

“Fully Committed”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 3:5-9.

I. Chapter 15: The Challenge of “Reformation”

A. Background, (v. 1)

1. (v. 1), “*So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and his son Asa....*”

2 Chronicles 12:13; 13:2

B. National Reformation as a Template for Personal Reformation, (vs. 2-7)

1. National Reformation - (v. 2), “*And Asa did good and right in the sight of the Lord his God.*”
 - a. Doing “*Good*” = Doing those things which are proper for the people.

2 Chronicles 14:6

- b. “*Right*” = Doing the things that are proper for God, (vs. 3-5).

1 Kings 11:5, 7

John 4:20

Leviticus 26:1

Judges 6:25

2. Personal Reformation

- a. Like nations, the time to strengthening ourselves & kids against sin is before we are in the midst of it!

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Ephesians 6:12, 14-17

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

C. Allies and Enemies of Reformation, (vs. 8-11)

1. Forces which stand with us and against us, (vs. 8-10)

- a. With Asa (v. 8), *“Now Asa had an army of 300,000 from Judah, bearing large shields and spears....”*

Hebrews 3:13

- b. But there are also forces in this world which oppose our desire to reform our lives...

- 1) (v. 9), *“Now Zerah, the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of 1million men....”*

2. The One piece of armor no believer can be without . . . , (v. 11)

Ephesians 6:18

- a. (v. 11), *“Asa called to the Lord His God & said, ‘Lord, there is no one besides You to help....”*

1 Samuel 17:45-47

2 Chronicles 13:12

D. The Battle and Its Aftermath, (vs. 12-15)

1. (v. 12), *“So the Lord struck the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.”*

- a. This is God fulfilling the promises He had made to Abraham and Moses centuries earlier.

Genesis 12:3

Deuteronomy 28:7

- b. God has made the same promises to His people today regarding our spiritual enemy.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

James 4:7

2. The defeat of the Ethiopians was complete!

- a. (vs. 13-15), *“And Asa and the people with him pursued them as far as Gerar....”*

CONCLUSIONS: Revelation 12:10-11; Mark 16:15-16