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Follow the truth, not our expectation

2 Chronicles chapter 18 focuses on the story of Ahab, king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, who united to fight against Syria. This chapter is not just a record of historical events, it contains profound lessons and spiritual revelations.

The beginning of the story is the alliance of Ahab and Jehoshaphat. Ahab, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, decided to unite against the city of Ramoth, Syria. Before that, Jehoshaphat asked to ask God's will first. This action shows Jehoshaphat's fear and trust in God. However, Ahab gathered his false prophets, who spoke in unison that God approved of their plan. Jehoshaphat, however, was not satisfied with this, and insisted on asking the true God's will. So Ahab had to call in the prophet Micaiah.

Micaiah's prophecy was very different from that of the false prophets. He made it clear that Ahab's plan would not succeed and that Ahab would die in the battle. This prophecy apparently displeased Ahab, but he chose to listen to the sweet words of the false prophet rather than the true words of Micaiah. He ended up paying with his life.

This story reveals several important lessons. First, it reminds us to seek God's guidance when making major decisions, rather than relying solely on our own judgment or listening to voices that cater to our desires. Ahab's mistake was that he chose what he wanted to hear, not what he

ought to hear. This is a pervasive human weakness, and we often tend to choose advice that meets our expectations and desires over truths that come from God.

Second, it warns us to be vigilant against self-deception. Ahab knew he had chosen false prophets, but he still wanted psychological comfort and support from these false prophecies. We are prone to make similar mistakes in life, especially in the pursuit of worldly success and fulfillment. We may know that certain actions are wrong, but we choose to ignore God's teachings and fall into self-deception. We pursue a luxurious life and social status, but we forget that the most important thing is to pursue a relationship with God.

Third, this chapter emphasizes God's justice and our obedience to God. Ahab's failure and death for not heeding God's warnings showed that God's prophecy and purpose would eventually be fulfilled. If we don't listen to God's Word, the consequences will be severe. It affects not only our individual lives, but also our future generations. Therefore, we should always reflect on our actions and whether we are truly acting according to God's heart.

This passage also reminds us not to judge others in our own righteousness, but to always be humble before God. In Philippians 2:13, Paul said, "For it is God who works in you to do your will and to accomplish His good pleasure." We need to keep striving before God and seek His guidance, rather than being complacent about what we have achieved.

In our lives, whether it is personal decision-making or cooperation with others, we should ask God's heart. Like Ahab, we must not rely solely on our own judgment or the advice of others, but rather seek God's guidance and follow His will. Only in this way can we avoid falling into error and stay on the right path that God has prepared for us.

Prophetic prophecies are God's way of communicating with us, and when we are willing to listen, every prophecy is God's word, not false words. Today, regardless of who we are, when we are confronted with God's Word, we should ask Him in everything and learn through those words what it means to truly seek God.

Christians are blessed because we have the Word of God as light to illuminate our lives and paths. But to be truly blessed, we must further obey God's Word in order to receive God's peace. God's punishment for reluctance to obey God is described in Romans 11:8-10: "God has given them a stupor of mind, unable to see with their eyes and unable to hear with their ears until this day." "

Let's pray together:

Thank you, dear Heavenly Father, for reminding us today through the story of 2 Chronicles 18. King Ahab's decisions are like a mirror that reveals our own weaknesses. Thank you for the Holy Spirit's companionship and guidance, so that we can see our truth through God's eyes. May we take the heart of Jesus as our heart, get out of our emotional predicament, and live out God's destiny. Pray that we will always be vigilant so that we will not inadvertently fall into the pain

from which we will never recover! May we always be humble and teachable to you, so that you don't face terrible experiences. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

## Chapter 18 of the Chronicles of the Chronicles

18:1 Jehoshaphat had great honor and wealth, and he married Ahab.

18:2 After a few years, he went down to Samaria to see Ahab. Ahab slaughtered sheep and cattle for him and his men, and persuaded him to go with him against Ramoth-gilead.

18:3 Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" He replied, "There is no distinction between you and me, but my people will fight with you as your people."

18:4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire of Yahweh.

18:5 So the king of Israel gathered together four hundred prophets, and asked them, "Shall we go up against Ramoth-gille." And they said, Go up, for God will deliver the city into the king's hand.

18:6 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not a prophet of Jehovah, and shall we inquire of him?

18:7 And king Israel said unto Joshaphat, There was another man, Mecaiah, the son of Imrah. We can ask him to ask Yahwa , but I hate him . for he speaketh of prophecy which I have spoken, and speaketh not auspicious words, but often fierce ones. And Jehoshaphat said, The king shall not say so.

18:8 Then the king of Israel called a eunuch and said, "Go and call Mecaiah the son of Imlah."

18:9 King Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah sat in court clothes in the empty space before the gates of Samaria, and all the prophets prophesied before them.

18:10 And Zedekiah, the son of Gchinanah, made two horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the Jews, Thus shall thou shalt use these horns against the Syrians, until they shall be utterly destroyed.

18:11 And all the prophets prophesied in the same way, that Ramoth, who went to Gilead, would prevail, for Jehovah would deliver it into the king's hand.

18:12 And the messenger who went to summon Mecaiah said unto Mecaiah, All the prophets spoke good words unto the king in one voice: Speak the same words as them, and speak good words.

18:13 And Micaiah said, As Yahweh liveth, I will say whatsoever my God says.

18:14 When Micaiah came to the king, the king asked him, "Micaiah, shall we go up to Ramoth-gilead." He said, "Go up, you will be victorious, and your enemies will be delivered into your hands."

18:15 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I charge thee, that thou wilt tell me the truth in the name of Jehovah?

18:16 And Micaiah said, I saw all the people of Israel scattered in the mountains, like a flock without a shepherd. And he said, This people have no master, but they may go to their families in peace.

18:17 And the king of Israel said unto Joshaphat, Have I not accuse thee of this man concerning my prophecy, and not of auspicious words, but of evil words?

18:18 Micaiah said, Listen to the words of the Lord . And I saw Yahweh sitting on a throne, and the heavenly hosts standing on his right and right sides.

18:19 And Jehohua said, Who shall deceive Ahab king of Israel to Ramoth-gilead? this one says this , that one says that .

18:20 Then a god came out and stood before Yahweh, saying, I will entice him. ye hohua asked him , what method do you use ?

18:21 And he said, I am going, to be a spirit of deception in the mouth of his prophets. And ye said unto him, Thou shalt be able to entice him, and thou shalt do so.

18:22 Now Jehovah has put the spirit of lies into the mouths of these prophets of you, and Yahweh has commanded evil to come upon you.

18:23 And Zedekiah the son of Kena'nah came and smote Micaiah in the face, and said, Where is the spirit of Yahweh departing from me to speak with thee?

18:24 Micaiah said, "In the day that you go into a tight house and hide there, you will see it."

18:25 And the king of Israel said, Take Mecaiah, and give it unto Ammon, the ruler of the city, and to Joash the king's son, saying,

18:26 Thus saith the king, Put this man in prison, and make him suffer, and not have enough to eat or drink, until I return in peace.

18:27 micaiah said , if you can come back peacefully , then yes and hua did n't borrow me to say this . And he said, Hearken, ye people.

18:28 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went to Ramoth-gilead.

18:29 And the king of Israel said unto Joshaphat, I will go into battle in disguise, and thou shalt still wear royal garments. So the Israelite kings disguised themselves and they went into battle.

18:30 First, the king of Syria commanded the commander of the chariot army, saying, "No one of their generals, great or small, shall fight against them, but against the kings of Israel."

18:31 When the commander of the chariot saw Jehoshaphat, he said, "This must be the king of Israel," and turned to fight him. When Jehoshaphat cried out, Jehohua helped him, and God moved them away from him.

18:32 When the commander saw that it was not the king of Israel, he turned away and did not pursue him.

18:33 A man casually opened his bow and shot it into the armor of the king of Israel. the king said to the driver , i am seriously injured , you turn the car and pull me out of the battle .

18:34 On that day the battle grew fiercer and fiercer, and the king of Israel stood in his chariot against the Syrians until evening. About the time of sunset the king died.

Chapter 18 of 2 Chronicles tells the story of Ahab, king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, king of Judah in the south, who united to fight against Syria.

Ahab, king of Israel, allied himself with Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, to attack the city of Ramoth, Syria. Before Jehoshaphat asked for God's wishes, Ahab called in his false prophets, who all said that God approved of their plan. But Jehoshaphat insisted on asking the true God's will, so Ahab called the prophet Elijah. But the prophet Elijah said that Ahab and his false prophets were deceiving the people, that they would lose and be defeated.

Ahab did not heed the prophet Elijah and went with his soldiers against Syria. During the battle, Ahab was shot by an arrow and died. Jehoshaphat escaped, but he realized that his alliance with Ahab was wrong and that he should obey God's will rather than man's word.

This story teaches us that even in secular politics, we should keep God's will in mind and seek God's guidance and wisdom. Only by obeying God's Word can we achieve true success and peace.

Chapter 18 of 2 Chronicles focuses on the story of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, and Ahab, the king of Israel, who went to battle at Ramoth. Here are a few important verses:

1. 2 Chronicles 18:3: "Ahab said to the people of Israel, 'You know that Ramoth-Gilead is for us to fight, and we have not gone against it because of Joram, who else will we go to war against Hazael king of Syria?'" "

In this passage, Ahab tries to persuade Jehoshaphat of Judah to join in the attack on Syria, claiming that Ramotha is a city that must be attacked. However, Jehoshaphat did not fully trust Ahab and asked to consult God's will first.

2. 2 Chronicles 18:4: "Then Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, 'Inquire of the Lord first.'" "

This passage shows that Jehoshaphat always maintained his faith and reliance on God. He believes that before making any important decision, you must first ask God's will.

3. 2 Chronicles 18:13: "Micaiah said, 'As the Lord of life lives, I will say whatever my God says.'" "

In this passage, the prophet Micaiah firmly states that he will only convey the Word of God. He is a true spokesman of God and does not tell lies in order to cater to people's wishes.

4. 2 Chronicles 18:21: "Micaiah said, 'I saw all the people of Israel scattered on the mountain like a flock without a shepherd. And the LORD said, This people have no master, and they can return home in peace. '" "

This passage describes Micaiah's vision of Israel's future through divine revelation. He warned Ahab and Jehoshaphat that if they continued their operations, Israel would be defeated and lose its leadership.

5. 2 Chronicles 18:33: "And a man who was with the king shot a random arrow with his bow, and it happened to be shot in the chauffeur of Israel, and the king said to the charioteer, 'I am seriously wounded, turn back and draw me out of battle.'" "

This passage describes Ahab's tragic fate in battle. He was shot and seriously wounded, eventually dying on the battlefield. It was also God's judgment on Ahab because he disobeyed God's will and followed false gods.