "He was so proud that his heart was not right, that he was corrupted, and he defiled the altar of incense in the house of the Lord his God, and Azariah the mighty man and eighty priests went to restrain him." "

This passage tells how King Uzziah sinned out of pride, which led to his punishment by God and sickness. This event shows people the consequences of pride and God's punishment for sin, and that we should serve God with humility.

3. 2 Chronicles 26:18: "And they rose up against king Uzziah and said to him, 'O Uzziah, you should not burn incense to the Lord, for it is the duty of the priests, and it is holy for the sons of Aaron to offer incense.'" Get out of the temple! Because you have sinned, not only have you not been glorified before Jehovah, but you should not have done your job. "'

This passage tells how the warrior Azariah and other priests prevented King Uzziah from burning incense, which was the duty of the priests. This event shows the role of each person in God's work, as well as the reverence and respect for the sacred and holy.

4. 2 Chronicles 26:23: "King Uzziah slept with his fathers and was buried in the field of the king's tomb, because they said, 'He is saying, 'I will not enter the temple of the Lord.'" "'

This passage tells of the death of King Uzziah, who was punished by God for his sins. This event shows the people God's judgment and punishment for sin

Chapter 26 of the Book of Chronicles goes on to record important events in Israel's history, particularly the accession of Uzziah (Azariah) to the throne and the administrative reforms and military campaigns of his reign. This chapter emphasizes the importance of humility and dependence on 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 26:

Humility and Dependence on God: In chapter 26, when Uzziah became king, he humbly relied on God and obeyed God's laws and commandments. He was victorious through administrative reforms and military operations with the help of God.

God's Warning and Faithful Punishment: Although Uzziah humbly obeyed God in the early days of his reign, as his power increased, he 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.

Loyalty and Achievement: During his reign, Uzziah accomplished many things, including building armies, agriculture, engineering, and walls, making the country prosperous. This shows that faithfulness and obedience to God can bring God's blessings and prosperity to nations.

Responsibilities and Warnings of Leaders: As king, Uzziah's actions and choices had a profound impact on the country and its people. His story is also a cautionary tale for leaders to humbly rely on God and not to turn away from Him.

Overall, chapter 26 of the Book of Chronicles is primarily a record of historical events, with themes of humility and dependence on God, God's warning and faithful punishment, and loyalty and fulfillment. Through these accounts, we can see more deeply that humility and obedience to

God are at the heart of faith, God's protection and care for faithful people, and God's warning and faithful punishment for apostasy and sin. Faithful service to God is our response to obey God's law and rely 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. Leaders have great responsibilities, and their beliefs and actions can have a profound impact on the country and its people.