

“Fully Committed”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Revelation 2:8-11

I. Chapter 16: The Challenge of “A Faithful Finish”

A. A Dispute Between King Asa and King Baasha, (vs. 1-6)

1. (v. 1), *“In the 36th year of Asa’s reign Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and fortified Ramah...*
 - a. Ramah is a choke point 5 miles north of Jerusalem & strategically controls the N-S passage.

2 Chronicles 15:9

- b. Remember, the people of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah are brothers. Divided by King Rehoboam.

2 Chronicles 10:16

Matthew 18:15

Ephesians 4:26

Galatians 6:1

2. (vs. 2-3), *“Then Asa brought out the silver & gold from the treasuries of the house of the Lord and....”*
 - a. Unfortunately, Asa went to a pagan king to help him solve his problem, which created more problems

1 Corinthians 2:5

- b. Instead of trusting in God, Asa wrongly puts his confidence in godless men.

1 Corinthians 6:5

James 4:1, 4, 6, 8

- c. Unfortunately, Asa’s response shows how he has forgotten God has previously helped him.

2 Chronicles 14:9, 12

2 Chronicles 15:2

- d. Meadows also has a record of God’s faithfulness to us by His words and deeds...

Romans 15:4

2 Chronicles 16:4-5

B. A Dispute Between King Asa and God, (vs. 7-14)

1. (v. 7), *“Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah & said, ‘Because you have relied on the king of Aram & not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand.’*
 - a. It comes down to a matter of “reliance.” The world has many choices, God’s people have only one.

Proverbs 3:5

2 Chronicles 16:9

Romans 11:22

Revelation 2-3

2. We know the words of Hanani have surely “hit their mark” because of Asa’s response.
 - a. (v. 10), *“Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him for this.”*

Galatians 4:16

Proverbs 15:31-32

Proverbs 27:6

- b. Asa’s response to Hanani’s reproof is the first incident of royal persecution of a prophet in the O.T.

1 Kings 19:14

Nehemiah 9:26

Amos 2:12

Matthew 24:9

Mark 13:9

Matthew 5:11-12

3. Asa’s response to his spiritual problems mirrors his response to his physical problems, (vs. 11-14)
 - a. (v. 12), *“And in the 39th year of his reign Asa became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe....”*

Luke 5:31

Colossians 4:14

- b. (v. 13-14), *“So Asa slept with his fathers, having died in the 41st year of his reign....”*

CONCLUSIONS:

Titus 3:5; Acts 2:38

Hebrews 5:9; Mark 16:16