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Bible Study Outline

11:00 AM

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“When the Outlook is Discouraging, Try the Up-look”

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20

Who was Jehoshaphat?

Three of the Judean Kings were credited with outstanding virtue and success - Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, and Josiah. He came to the throne at the age of 35.

He feared the Lord and did what was right in the sight of the Lord – Chapter 17

He was prosperous – 17:1-6, built garrisons, not only in Judah, but also in Ephraim, a city which his father, Asa had taken.

He sent out a teacher to teach the Torah – 17:7-9

He personally undertakes missionary work – 19:4-11

His military might (with and an army of over 1 million) is feared by surrounding nations 17:10-19 such that the Philistines and Arabs bring tributes

However, he joined himself with Ahaziah, king of Israel for trading.

- Made ships to go to Tarshish 20:35.

Is it alright to align ourselves with evil for economic gain?

How do you handle a situation when you know that your partners have done wrong?

Challenges facing the Leader.

Surrounded by the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites and some of the Meunites (the Arabian invasion).

When Jehoshaphat heard the news, he became afraid.

God's people will always face times when we are filled with fear

Things that fill us with fear

- A war based upon deception, a crumbling economy, violence and discrimination on the rise, Stress and various sicknesses destroying our bodies, Poverty continues to climb

How do we deal with situations in our lives that create fear within us?

Notice it is the people of God, not the person of God. The old saying about there being safety in numbers applies.

Jehoshaphat immediately went to the Lord with his fear. The bible tells us that he set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. . .

Do we know who God is to us?
What has he done in the past?
What is he doing in the present?
What can he do in the future?

God first gave them encouragement - The servant Jahaziel told them that the Lord said "Do not fear or be dismayed at this great multitude; for the battle is not yours but God's.

God gave Jehoshaphat direction.

God gave them the victory -

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