2 Chronicles - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 7, Josiah

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Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign . . . and he did . . . right in the sight of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 34:1-2

Eight is very young to be the king of a country. But eight is not too young to make a decision to follow the Lord. (Samuel was another young boy who gave his life to God's service.) It says in our chapter that "in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young [16], he began to seek after the God of David his father." When he was 20, he began to remove the idol-worshipping centers. When he was 26 years old, he sent men to repair the broken-down temple. See what a difference one person can make? And he started when he was young.

CareLines: Volume 7, Railing

[Sennacherib] wrote also letters to rail on the Lord God of Israel, and to speak against Him.

2 Chronicles 32:17

This is folly. Sennacherib was not a smart man. Satan was using this man to cause God's people to doubt His ability to save them. Satan is doing the same thing today. He continually sows doubts in our minds to make us question the goodness and faithfulness of God. Do not listen. Control and reject any thought that doubts God or your salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

CareLines: Volume 3, Hezekiah

APRIL 18

God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

2 Chronicles 32:31

Hezekiah had been very sick. He prayed, and God healed him. When some officials from another country came to ask him about this miracle that had occurred God tested the integrity of Hezekiah by leaving him. God wanted to see all that was in his heart. In other words, God wanted to see whether Hezekiah would brag about his own accomplishments or give the glory to God. Sometimes we are like Hezekiah. Instead of praising God for all the wonderful things in our life, we try to show how successful WE have been. Without Jesus we are absolutely nothing and can do nothing. Let's give credit to whom it is due.

CareLines: Volume 7, Worship

And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

2 Chronicles 29:28

The burnt offering in the Old Testament was just a picture of the perfect offering of the Lord Jesus on Calvary. When we meet together to remember His death, our worship and praise should continue throughout the remembrance service. How easy it is to be distracted by this or that. It seems that we can't concentrate for any length of time on Jesus and His sacrificial death. Let's make a special effort today to block out anything that would take away from our appreciation of what Jesus did at Calvary.

CareLines: Volume 3, Pride

JULY 23

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CareLines: Volume 2, Guidance: 3

2CH 20:12

Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee.

2 Chron. 20:12

There are times when we are uncertain what to do. We don’t have guidance from the Word of God, or from the Spirit of God, and we are in distress. God would have us follow the example of Jehoshaphat who “feared and set himself to seek the Lord” and then waited with his eyes on the Lord. He admitted publicly that he didn’t know what to do. He did not want to take one step forward without instruction from God. God did not disappoint Jehoshaphat’s simple faith and dependence, and He won’t disappoint you either. Wait for the Lord’s guiding if you are unsure what to do. HE WILL GUIDE YOU.

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