

"1 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, 3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 4 And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali. 5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. 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. 8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. 9 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. 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. 11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 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. 14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him." (2 Chronicles 16:1-14 KJV)

In the previous chapters, 2 Chronicles 14 and 15, King Asa, did very well and achieve wonderful victories for himself and for the people of God. In this chapter 2 chronicles 16, King Asa is faced with multiple problem but he did not handle them properly and for this reason was not able to maintain his good achievement. You need to understand that trials and problems are not intended to break you and makes you fail, but are made to perfect you and to achieve further victories in your life. King Asa with the troubles that he faced in 2Chronicles 16 God's intention was to make for him further victories. Observe trials in your life and consider them tools for promotion and for more victories.

- 1- *1 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.* King Asa faced betrayal and conspiracy from the king of Israel. The King of Israel intended to block King Asa and the whole Judah. This is a dirty game, and God allowed that for a purpose. He did not intend to harm Asa or Judah but he was testing them of how they will behave and act. God was waiting that

King Asa would maintain his achievements and reap another victory by relying on God to solve this problem. But now let us see how King Asa acted:-

- A- *2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,* King Asa the first respond to him was to use his money to solve the problem. He did not even prayed, inquired or cried to God to aid him. When you face a problem in your life, the first thing you do is to go to God. Don't rely on your money, or on people, or on what you have to solve it. King Asa should not do that because he had previous experience of how beautifully God saved him from the big army of the Ethiopians and the Lubims. King Asa lost the treasures that God gave when he fail to put his full trust on God. You will lose your treasure and what God gave from material things when you fail to trust God and not rely on Him and on His promises in facing your problems.
- B- *3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.* King Asa made league with non believers to solve his problem. He should not do that but first he should go to God and pray to God according to the covenant that he had with Him. Do not rely on the arm of the flesh to solve your problem. Go first to God and if He will use some people to solve the problem, then He will either guide you to them or He will bring them to you.
- C- *4 And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali. 5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.* King Asa here got a false victory, false plunder and false achievement. It was not the achievement that is wrought by God, but it was done by the arm of the flesh. Christian when they compromise they bring false achievements to God's ministry and church. Now a day many churches they chose covenant with non believers to support and to enlarge the ministry and as the followings:-
 - a- They use money, food, transport and other services to bring people to the church.
 - b- They collect money from rich people and non believers to support the ministry.
 - c- They use their girls to invite boys to the church, and they use their boys to invite girls to the church.
 - d- They use non committed people to Christ and give them ministry or get them involved in activities just in order to let them be bound to the church.
 - e- Etc.

Compromises never useful and are not ordained or blessed by God. The more the church compromise today, the more the church is losing power and authority.

- 2- *7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah,* this man of God rebuked King Asa for his wrong doing. I prayed that the message in your hand is a

rebuke to you as well if you have been unfaithful as King Asa was. The seer Hanani explained further the bad consequences of the compromises,

- A- **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. 8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.** Compromises, lack of trust on God will pave the way for you for further loses.
- B- **9 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.** God will strengthen those who are trusting on Him. God will strengthen those who are with perfect heart. That is why the bible says that the righteous are as bold as lions, **“1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.” (Proverbs 28:1 KJV)** After each and every compromise, and the like mischief, you will be further weakened. The skid row deterioration of the church is the outcome of the worldly way in handling crisis.
- C- **Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.** Compromises and the lack of trust on God is sin and will invite God’s wrath to come into your life as a consequence of your sin.
- 3- **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.** King Asa was angry with the man of God who corrected and explained to him his sin. The purpose of God and the man of God is to spare you troubles and leading you to repentance. Never be angry with those who explained to you your sins and shortcoming from the light of the Scriptures, they do that only for your own good and for the good of each and everyone. Asa oppressed some of the people most likely out of pride because he was rebuked publicly. Be honest with yourself and accept correction and do retaliate neither with those who correct you nor with the other innocent people around you.
- 4- **11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.** Learn of what is written in the bible. All of what is written is to remind you and put you once again into the right way of life.
- 5- **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.** King Asa again in His sickness he relied not on God but on the physician. Healing is from God, and God may use physicians or medicine to heal you. But your trust should be fully on God and not on other things.
- 6- **13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. 14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.** King Asa trusted the apothecaries art to preserve his dead body, instead of depending on the rising power of the Spirit of God. He forget what his forefather David wrote, **“1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. 8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. 10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence**

is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” (Psalm 16:1,8-11 KJV)

My dear and beloved: The message is very clear and it teaches and shows pitfalls that you might in danger to fall in. Go through the message and reflect it on your personal life and learn your lesson from what you are experiencing. Therefore be very careful of how you live your life not as unwise but as wise, **“15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,” (Ephesians 5:15 KJV)** as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that showed me clearly my sins and my shortcomings. Lord I repent of the following sins _____ . Lord I commit myself to humble down, to accept instructions and to follow the principles of this message in my life. Lord let your promise, **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, come true in my life. Lord I need you much today, more than ever before, to heal me and deliver me from all my enemies and my troubles. I thank you and praise you in Jesus name, Amen.***

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