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Beautiful footsteps of those who preach the gospel and good news

2 Chronicles chapter 17 details the many reforms he undertook during the reign of Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, who sought to strengthen the kingdom's defenses, implement the Reformation, and promote culture and education.

Jehoshaphat, a descendant of King David, during his reign (873-849 B.C.), took a series of measures to strengthen the country's defenses and consolidate religious beliefs in the country. His reign was characterized by the following main features:

Jehoshaphat attaches great importance to the security and defense of the country. He greatly strengthened the training and equipment of the army to ensure that Judah could deal with the threat of foreign enemies. He built many forts and warehouses to store food and weapons throughout the country, and these measures effectively improved the country's defense capability and ensured the country's security.

Jehoshaphat also underwent major reforms in religion. He sent officials and priests throughout Judah to teach the people God's ways, to repair God's temples, and to put in order the ways of worship and the celebration of festivals. He also sent soldiers and judges throughout Judah to impart God's laws and regulations to ensure justice and righteousness for the nation and its people.

2 Chronicles 17:10 says: "And the Lord terrified all the nations round about Judah that they did not dare to fight against Jehoshaphat." This is because Jehoshaphat walked with God and lived a life of evangelism and service, and he sent many prophets to preach to the nations, so that the nations were terrified and did not dare to fight against Jehoshaphat. Because of God's presence and blessings, material and spiritual blessings befell Jehoshaphat and the nation of Judah.

Isaiah 45:2 says, "I will go before you and make the rough land clear." I will break the gates of brass, and cut off the bars of iron. This passage shows that when we rely on God in our hearts, God will give us strength and courage, and the way of evangelism will be opened by God. Jehoshaphat's reforms and evangelistic actions brought peace and prosperity to Judah, which was the result of faith in God and the practice of God's Word.

In our faith life, we should also be like Jehoshaphat, putting aside our own dependence, discovering our weaknesses and inadequacies, and accepting God's Word. In this way, we too can be blessed by God. The greatest satisfaction and joy in the human heart is the knowledge that God is with him. In times when there is no hope, there is still hope by faith.

Amos 8:11 says, "The days are coming, saith the Sovereign LORD, and I will send a famine upon the earth, not because of breadlessness and thirst not because of lack of water, but because they have not listened to the voice of the Lord." Thank God for warning our hearts with such words. We are to think about what God will do and choose in all things. When we choose what is pleasing to God, God sees us as "right."

Jehoshaphat sought God to lead the nation back to the law and to enjoy peace and abundance. Peace and abundance are not the goal of man's search for God, but the result of man's search for God. God's promise to a people who "walk in the ways of Jehovah" is to live in God's blessings. Today, there are those who preach the prosperity gospel of "health, wealth, and success" and seek earthly salvation and kingdom. They are not seeking God, but they are "seeking Baal," Mammon.

Now we preach the gospel as if we were going through all the cities of Judah with the book of the law and teaching the people. Jehoshaphat's heart was focused on the gospel and wanted more people to know God and turn to God. Therefore, we can hear this precious gospel because there are people who preach the gospel to us, thank you so much!

Let's pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You with thanksgiving and pray for all our brothers and sisters who preach the good news. Your Word says in Isaiah 52:7, "He who preaches good tidings, peace, good tidings, and salvation says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" How beautiful are this man's steps! We know that Your grace and truth are infinite and that Your love is preached through these faithful servants to the world.

Empower and wise those who are committed to the work of the gospel so that they can persevere and courageously bear witness to Your love in all circumstances. May their footsteps bring peace and hope wherever they go, and enable more to know You and receive Your salvation.

Lord, we also pray that You will comfort our brothers and sisters who are facing difficulties and persecution on the gospel path, and give them peace of heart and faith, so that they know that You are with them and will never forsake them. May they find strength in Your love to persevere in their faith and move forward courageously, no matter how difficult the road ahead.

Heavenly Father, may each of us be a messenger of Your love in our daily lives, bringing the joy of the gospel to those around us. Let our words and actions reflect Your glory and draw more people to Your presence.

Thank You for this precious mission, and may we faithfully fulfill the task You have entrusted us with humility and gratitude. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, ask for the above prayers, amen.

## 2 Chronicles, chapter 17

17:1 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned in his stead, and he strengthened himself against the Israelites.

17:2 And he placed the army in all the fortified cities of Judah, and the garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which his father Asa, had possessed.

17:3 Jehohua was with Jehoshaphat . for he walked in the way of his father's David in the beginning, and did not seek Baal,

17:4 but seek the God of his father, and do his commandments, and not the ways of the Israelites.

17:5 Therefore Jehovah was firm in his kingdom, and all the people of Judah paid tribute to him. Jehoshaphat had great honorable wealth.

17:6 He happily followed the teachings of Jehohua and removed all the altars and puppets from Judah.

17:7 In the third year of his reign he sent his servants Benhaiel, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nathaniel, and Micaia, to all the cities of Judah to teach the people.

17:8 And with them were Shemaiah the Levites, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemelamoth, and Jonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobiah, and Hompbardoniah, and Elishamah the priest, Joram was with them.

17:9 They took with them the book of the law of Jehohua and went through all the cities of Judah to teach and teach the people.

17:10 Jehohua made all the nations around Judah fearful, and did not dare to fight against Joshaphat.

17:11 Some of the Philistines gave gifts and tribute to Jehoshaphat. And the Arabians gave him seven thousand seven hundred rams, and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

17:12 Jehoshaphat grew stronger and stronger, and built a fortified and hoarding city in Judah.

17:13 He had many works in the cities of Judah and soldiers in Jerusalem, and he was a mighty warrior.

17:14 And their number, according to their fathers, is recorded below: of the tribe of Judah, the mighty men of Aanna, and at the head of the mighty men were thirty thousand.

17:15 secondly, the commander of the thousands, Johanan, led 280,000 mighty warriors.

17:16 The second was Amaziah, the son of Ziri, who sacrificed himself for the sake of Yahweh, and led two hundred thousand mighty men.

17:17 The children of Benjamin were mighty warriors led by Elijah, with bows and arrows and shields, two hundred thousand.

17:18 Second, Jozabal led 180,000 men who were prepared for war.

17:19 These were for the king, and not in the king's fortified cities in all the land of Judah.

Chapter 17 of 2 Chronicles focuses on the reign of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah in the south, and his military, religious, and cultural reforms.

Jehoshaphat, a descendant of King David, spent his reign consolidating the kingdom's defenses, strengthening its military, and implementing the Reformation. He sent officials and priests throughout Judah to teach the people God's ways, to repair God's temples, and to put in order the ways of worship and the celebration of festivals. He also sent soldiers and judges throughout Judah to impart God's laws and regulations to ensure justice and righteousness for the nation and its people.

Jehoshaphat's reign was blessed by God, and he won many military victories. Under his leadership, his soldiers defeated the Moabites and Ammonites and gained vast wealth and land. Under his rule, Judah's prosperity and tranquility were also guaranteed.

In conclusion, Jehoshaphat was a great king who worked to consolidate the country's defenses, promote religious and cultural reforms, and work for the well-being of the country and its people.

Chapter 17 of the Book of Chronicles focuses on the deeds and history of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. Here are a few important verses:

1. 2 Chronicles 17:3: "The Lord is with him, because he walks in the first ways of his father David and does not seek Baal." "

This passage emphasizes Jehoshaphat's faith and faithfulness to God. He followed God's ways and did not trust idols and false gods, so God was with him.

2. 2 Chronicles 17:6: "He built fortified cities in the land of Judah and sent troops to patrol the land of Judah and the cities of Judah." "

This passage shows that Jehoshaphat was a leader who was good at administering and defending the nation. He built strong walls and raised an army to protect the region of Judah.

3. 2 Chronicles 17:9: "They took the book of the law of the Lord and went through the land of Judah to teach the people. "

This passage describes another important action of Jehoshaphat, which was to promote God's law and teachings. He sent priests and Levites throughout the country to teach the people to obey God's laws and commandments.

4. 2 Chronicles 17:10: "When all the nations round about Judah heard that Jehoshaphat had given peace, they did not fight against him." "

This passage shows that Jehoshaphat's leadership and faith influenced the nation as a whole and around it. Because of God's blessing, Judah's enemies did not fight against him.

5. 2 Chronicles 17:16: "The Spirit of the Lord moved Johanan son of Amariah, and he went to the king and said, 'Help the wicked and love those who hate you, and therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you.'" "

This passage describes a prophet's warning that Johanan told Jehoshaphat not to help the wicked or to love those who hated him because the wrath of God would come upon him. This warning reminded Jehoshaphat of his faith and faithfulness to God.