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O God! You are a beacon for us

2 Chronicles, chapter 14

Chapter 14 of the Book of Chronicles deals with the reign of Asa, king of Judah in the south.

"Asa cried unto the LORD, saying, But thou canst help the weak, O LORD, than the strong. Help us, O LORD our God; For we trust in thee to fight against this great army in thy name. Thou art our God, O LORD, and let no man overcome thee." (2 Chronicles 14:11).

In the early years of his reign, Asa, with God's help, defeated the army of King Etiman and strengthened the border defenses of southern Judah, so that the land of Judah could be at peace. Asa also ordered the Jews to build walls to strengthen the city's defenses. At that time, Judah was already in a state of idolatry and pagan sorcery, and it was under such difficult circumstances that Asa courageously corrected many wrong deeds. He also actively promoted the worship of God, got rid of some idols and heretics in the country, called on the whole people to seek the Lord, and personally led the people to Jerusalem to celebrate the Lord's mercy with the sacrifice of thanksgiving and the sacrifice of peace.

Are there any idols in our lives that have not been removed? Psalm 16:4 "Their sorrow will increase when they replace the Lord with other gods", when King Asa commanded the kingdom to get rid of the altars and high places of the foreign gods, and to break the pillars of Baal, and to

cut down the puppets, and to tell the people of Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do his law and his commandments, then there will be peace in the kingdom, which is good and right in the sight of the LORD, and they will enjoy the peace of God. If we want to enjoy the blessings of peace, we must get rid of all the idols in our lives, whether they be money, status, power, and so on. On the other hand, are we confronted with powerful enemies in our environment who are constantly oppressing us and seem to devour us? Do not be afraid, if we are willing to come and trust God, to seek God's help alone, as the psalmist says, "Some rely on chariots and some on horses, but let us mention the name of the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7), God will raise the banner of victory for you and scatter your enemies.

Asa was a faithful king who relied on God's help to keep Judah safe and promote the development of the nation. Asa won a great victory with God, and 'the Lord brought the Ethiopians to defeat before Asa and Judah' (v.12). The lesson of following the Lord is new every day, and no one should rest on the spiritual experiences or accomplishments of the past, but should "forget what is behind and press on what is before, and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13–14).

Although the world is filled with all kinds of sorrow and tears, this is not an inescapable fact, for King Asa's testimony clearly shows that when people are determined to do what is good and right in God's sight, God is more than willing to reward those who fear Him, even in the face of great trials. The concept of karma, while simple, is often overlooked. We like complex solutions, we like so-called deep explanations, we like to face all crises with our own plans, and we think that it is naïve to seek God, untimely and unrelated to the faith of new believers, and has nothing to do with us as mature Christians. But this passage reminds us once again that any simple truth is not practiced without knowing the truth, and when we face difficulties, trust that God will bring salvation and hope in the midst of our difficulties. What are our most important values? Isn't it a future reward before God? If we have this hope, how do we live each day? We are convinced that our God is here to help us, and that difficulties, setbacks, dangers, and losses in life should not change our dependence on God. Paul says in Romans 8:35, 'Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Is it tribulation, or affliction, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword?' Paul continues, 'But by the Lord who loved us, he has more than enough victory in all these things.'" The help God promises to us is not only when we do God's will, but also when we do our part, and when we go through all kinds of difficulties and challenges.

We prayed together

Dear Heavenly Father, dear Lord Jesus,

Help me to be bold enough to make an impact in my life and help more people turn to You in this generation! Pray that I will love to do what is good and right in God's sight, so that I can live in peace, abandon idolatry, and bring my family and those around me to know the Lord and experience the peace of the Lord together.

Lord, am I prepared for everything so that I can give it my all when faced with challenges? But Thou art the living God who created the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and I will come and worship and serve Thee alone, and I pray that Thou art a shield around me, that I may overcome all my enemies.

Thank you for your willingness to give us peace so that we can live in you and enjoy the true peace you give. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Chapter 14 of the Chronicles of the Chronicles

14:1 Abijah slept with his fathers and was buried in the Acropolis. And Asa his son succeeded him as king. In the year of Asa, the kingdom was ten years of peace.

14:2 And Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of his God,

14:3 and take away the altars and high places of the Gentile gods, and break the pillars in pieces, and cut down the puppets,

14:4 And he commanded the children of Judah to seek the God of their fathers, and to do his law and commandments.

14:5 And in all the cities of Judah they took away the hill and the sun image, and the kingdom was at peace.

14:6 And several fortified cities were built in Judah. The kingdom was peaceful for several years, and there was no war, because the Lord and China gave him peace.

14:7 And he said unto the Jews, Let us build these cities, and build walls round about, and build towers, and gates, and make bars. The earth is ours because we seek the God of Yahweh. Since we seek Him, He has given us peace on all sides. So they built cities, and everything prospered.

14:8 And the army of Asa was out of Judah, three hundred thousand men with shields and spears. 280,000 men who took shields and drew bows from Jamin. these are all powerful warriors .

14:9 And Zerah king of Ethiopia went out against the Jews with a million men and three hundred chariots, and came to Maryshah.

14:10 So Asa went out to meet his enemies, and set himself up in battle in the valley of Zephath, Marysha.

14:11 And Asa cried unto the God of Yahwathah, saying, Yahweh, only thou canst help the weak more than the strong. Yahweh, our God, help us. For we trust in thee, and come against this great army in thy name. Yahweh, thou art our God, and do not allow any man to prevail against thee.

14:12 So Jehohua defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

14:13 Asa and his men pursued them as far as Gerar. The Ethiopians were slain so great that they could no longer be strong, because they were defeated before the Jehohua and his army. And the children of Judah took away much of their treasures,

14:14 and smote the cities round about Gerar. Yahweh made all the people in the midst of it terrified. And the children of Judah took all the cities into captivity, because of the great goods in them.

14:15 And he destroyed the pens of the herds, and took away many sheep and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

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Later, King Etiman again led a large army against Judah, but Asa still trusted God and led Judah's army to resist resolutely, and finally won the victory. Asa also actively sought peace between nations, making an alliance with Beshang, the king of northern Israel, and contributing to the peace between the two countries.

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A few important verses from 2 Chronicles 14:

1. "Asa did that which was good and right in the sight of the LORD his God: because he took away the altars of the foreign gods and all the high places, and broke the pillars and cut down the groves." (2 Chronicles 14:2) - This verse describes the behavior of King Asa of Judah when he removed the altars of the Gentile gods and all the high places, broke the pillars, and cut down the puppets, which was a matter of God's approval.

2. "And the army of Asa came with shields and spears, and came together from the cities of the Benjamins, and from the cities of the Ephraimites." (2 Chronicles 14:8) - In this verse, the equipment of the army led by Asa and the soldiers from different places are described preparing to fight for the security of Judah.

3. Asa cried out to the Lord his God, saying, "But you can help the weak, O Lord, and help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in you and come in your name against this great army." Thou art our God, O LORD, and let no man prevail against thee. (2 Chronicles 14:11) - This verse describes Asa's cry out to God as he trusts in God's power to protect him and his army in the face of his enemies.

4. Asa and his men pursued them as far as Gerar. The Philistines had fallen so great that they could no longer raise their spirits, because they were destroyed by Jehovah and his armies against them. (2 Chronicles 14:13) - In this verse, the pursuit of the Philistines by Asa and his army and God's help and support are described so that the Philistines can no longer pick themselves up and fall in large numbers on the battlefield.

5. "Asa and his men robbed a great deal of goods, broke down their tents, and drove many sheep and camels back to Jerusalem." (2 Chronicles 14:15) - This verse describes how after the victory over the Philistines, Asa and his army plundered a lot of possessions and drove a large number of sheep and camels back to Jerusalem.