

**Matters of the Heart - Part 1**

Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18, 2024

**Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will** of My Father in heaven.

**Matthew 7:22 (NKJV)** Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

**Matthew 7:23 (NKJV)** And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

**Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)** "Therefore whoever **hears these sayings of Mine, and does them**, I will liken him to a **wise man who built his house on the rock**:

**Matthew 7:25 (NKJV)** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was **founded on the rock**.

**Matthew 7:26 (NKJV)** "But **everyone who hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

**Matthew 7:27 (NKJV)** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. **And great was its fall.**"

**2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)** For the **eyes of the Lord run to and fro** throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose **heart is loyal** to Him.

**2 Chronicles 14:1 (NKJV)** So Abijah (*Evil King*) rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then **Asa** his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was **quiet for ten years**.

**2 Chronicles 14:2 (NKJV)** **Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord** his God,

**2 Chronicles 14:3 (NKJV)** for **he removed** the altars of the foreign gods and the high places, and **broke down** the sacred pillars and **cut down** the wooden images.

**2 Chronicles 14:4 (NKJV)** He **commanded Judah to seek the Lord God** of their fathers, and to **observe the law and the commandment**.

**2 Chronicles 14:5 (NKJV)** He also **removed the high places and the incense altars** from all the cities of Judah, and **the kingdom was quiet under him**.

**2 Chronicles 14:6 (NKJV)** And **he built fortified cities** in Judah, for **the land had rest**; he had **no war** in those years, because **the Lord had given him rest**.

**2 Chronicles 14:7 (NKJV)** Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us, **because we have sought** the Lord our God; we have sought Him, and He has **given us rest** on every side." So **they built and prospered**.

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**2 Chronicles 14:8 (NKJV)** And **Asa had an army of three hundred thousand** from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand men who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty men of valor.

**2 Chronicles 14:9 (NKJV)** Then **Zerah the Ethiopian** came out against them with an army of a **million men** and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

**2 Chronicles 14:10 (NKJV)** So **Asa went out against him**, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

**2 Chronicles 14:11 (NKJV)** And **Asa cried out to the Lord his God**, and said, “**Lord, it is nothing for You to help**, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O Lord our God, for **we rest on You**, and **in Your name** we go against this multitude. **O Lord, You are our God**; do not let man prevail against You!”

**2 Chronicles 14:12 (NKJV)** So **the Lord struck the Ethiopians** before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

**2 Chronicles 14:13 (NKJV)** And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar. So the Ethiopians were overthrown, and **they could not recover**, for they were broken before the Lord and His army. And they carried away very much spoil.

**2 Chronicles 14:14 (NKJV)** Then **they defeated all the cities around Gerar**, for the fear of the Lord came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.

**2 Chronicles 14:15 (NKJV)** They also attacked the livestock enclosures, and **carried off sheep and camels in abundance**, and returned to Jerusalem.

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**2 Chronicles 16:1 (NKJV)** In the **thirty-sixth year** of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

**2 Chronicles 16:2 (NKJV)** Then **Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the Lord and of the king’s house**, and **sent to Ben-Hadad** king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,

**2 Chronicles 16:3 (NKJV)** “**Let there be a treaty between you and me**, as there was between my father and your father. See, **I have sent you silver and gold; come, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel**, so that he will withdraw from me.”

**It worked, but not God’s way!**

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**2 Chronicles 16:7 (NKJV)** And at that time **Hanani the seer** came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: “Because **you have relied on the king of Syria**, and **have not relied on the Lord your God**, therefore the **army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand**.

**2 Chronicles 16:8 (NKJV)** Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because **you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand**.

**2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)** For the **eyes of the Lord run to and fro** throughout the whole earth, **to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him**. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

**2 Chronicles 16:10 (NKJV)** Then **Asa was angry with the seer**, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And **Asa oppressed some of the people** at that time.

**2 Chronicles 16:12 (NKJV)** And in the **thirty-ninth year** of his reign, **Asa became diseased in his feet**, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease **he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians**.

**2 Chronicles 16:13 (NKJV)** So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

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