

JOASH 2 CHRONICLES 24:1

Introduction

1. It helps to see the way God has cared for his people in past days.
2. Our faith is built by seeing God's care and kindness.
3. God's providence, not a miracle, is evident in this Old Testament Story of Joash.

Discussion

I. Joash was the last of the lineage of King David and the tribe of Judah.

- A. Christ must come through the lineage of David.
- B. Near annihilation of the lineage
 1. grandfather (Jehoram) had killed his own brothers (2 Chronicles 21:4)
 2. uncles were all dead by the Philistines and Arabians (2 Chronicles 21:17)
 3. cousins were all killed by Jehu in battle (2 Chronicles 22:8)
 4. father had died in the same battle (1.B.3) (2 Chronicles 22:9)
 5. remaining heirs (probably great cousins through Jehoram) were slain by Athaliah (2 Chronicles 22:10)
 6. Joash was the only one left, the remnant.
- C. Through his aunt, Joash is preserved.
- D. God brings His wrath upon Athaliah.
- E. Do not worry that the church will ever be destroyed or displaced. (Matthew 16:18)

II. Joash had Godly guidance from a special mentor.

- A. Jehoiada, his uncle was a priest of God
- B. A young man, Joash needed help and guidance. (2 Chronicles 24:2)
 1. Reminded of Paul's relationship with Timothy and Titus.
 2. Paul encouragement to Titus to teach (Titus 2:1-10)
 3. Paul's encouragement to Timothy to respect the elders (1 Timothy 5:1)
 4. John the elder
 - a. 2 John 1; 3 John 1
 - b. 1 John 2, 3, 4, 5 "little children"
- C. Improvements included:
 1. repairs to the temple
 2. restoration of temple offerings
 3. destruction of idol worship and pagan temples
 4. evidently, no work on his own heart.

III. Without his mentor, Joash stumbled and failed.

- A. Jehoiada went the way of all flesh
- B. "and the King listened to them..." / "...but they would not listen..."
- C. Mordecai in Esther 3:4 "...he would not listen to them."
- D. John 6:68 "to whom shall we go?"

Application