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II Chronicles 15:2, “*And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.*”

Asa the king, as well as all Judah and Benjamin, were told the LORD would be with them as long as they were with Him. They were also told if you seek the LORD, He will be found. If they forsook the LORD, He would forsake them.

What a wonderful promise this is and simple to understand. All they had to do was to be with the LORD and seek Him. He in turn would be with them and they would find Him.

Asa did not keep this thought in his heart. In the next chapter, we are told in II Chronicles 16:7, “*And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.*”

Asa had relied on the LORD earlier and He delivered him from a host that we are told came up out of Egypt without number. Instead of relying on the LORD for deliverance again, Asa hired Ben-hadad, king of Syria to help him fight. Not only did he hire him, but he took silver and gold from the house of the LORD to pay Ben-hadad.

Because of relying on someone else, the LORD sent Hanani the seer to Asa. In II Chronicles 16:9 we are told, “*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of [them] whose heart [is] perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.*”

Asa had not relied on the LORD, but upon a man. He was told he had done foolishly in doing so. Because of this, he would from this point have wars. He made his life much worse because he did not trust in the LORD.

Because of the message from the LORD that Hanani brought to the king, Asa had him put in prison. Not only did Asa imprison Hanani for the message he delivered, Asa oppressed some of the people as well. II Chronicles 16:10, “*Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.*”

By trusting in someone besides the LORD, the life and reign of Asa spiraled out of control and far from the LORD. II Chronicles 15:2 says, “. . . *but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.*” Asa had forsaken the LORD, and now the LORD had forsaken him.

Asa would die shortly after this. We see in II Chronicles 16:12-13, “¹²*And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.* ¹³*And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.*”

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Sunday 9am, 10am, 12pm; 6pm (Online) — Wednesday 6pm (Online)

News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard and Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Betty Franklin, Lauren Candela, Alice Vanderstoep, Carol Riffle, and Nancy Lane.**

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Even near his death, Asa did not seek the LORD to help him with the disease in his feet. He then died. Asa had been given a wonderful promise that if he would be with and seek the LORD, the LORD would be with him and he would find the LORD. The same basic promise is given to us today. We are told in James 4:8, “*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...*”

It’s easy to look back and see how Asa should have trusted in the LORD in his battles and near the end of his life. If not careful we find ourselves fretting over worldly events and not turning to the LORD in prayer. We need to place all that troubles us upon the LORD. I Peter 5:7, “*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*”

Asa and the people had a wonderful promise from the LORD. We do as well. Let’s be with the LORD, seek Him, and He will not forsake us.
—Marty Edwards❖

“¹⁰*Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.* ¹¹*Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.*”

I Chronicles 16:10-11

Sunday, November 24, 2024		
Classes	20	Luke 19:11-28
Preaching	31	I Timothy 4:3
Contribution	\$959.05	
Afternoon	10	Revelation 4:1-11; Genesis 26:17-35

Bible Quiz

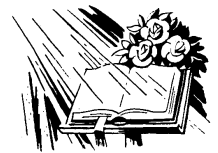
What was the first beast like?

Last Week’s Answer—In the throne of Jesus (Revelation 3:21)



But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

—I Peter 2:9



—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)