

The First Book of KINGS

**BY your own hand you are lifted high,
Elevated to the skies;
By trick and treachery, fraud, deceit,
then your foundation is very weak.
While the old desires warmth,
You plague on weakness of the heart;
Know when you jump at every sound,
your structure comes crashing down.**

I KINGS I

¹Now David the king was very old. They put covers on him but he got no warmth from them.

²And so his servants said to him, "Let a young virgin woman be sought for the king, to stay in his presence and care for him; and to lie in your bosom and give you warmth."

³So they went throughout all Israel and for a beautiful young woman they sought. They found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

⁴She was extremely beautiful, and she cared for the king and served him. But the king did not know her intimately; she remained a virgin.

@O you, exalted to the sky,

by your own hand you are lifted high.

*Adonijah wait, first you should learn;
ensure your foundation is sure and firm.*

⁵Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, and said, "I will be king; I will be king."

So he prepared chariots and horsemen for himself, and fifty men to run before him.

⁶(His father had not restrained him.

Adonijah was himself a handsome man; the younger brother to Absalom.)

⁷Abiathar the priest and Joab the son of Zeruiah united with Adonijah in his cause and helped him.

⁸But Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Shimei, Rei, and the mighty men of David were not with Adonijah.

⁹And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of Zohemoth, by En-rogel;

and he invited all his brothers, David's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants.

¹⁰He did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or his brother Solomon.

@For he knew well what God had said, and it would put his foundations to the test.

¹¹And Nathan spoke to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, saying,

"Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith now reigns as king, and David does not know it?"

¹²"Come and listen to my counsel, that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.

¹³"Go at once to King David and say to him, 'Did you not swear to me, O king, saying, "Solomon my son shall reign after me, and on my throne he shall sit"?'"

How then has Adonijah become king?"

¹⁴"And while you are still speaking, I, Nathan, will come in

to strengthen your words and confirm this thing."

¹⁵So Bathsheba went in to the king.

(The king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite ministered to him.)

¹⁶And Bathsheba bowed before the king. And the king said, "What is your request?"

¹⁷And she responded, saying, "My lord, you swore by the Lord your God to me, saying, 'Surely Solomon your son shall reign in my place, and on my throne he shall sit.'"

¹⁸"But see, Adonijah reigns as king, and you do not even know about it.

¹⁹"He has sacrificed oxen and cattle and many sheep,

and has invited all the king's sons and Joab and Abiathar the priest, but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

²⁰"As for you, O king, all Israel is looking to you,

for you to tell them who will sit on your throne after you.

²¹"Otherwise, when my lord, the king dies, then I and my son Solomon will be considered offenders at that time."

²²While she was still talking to the king, Nathan the prophet came in.

²³So they told the king that Nathan the prophet was there.

When he came before the king he bowed down with his face to the ground.

²⁴And Nathan said, "My lord king, did you say that Adonijah shall reign after you and sit on your throne?"

²⁵"He has gone down today and sacrificed cattle, oxen and sheep in abundance,

and he has invited all the king's sons, and all the king's captains and Abiathar the priest.

And see, they now eat and drink before him; and they say, 'God save Adonijah the king!'

²⁶"But he has not invited me, your servant, nor Zadok the priest, nor Benaiah, Jehoiada's son, nor your son Solomon.

27^c“Is this thing something you have done, my lord, O king, and you have not shown your servant who should sit on your throne after you?”

28^cThen King David responded saying, “Call Bathsheba to me.”

So she came and stood before the king.

29^cAnd the king took an oath saying, “As the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every distress,

30^c“as I have sworn to you by the Lord God of Israel, saying, “Solomon your son shall be king in my place, and he shall sit on my throne; I will certainly do so this day.”

31^cThen Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and said, “Let my Lord King David live forever.”

32^cAnd King David said, “Bring me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.”

And they came before the king.

33^cDavid said to them, “Go and take the king’s servants with you, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon.

34^c“There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him Israel’s king, and on the plains of Gihon let the trumpet ring,

and say, ‘God save King Solomon!’

35^c“Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, and he shall be king in my place, for I have made him ruler over Israel and Judah.”

36^cBenaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, “Amen, the Lord God of my lord the king says so too.

37^c“As the Lord has been with my lord the king, may He be with Solomon also, and make his throne greater than your very own.”

38^cAnd Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went, and had Solomon ride on the mule of King David, and took him to Gihon.

39^cThen Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon, and the trumpet echoed loud, and it was accompanied by the shout of all the people, “God save King Solomon!”

“This is a new day in Israel; a new day is come where God’s will shines forth like the morning sun.

Where foundations dug deep by the word of God’s mouth,

is echoed in the ‘God save King Solomon!’ shout.
40^cAnd the people went up after him playing the flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so the sound of trumpet and rejoicing shook the earth.

“Its noise was very loud, but any sound at all would distract a king whose foundation is not the

Lord.

41^cAdonijah and all his guests had just finished eating when they heard the sound.

When Joab heard the trumpet, he said, “Why is the city in such an uproar?”

42^cWhile he was still speaking, Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest came.

And Adonijah said to him, “Come in for you are a respectable person, and you have good news.”

“Perhaps good for Israel but, no, certainly not good for you.

43^cThen Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah,

“O no! Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44^c“The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have caused Solomon to ride on the king’s own mule.

45^c“And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon and have made him to rule.

And they have gone from there rejoicing, so the city is overjoyed. This is the noise that you have heard.

46^c“And Solomon sits on the king’s throne even now.

47^c“Furthermore, the king’s servants bless King David and say,

‘May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may he make his throne greater than your very own.’

Then, there on his bed, the king bows.

48^cAnd the king says, ‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel

who has given one to sit on my throne this day, while my eye can see it.”

49^cAnd all the guests who were with Adonijah were afraid,

and they got up and went, every man his way.

50^cAnd Adonijah was afraid of Solomon.

His foundation was not strong.

He took hold on the horns of the altar, to plead for his life.

“For he had built a kingdom without foundations. He had omitted King David on whom all eyes were on.

He omitted the Lord; God was not in his plan.

He omitted the prophet and David’s mighty men along.

51^cAnd Solomon was told, “Adonijah is afraid of you, for he has taken hold of the altar horns, and he says, ‘Let Solomon swear that he will not put me to death with the sword.’”

52^cThen Solomon replied, “If he proves himself worthy, then not one of his hair shall fall to the earth. But if wickedness is found in him he shall die.”

53^cSo King Solomon sent them to bring him down from the altar.

And he came and before King Solomon he fell down;

and Solomon said, "Go to your house."

@A day of excitement in Israel, where Adonijah's pride taught us all, that a massive building without foundation, will have a massive fall.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Let the blood cover you and let the spirit warm your heart to drive away every need for carnal solutions.*
2. *When you exalt yourself to the place or the throne of the anointed without the support of the anointing, you magnify your fall and disgrace.*
3. *Ensure God is on your side first, then the people; ensure you are in His will before you embark on your will or you will be embarrassed.*
4. *The support of the masses and the high profile classes without God in the mix is all hype that will cause a crash that is massive.*
5. *When you yield your strength to support what God is not in you surrender your strength to unsustainable weaknesses.*
6. *If you know the heart of God then fear the wrath of God; instead of leaving God and His word out of your party, resist the urge and leave yourself out.*
7. *A promise to you of the Lord is a powerful thing to retain and to claim in times of crisis.*
8. *Let your claim be consistent with the word and it will be supported by the prophets and upheld by the Lord even if it is contradicted by the world.*
9. *When you are self-appointed you can expect to be dis-appointed; tremble before God or jump at every sound and tremble at every news.*
10. *If your support is drawn from people, you will have less power, or rather you will be powerless when the people withdraw; draw your support from God, He never leaves you.*
11. *Every great leader wants their successor to be greater than them, to build on their foundation and to do greater works; they will always say 'Amen' to this.*
12. *The crown of greatness is to put your successor in position while you are alive, while your eyes can see it.*
13. *If you did not begin at the altar to be empowered you will end up begging at the altar for grace embarrassed and afraid.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of the living God, I wrap myself in Your anointing and draw strength and comfort for every need in my life. I strongly reject any carnal solution, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- Father God, I will wait on You for promotion. Give me the heart of a servant and help me to serve with distinction. Amen.
- My confidence is in You, Holy Father; I refuse to be the center of any move you are not a part of; You be the center of my life. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, Your word contains the promises that will assure me in every situation I face; ignite the fire of Your word in my spirit and let it decide my destiny. Amen.
- All consuming fire, I stand down; I refuse to stand against You or Your will, or to call You out in any way as my enemy. Amen.

**DONE but not forgotten,
The son shall take the charge,
And execute judgment
With the wisdom of the Lord.
Adonijah, be careful what you are asking;
Joab, your end has been determined.
Shimei, do not venture far.**

I KINGS 2

- ¹The days of David drew near that he should die.
He called Solomon his son and charged him, saying,
²"I go the way of the earth; therefore, be strong and prove yourself a man.
³"And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk always in His ways; to keep His statutes and His commands, His judgments, and His testimonies as written in Moses' Law.
That is how you will prosper in everything you do, and wherever you may turn.
That is how your father did it.
⁴"That the Lord may fulfill the word He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to the way they go, to walk in truth before Me with all their heart and soul, then know you shall not lack a man of your descendants to sit on the throne of Israel.'
⁵*Done but not forgotten, "Now this is my charge: Remember what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and how he dealt with those two captains of Israel's army; Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in the time of peace; and put blood on his belt, around his loins and on his shoe.*
⁶"Therefore execute judgment with the wisdom of the Lord; and do not let his grey hairs go down to the grave in peace at all.
⁷"Be kind to the sons of Barzillai, the Gileadite; at your table let them eat, for when I fled from Absalom, your brother, they came and showed kindness to me.
⁸"You have with you also, Shimei of Benjamin; he cursed me with a grievous curse when I fled to Mahanaim, but he came to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord that I would not put him to death.
⁹"You know what you should do to him, you are a wise man, do not hold this man guiltless. Bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood."
¹⁰So David slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David.
¹¹He reigned a total of forty years over Israel.

He reigned in Hebron seven years, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

He was succeeded by King Solomon, in Zion they buried him.

¹²And Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was established.

¹³And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon.

And she said, "Are you here peaceably?"

And he replied, "In peace I have come."

¹⁴And he said further, "I have something to say to you."

She said, "Speak."

¹⁵He said, "You know the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had their hearts on me, they wanted me to reign, however, the kingdom was turned over to my brother, for it was his from the Lord.

@Why complain when you know God's word?

¹⁶"I only ask this one thing of you; do not deny me."

Bathsheba said, "Say on."

Adonijah, be careful what you are asking.

¹⁷Then he said, "Please speak to King Solomon; he will not refuse you.

Ask him to give me Abishag the Shunammite to be my wife."

@He must have said in pride, "She was the one who lay in David's bosom at the ending of his life."

¹⁸And Bathsheba said, "I will speak to the king for you."

¹⁹Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak the words Adonijah had asked her to. When Solomon saw his mother, he rose up and bowed himself.

He sat on his throne and seated her on a throne at his right hand.

²⁰Then she said to him, "I have one small petition of you."

And the king said to her, "Ask, mother, I will not refuse."

²¹So she said, "Please give Abishag the Shunammite to Adonijah your brother as wife."

²²King Solomon answered his mother saying, "Why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah?"

Do you ask for him the kingdom also, for he is my elder brother; both for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab, Zeruah's son?"

²³Then King Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, "May God do so to me and more besides, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life!

²⁴"As the Lord lives who has set me on my father David's throne, and who has established my house as He promised, Adonijah shall die today!"

²⁵So the king sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he struck him, and he died.

Adonijah is now fallen; the tragic end of pride.

²⁶And the king said to Abiathar the priest, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you deserve to die,

but you carried the ark of the Lord before David, my father, and you were afflicted with his affliction, therefore, I will not kill you at this time."

²⁷So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest, that he might fulfill the word of the Lord that He spoke concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

²⁸And Joab was told of all this, for he had also defected to Adonijah, though he remained faithful during Absalom's rebellion.

So Joab fled into the tabernacle of the Lord, and took hold of the altar horns!

²⁹When King Solomon heard that Joab had fled into the tabernacle and he was there by the altar, the king sent Benaiah, Jehoiada's son to strike him down.

³⁰And Benaiah went to the tabernacle and said to him, "The king says, 'Come out!'"

And he said, "No, I will die right here!"

And Benaiah reported to the king what Joab had said there.

³¹And the king said to him, "Do as he has spoken, strike him there and bury him, that you may take away from me and from my father's house the innocent blood he has shed.

³²"So the Lord will return his blood on his own head, for he struck down two men more righteous and better than he was, and he killed them with the sword:

Abner the son of Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of Judah's army, though my father had no knowledge of it.

³³"Let their blood return on the head of Joab and on the head of his descendants forever. But upon David, his descendants, his house and his throne, be peace forever from the Lord."

³⁴So Benaiah went and killed him, and buried him in his own house in the wilderness.

³⁵The king made Benaiah the son of Jehoiada captain of the army in his place, and Zadok was appointed priest in the place of Abiathar.

Shimei, how far can you venture?

³⁶The king sent and called Shimei, and said to him,

"Build a house in Jerusalem, and live there, do not go out from there anywhere;

³⁷"the day you cross the Brook Kidron you will surely die—*wisdom leaves me guiltless*—your blood shall be on your own head."

³⁸And Shimei replied to the king, "This saying is good, my lord, as you have said so will your servant do."

So Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem for many days, he did not cross the brook.

³⁹Now, after three years, two of Shimei's slaves ran away to Achish the son of Maachah, king of Gath.

And Shimei was told, "Your slaves are in Gath."

⁴⁰So Shimei rose up, saddled his donkey, and went to Achish at Gath to retrieve his slaves. And with his two slaves he returned again.

⁴¹And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone to Gath and had returned.

⁴²Then the king called Shimei and said to him, "Did I not have you swear by the Lord and warn you also, saying, 'The day you set out from Jerusalem to go anywhere, you shall surely die?'"

"The word you speak is good," you said to me in reply.

⁴³"Why then did you not keep the oath of the Lord and the commandment I gave you?"

⁴⁴The king also said to him, "You know in your heart, all the wickedness you did to my father David;

therefore on your own head the Lord will return your wickedness.

@You threw stones at the Lord's anointed, now the stones will come right back at you.

⁴⁵"But King Solomon shall be blessed, and before the Lord, the throne of David shall be established forever."

⁴⁶And the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went and struck him dead.

And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon then.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your success is measured by your succession; mentor them, position them, charge them; do whatever it takes to make them successful.*
2. *Walk in the ways of the Lord and follow His word without turning and you will walk in prosperity in all your walk; wherever you turn.*
3. *If your success is hinged on the word of God and your throne is established in God, then your success will swing from successor to successor on sure hinges.*
4. *The penalty of wickedness may seem dormant, but it is alive and active and will come at you suddenly; address it before it addresses and confronts you.*
5. *The reward of your righteousness may be on the waters but it has not lost direction; it will find you after many days.*
6. *Think before you act for what you do in the present is gone into your future waiting for you to catch up.*
7. *You will never fear death if you live prepared for the consequences; you will never fear your legacy if you bank it in God.*
8. *If you lived a fool claiming things God has not released to you, and you express it seeking things you have no right to, you will die a fool wondering what went wrong.*
9. *Pride will drive you into the ground and bury you in a tomb of shame; strongly resist pride. Pride is a high tide waiting to be humbled; a splash is an exorbitant end.*
10. *Leadership must be tough and decisive or it will face recurring internal destabilizing devices.*
11. *Live at the altar, always righteous before God, or the altar may not save you from death or in*

death.

12. *Wisdom is a matter of personal choice founded in fear; you reject the fear of the Lord and your own covenants and wisdom will mock you.*
13. *Presumption persists until it completely fails; every sinner lives on the principle of presumption of another day, another opportunity.*
14. *Maintain your place in service of God without distractions or demonic attractions or you will lose your position in God and your post or office in ministry.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Most righteous God, place generations in my heart and give me the touch to position my children for effectiveness in their generations. Amen.
- I will follow God with all my heart and walk in His way without compromise or change, in the name of Jesus.
- Omnipotent Father, I live and breathe You; I anchor my expectations on You and build my legacy on Your solid and immovable foundation. Amen.
- Let every seed of wickedness I have sown in my life be uprooted and burnt. As of today, I will sow my future with righteous seeds. Amen.
- Eternal Father, I love You. I commit to live each day saved and ready for eternity; I will make my kingdom proud while I am on time here in this earth. Amen.

If you were told to ask a thing, anything that you desire, And you know the One you are asking has unlimited supply, Would you ask for riches, much silver and much gold? Would you ask for long life, or to have your enemies' souls? Would you ask for power, unlimited control? Or would you ask for wisdom so you could do God's work? Go ahead and voice it; what you ask is what you get, All men will see and know it when you put it to the test.

I KINGS 3

¹Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took his daughter for his wife. He brought her into the City of David, for he had not yet finished building his house at that time.

The Lord's house was not yet finished, nor Jerusalem's walls.

²Meanwhile the people sacrificed at high places because in those days they had not yet built the house of the Lord.

³Solomon loved Him! Oh, he loved Him! Oh, how much he loved the Lord! He walked in the statutes of David his father, in the way that David walked.

It is only that he sacrificed at the high places.

That was the only fault.

⁴And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice, for that was the great high place:

Solomon offered one thousand burnt offerings on that altar; *what a sacrifice that day!*

When you are bountiful in giving, God will be bountiful to you the same.

⁵The Lord appeared there at Gibeon to Solomon in a dream by night.

And God said, "Ask and I will give you your request."

If you were told to ask anything, what would be your reply?

⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown Your servant David my father great mercy, for he walked in truth, in righteousness and in uprightness of heart before You.

You have continued this kindness to him and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

⁷Now O Lord, You have made Your servant king in my father David's place, but I am a little child, I do not know how to go out and come in.

When in your eyes you are a child, the Father will give to you great things.

⁸Your servant is in the midst of Your chosen people, a great people without number, too many to be counted.

⁹Therefore O Lord, give me an understanding heart so that I can judge Your people; give me an understanding heart to discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

¹⁰And it pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and have not asked for long life, or for riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for understanding to discern justice,

¹²"I have done as you have spoken, see, I have given you an understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone before like you, and no one like you shall arise afterwards.

¹³"And I have given you the riches and honor for which you have not asked, so that there will be no king like you all your days.

¹⁴"And if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as David your father did, I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream.

And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; and he offered up burnt offerings, and peace offerings, and he made a feast for all his servants.

He had asked for understanding and discern-

ment:

¹⁶Now two women who were prostitutes came to the king, and stood before him.

¹⁷And one of the women said, "O my lord, this woman and I dwell together in the same house; and I gave birth to a child,

¹⁸"then, on the third day after I had given birth, this woman gave birth likewise.

And there was no one but the two of us in the house.

¹⁹"And this woman's child died in the night, for she lay on him, *I know,*

²⁰"and she got up in the middle of the night; *cannot say I saw her,* but while I was still sleeping, she took my son from by my side; she laid him in her bosom and replaced her dead child with mine.

²¹"When I woke up in the morning to give suck to my son, the child was not breathing; my king; he was dead.

When I looked carefully, the child was not my son, the one I gave birth to."

²²What a test of wisdom; he heard the persistent account,

as they said to each other, "No, the dead child is yours!"

²³But the king said to them, "One says, 'My son lives and yours is dead'; and the other says, 'Your son is the dead one, my son is the living.'" *Now there was no DNA, what would the king do next?*

²⁴*They must have gasped* for the king said, "Bring a sword to me."

And they brought a sword before the king.

²⁵*There was stunned silence* as the king said, "Divide the living child in two; and give each mother a half!" *Now he had gone mad?*

And they heard one woman cry out, "Oh, no, no! O my God!"

²⁶She loved her son passionately, so she said, "O my lord, give the living child to that woman, but please, do not kill him!"

But the other woman said in cold envy, "Divide him, divide the child! Let him neither be hers or mine!"

She would rather have him dead, before the other woman gets the child.

There was an absence of compassion; envy was naked to the eyes.

²⁷So the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, do not kill him; she is his mother."

²⁸And all Israel heard of the judgment the king had given, and they feared the king, for they saw that he had the wisdom of God, to give just and fair judgment.

He did not ask for riches; gold was not what his heart desired;

Solomon asked for discernment of justice, now it had been tested and tried.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If it does not fit into God's design for your life it is weak and it will weaken the structure of your*

life.

2. If your alliance is not in compliance with the laws you rely on, it is a defiance, which is sin waiting to mature.
3. Be exceptional in your love and devotion to God; in other words love the Lord without exception.
4. The bigger your God is in your eyes, the bigger your offerings to Him, and the more He astounds you with His big responses to you.
5. Give the Lord a thousand reasons to notice you, to favor you, and to show Himself mighty on your behalf today.
6. Try as hard as you can to out-give God, yet your language is finite, He gives you the infinite: whatever you ask.
7. Nothing pleases God more than when your greatest desire of Him is to fulfil His greatest desire of you and His purpose and design for you; let your demand of God be to fulfil His command to you.
8. The heart of a father is ecstatic when the heart of the son is emphatic about the things of the father.
9. Equipping and empowerment for assignment is the duty of a king and of a good father.
10. Wisdom is indeed the greatest thing; above all you get seek understanding; impress this upon your children and it will be the greatest inheritance you leave to them.
11. Understand your assignment and your limitations so you can equip yourself in the presence of God.
12. God assesses your motives for asking before He addresses you; you do not have because you fail to ask or because you ask with the wrong motives.
13. When you set your desire on the kingdom of God first, God will make all the other things you did not ask for desire and find you.
14. He gives it to you by promise; you receive it by faith; it finds you in the place of believing and accepting God's word; as with Solomon, so with you.
15. Put your wisdom gained in the presence and in the word of God on display, the world needs it.
16. When jealousy drives your demands, callousness will expose your evil heart; if the only reason you are passionate about something is that others will not have it you are unreasonable and evil.

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of boldness to say no to good and pleasant things that conflict with my destiny, fall upon me by the power in the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father, my God, I give You the freedom to determine my relationships; I submit to Your word to decide my alliances, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I am sold out completely to You. I give You my best because I desire Your unrestricted best, in the name of Jesus.
- King of Glory, make me an effective kingdom ambassador; give me all the skills and resources I need to fulfil Your assignment for me here, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, I desire You and not just Yours; my heart flows with full freedom towards You. Help me to please You and to be that beloved child in whom You are well-pleased. Amen.

THEY came to hear his wisdom, The wisdom all would come to know; Just to listen to his proverbs, and to watch his riches grow. There is wisdom in order, And so he put order in place; There is wisdom in Judah, And wisdom on Israel's plains. What could one see in the beasts, The fowls, the fishes and the trees? No! I never would have thought it; Sounds like sound wisdom to me.

I KINGS 4

¹Solomon was king of all Israel.

He put order in place.

²He appointed himself officials.

These are their positions and their names:

Azariah son of Zadok was the priest,

³Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha were scribes both;

Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

⁴Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the armed host.

Zadok and Abiathar were priests;

⁵Azariah the son of Nathan was head of the officers.

Zabud the son of Nathan was a priest;

he also had the distinction of being the king's friend.

⁶Ahishar was over the household, and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.

⁷And Solomon had twelve officers over Israel who brought provision for the king and his household;

each man brought provision in his set month of the year.

⁸These are the names of the officers:

Ben-hur was in the mountains of Ephraim;

⁹Ben-dekar was in Makaz, Beth-shemesh, Elon-beth-hanan and Shaalbim;

¹⁰Ben-hesed was in Arubboth;

to him pertained Sochoh and all the land of Hephher.

¹¹Ben-Abinadab was in all of Dor;

he married Taphath the daughter of Solomon.

¹²Baana the son of Ahilud was in Taanach

and Megiddo and all Beth-shean, which is beside Zarethan below Jezreel,

from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, as far as the place beyond Jokmeam;

¹³Ben-geber in Ramoth-gilead;

to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, in Gilead,

the region of Argob in Bashan—sixty large cities with walls and bronze bar gates.

¹⁴Ahinadab the son of Iddo was in Mahanaim;

¹⁵Ahimaaz was in Naphtali;

he also married Basmath, Solomon's daughter.

¹⁶In Asher and Aloth he placed Baanah the son of Hushai;

¹⁷Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah was in Issachar;

¹⁸Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin.

¹⁹Geber the son of Uri was in Gilead, in the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and of Og Bashan's king.

He was the only officer in the land.

²⁰Judah and Israel were many, as many in multitude as the sea's sand; they ate and drank and rejoiced.

²¹And Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines, reaching the border of Egypt.

They brought tributes and served Solomon all the days of his life.

²²This was the daily provision of King Solomon: thirty measures of fine flour, sixty measures of meal,

²³ten fat oxen, twenty oxen from the pastures, gazelles, roebucks, one hundred sheep, tender deer and fatted fowl.

²⁴For he had dominion over all regions this side of the River, from Tiphseh to Gaza, namely all the kings on this side of the River; and on every side, all around him he had peace.

²⁵And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan all the way to Beersheba all of Solomon's days.

²⁶Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses; for his chariots they were reserved. And he had twelve thousand horsemen.

²⁷And the officers brought him provision, each man in his month; they brought food for King Solomon and all who came to the king's table.

There was no shortage of provision.

²⁸They also brought barley and straw to the appropriate place for the horses and the steeds, every man according to his responsibility.

²⁹And God gave wisdom to Solomon and exceedingly great understanding, and with them largeness of heart as the sand on the seashore.

³⁰And the wisdom of Solomon exceeded the wisdom of all the people of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.

³¹He was much wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol.

His fame was in all the nations around. He spoke three thousand proverbs and he wrote one thousand and five songs.

³²He spoke about the trees, from the cedars of Lebanon to the hyssop that springs out of the wall;

³³he spoke also of animals, of the birds, of creeping things, and of fishes.

*What can be learned from birds and fish?
What did all the people come to hear?*

³⁴Men of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon;

profound truths to fill their ears.

Emissaries from the kings of the earth came to Judah and to Israel's plains,
*to get a glimpse into the large heart of this man
and to hear his sayings.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The greater the responsibility the more structured the organization and administration needed; the greater the vision the greater the push to transition from an organization to an organism.*
2. *Surround yourself with the right people to support you and it makes the insurmountable easy.*
3. *True success is when a king raises a wise son to lead and when a prophet (Nathan) raises sons to take places of leadership with the spirit and character to be the king's friend.*
4. *Manage from the top by intellect; manage from all other levels through delegates and structures.*
5. *Trusted people in leadership will give you peace and security and increase your reach to increase your wealth.*
6. *Build relationship in leadership and it increases the motivation, team spirit and your confidence (Solomon's son-in-law were given some of the most trusted positions).*
7. *Never limit yourself when you are considered a son of the unlimited God; extend your reach; ask for the nations.*
8. *When you submit to the King of kings, kings of nations will submit to you for they will recognize the King in you.*
9. *Your impact will be as big as your heart; be creative; be ready to take risk; think big; be audacious.*
10. *Structure for global impact and you will benefit from global resources.*
11. *Your gift has the ability to attract kings and great people; focus on developing the gifts and great people will find you.*
12. *Creativity comes from the place of the presence; live in His presence and write songs, psalms and proverbs.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Power of effective organization and the ability to manage for maximum impact, fall upon every church and Christian ministry now, in the name of Jesus.
- By the Spirit of the living God, I call forth all the helpers of my destiny to position themselves now, in the name of Jesus.
- Comforter, send to every leader in ministry, true and committed friends to be with them in the midst of their years. Amen.
- Jesus, I cry out to You for the body of Christ; surround ministers and ministries with the right people to make them effective in their assignment. Amen.
- Power to motivate and to build relationships in ministry envelop church leaders in every sphere of ministry in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus I reject the lie that the sky is my limit; Father I accept no limit but You, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THERE are nations prepared and ready
To give abundance of supply

**For the house of God and service;
Access it if you are wise.
There are heathen nations.
Whose wealth shall take wings and fly
above
To God who is in heaven,
For Him to give to hearts ready to do His
work.**

I KINGS 5

¹Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon,

until he heard that they had anointed him king to replace his father David, for Hiram had always loved David.

²And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

³"You know that my father could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the wars fought with him on every hand,

until the Lord had placed his enemies under the soles of his feet.

⁴"But now the Lord my God had given me rest on every side, there is neither adversary nor evil occurrence at this time.

⁵"Now behold, I purpose to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spoke to David, my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build Me the house for My name.'"

⁶*Solomon spoke to the love that for his father David, Hiram had, then he spoke to Hiram about his father David's heart.*

⁶Then he made his request, saying, "Now, therefore, command that they cut down cedar trees out of Lebanon for me; and my servants will be with your servants, and I will pay you wages for your servants as you appoint of me.

For you know there is none among us who can match the Sidonians' skill in cutting timber."

⁷And when Hiram heard Solomon's words, he rejoiced with great joy, and he said, "Blessed be the Lord who has given David a wise son over this great people!"

⁸And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have considered your request, and I will do whatever you desire concerning cedar and the logs of cypress. My servants shall bring them down to the sea from Lebanon; and I will float them as rafts on the sea to your appointed place.

⁹And I will have them broken apart there and then you shall take them away.

And you shall meet my request by giving me food for my household."

¹⁰So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and cypress logs according to all that he desired.

¹¹And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand

measures of wheat as food for his household, and twenty measures of refined oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram for his household every year.

¹²And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they made a treaty among themselves.

¹³And Solomon raised a levy of all Israel of laborers; the total amounted to thirty thousand men.

¹⁴And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month in shifts;

they were one month in Lebanon and two months at home on break.

Adoniram was the head of the workers.

¹⁵Solomon had seventy thousand who carried burdens, and eighty thousand who cut stones in the mountains,

¹⁶beside three thousand three hundred from his chief officers, who supervised the work.

¹⁷And the king commanded them to bring large stones, costly stones, and cut stones; these were to lay the foundation of the temple of the Lord.

¹⁸So Solomon's and Hiram's builders cut, and the stone-squarers worked, and they prepared timber and stones to build the temple of the Lord.

For there are people prepared and ready to help you advance the work of the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. God puts people in your life to enhance the purpose of your life and to help your destiny; understand their season and embrace their purpose.
2. Resources are prepared and ready to flow into the kingdom, waiting for the connections.
3. The true value of relationships is the opportunity of mutual benefits; when there is nothing to give or to gain the value of the relationship is reduced to nothing.
4. Be able to articulate your vision clearly and you will attract the right people to it.
5. Be very concise with your requests and it will attract precise and positive responses; be indecisive and no one will take you seriously.
6. Don't be intimidated by people, they will appreciate you more when you show you understand their value by drawing upon it.
7. Be generous in your giving, honorable in your agreements and you will continue to attract favor and blessings.
8. Show your commitment and sincerity by your own personal contributions; never take without giving; never ask for help without participating.
9. It is good to have all hands on board in building the house and the work of the Lord, but it is best to have all hearts on board.

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, let every helper of my destiny You have assigned to my walk here locate me and align themselves now, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the call upon my life magnetize all the resources needed to bring fulfillments, in the

name of Jesus.

- Amazing God, I value my relationship with You and with the people You have placed in my life; let every distraction to my destiny be filtered away in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Power to write the vision and to articulate it fall upon the youths in the body of Christ, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the Spirit of Christ raise up support for, and give divine strategies to emerging ministries, in the name of Jesus.
- We fan away every spirit of indecision and indecisiveness among our leaders; let divine order guide and guard their destinies, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SEVEN years in building,
A house to the Lord;
But seven years are wasted,
If His words are not performed.
A house of purpose, strength and beauty
will make the nations talk;
God regards the house you are building,
but His heart is in the walk.**

I KINGS 6

¹The house of God was started, in Solomon's fourth year as king,

four hundred and eighty years after the children of Israel came out of Egypt.

In the second month, which is Ziv, the foundations began to rise.

²The house King Solomon built for the Lord was sixty by twenty cubits, and thirty cubits high.

³The porch in front of the temple of the sanctuary of the house was twenty cubits long, and the width extended ten cubits in front of the house.

⁴And for the house he made narrow light windows for the sun.

⁵And he built rooms against the wall of the temple the sanctuary and the inner sanctuary; so he made side rooms all around it.

⁶The first room was five cubits wide, the middle, six, and the third was seven cubits wide; for he made narrow ledges outside the temple all around,

so that the beams would not need to be placed in the walls of the temple.

⁷And the temple was built of stones made ready before they were brought, so that during the construction, no axe, hammer or iron tool was heard in the temple at all.

⁸The door of the middle room was in the right side;

winding stairs went from the bottom to access the door and went out on the third floor.

⁹So he built the temple and finished it, and he covered the temple with beams and cedar boards.

¹⁰And he built side rooms against the entire temple, five cubits high, their support was attached to the temple by cedar beams.

¹¹Then the Lord spoke to Solomon, and said: ¹²"It is about the temple you are building, which is really about the walk;

if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, and keep all My commands, and if you walk in them, I will perform My words to you which I spoke to your father David.

¹³"And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and I will not forsake My people Israel."

"If you walk in all My statutes...!"

He must have pondered those lines.

¹⁴And Solomon built and finished the temple at that time.

¹⁵And with cedar boards he built the inside walls, and paneled it with wood from the floor to the ceiling; and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of fir.

¹⁶Then he built the twenty-cubit room at the rear of the temple; with cedar he built it from the floor to the ceiling, and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of fir.

He built inside as the inner sanctuary, and as the Most Holy Place.

¹⁷The temple sanctuary in front of it was forty cubits long.

¹⁸Inside the temple was cedar, carved with buds and open flowers.

Everything was cedar. There was no stone to be seen.

¹⁹He prepared the inner sanctuary inside the temple for the ark of the covenant of the Lord to be set.

²⁰The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits by twenty cubits wide and twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold and overlaid the altar of cedar likewise.

²¹So Solomon overlaid inside the temple with pure gold.

He made a partition by stretching the gold chains in front of the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it with pure gold.

²²He overlaid the entire temple with gold, until it was all complete;

and with gold he overlaid the entire altar by the inner sanctuary.

²³And he made two cherubim of olive wood inside the inner sanctuary, each ten cubits high.

²⁴From the end of one wing to the tip of the other was ten cubits; each wing measured five.

²⁵The other cherub was ten cubits; both cherubim were of the same shape and size;

²⁶the height of one cherub was ten cubits.

²⁷Then he set the cherubim inside the inner room,

and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of one touched one wall and the wing of the other touched the other wall.

And their wings touched each other in the

middle of the room.

²⁸He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

²⁹And he carved all the walls of the temple all around, both the inner and outer sanctuaries, with carved figures of cherubim, open flowers and palm trees.

³⁰He overlaid the floor of the temple with pure gold, both the inner and outer sanctuaries.

³¹And he made doors of olive lumber for the entrance of the inner sanctuary; the lintel and doorposts were a fifth of the wall.

³²The two doors were made of olive lumber; and he carved on them figures of cherubim, open flowers and palm trees, and he overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

³³So he made doorposts of olive lumber for the door of the sanctuary, a quarter of the wall.

³⁴The two doors were of fir wood; two panels made one folding door, and two panels made the other.

³⁵Then he carved cherubim and palm trees, and open flowers on them and covered the carved work with gold applied evenly on them.

³⁶And with three rows of hewn stones and a row of cedar beams he built the inner court.

³⁷In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid, in the month Ziv.

³⁸It was seven years in building, according to its elaborate design.

In the eleventh year it was finished, in the eighth month which is the month Bul.

A magnificent work, but the real success was wrapped up in God's word.

³⁹It is about the house you are building, which is about the walk.

If you execute My judgments, and keep all My commands, I will perform My words to you that I spoke to David the king, and said; I will dwell among My people, and I will not forsake Israel."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. There is no greater assignment in life than to build for the salvation of souls.
2. It takes time, it takes effort, it takes sacrifice; it is worth every minute of preparation and every projection of cost if it prepares for eternity and it projects the cross.
3. It is not just cedar beams and stones and money, it is lives, it is souls, it is eternity.
4. God regards your building if you do not disregard His design for your life.
5. You can only build from the seat of your temple and of your righteousness; everything else is a building of futility.
6. It is flawed to put what you do for God above God; it is flawed to put performance above Presence; God did not make us human performers (doing) He made us human living in position(being).
7. Extensive design, expensive decor for expansive praise and intensive Presence.
8. Build for God and attract a company of angels; as

with the physical temple so with the living temple; angels fill the walls and cover the seat of worship symbolizing the reality.

9. In every temple there is a Most Holy Place; never forget the place of the Presence in building; never forsake the place of the Presence in living.
10. Your life is a building for the Lord; it is about your works which is about your walk because the value of your works is summarized in the distinction of your walk.

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, I will invest my time and resources in the salvation of souls and in Your house of refuge, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, let the true value of the cross be imprinted in the hearts of people everywhere and let it move them to sacrifice and service, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O how I love Your house O Lord; raise up people everywhere who are willing to make great sacrifices for the house of the Lord, in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus, Your word is my only law; I will build my life and this tabernacle You dwell in on the design stipulated in Your word. Amen.
- Omnipotent Father, let people everywhere enter into a true love relationship with Your word until it fills their thoughts and prompts their actions. Amen.
- I refuse to build in futility; I will live for You so I may build for You, O my God. Amen.

A BUILDING fit and ready, a building that will stand, A building decorated by skilful crafty hands.

A building for God's service; prepare to pay the price; When the bronze cannot be measured, the weight is only right!

I KINGS 7

¹And Solomon took thirteen years in building his own house; so he finished it all.

²He also built the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

Its length was one hundred cubits, and it was fifty cubits wide;

it was thirty cubits in height, with four rows of cedar pillars with cedar beams on the pillars.

³It was covered with cedar above the beams that were on forty-five pillars, fifteen in every row.

⁴There were windows in three rows, and windows on opposite sides in three sets.

⁵All the doors and doorposts were rectangular, with windows and opposite windows in three sets.

⁶He also made the Hall of Pillars; fifty cubits long by thirty cubits wide; at the front was a porch with pillars and a canopy before them.

⁷He then made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Judgment, from which the king would judge; it was paneled with cedar on both sides from

floor to ceiling.

⁸And the house he dwelt in had another court inside the porch, with similar workmanship. And Solomon also made a similar house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken for his wife.

⁹All these were made of costly stones, cut to size, sawed with saws placed inside and outside, from the foundation to the top, and also outside towards the great court.

¹⁰The foundation was of large and costly stones, some ten cubits and some eight.

¹¹Above were costly stones, cut to size, and cedar wood.

¹²The great court was enclosed with three rows of cut stones and one row of cedar beams.

So was the inner court of the Lord's house and the vestibule of the temple.

¹³And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

¹⁴He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali; and his father was a bronze worker of Tyre.

He was filled with wisdom and understanding and craftiness in working with all types of bronze work.

So he came to King Solomon and performed all his work.

¹⁵And he cast two pillars of bronze, each eighteen cubits high, and a line of ten cubits measured the circumference of each.

¹⁶Then he made two capitals of cast bronze, to set on the top of the pillars.

The height of one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other was five cubits.

¹⁷He made a net of checkered network and wreaths of chain work, for the capital on top of the pillars; seven for each of the capital.

¹⁸So he made the pillars, and two rows of pomegranates above the network all around, to cover the capitals on the top, and he did this for the other capital.

¹⁹The capitals on top of the pillar in the porch were designed as lilies.

²⁰The capitals on the two pillars also had pomegranates above, by brim next to the network.

There were two hundred such pomegranates in rows on each of the capitals all around.

²¹Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple. He called the pillar on the right Jachin, and the pillar on the left Boaz.

²²The tops of the pillars were shaped like lilies. So the work of the pillars was complete.

²³And he made the Sea of melted bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was circular.

Its height was five cubits, and a line of ten cubits measured the circumference.

²⁴Below the brim were decorations of buds encircling it all around, ten to each cubit all around it to the Sea.

The buds were cast in two rows when it was cast.

²⁵It stood on twelve oxen: three looking north, three looking south, three looking east and three west;

the backs of all of them pointed inward.

²⁶The sea was a handbreadth thick; the brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom.

It contained two thousand baths.

²⁷He also made ten bases of bronze; the length of one base was four cubits and the width four. They were three cubits high.

²⁸This was the design of the bases. They had panels which were set between frames.

²⁹On the panels between the frames were lions, oxen and cherubim.

There was a pedestal on the frames; and below the lions and oxen were wreaths of plaited work.

³⁰Every base had four bronze wheels and bronze axles and its four feet had supports. Under the laver were supports of cast bronze beside each wreath.

³¹The mouth inside the crown at the top was one cubit in diameter; and the mouth a cubit and a half and round, and shaped like the pedestal.

On the mouth were engravings with square panels.

³²Under the panels were four wheels with the axle joined to the cart.

Each wheel was one and a half cubit high.

³³The wheel was shaped like a chariot wheel; their axle, rims, hubs and spokes were all cast bronze.

³⁴There were four supports at the four corners of each base, designed as part of the base itself.

³⁵To the top of the base, about half a cubit high was circular.

The flanges and the panels at the top of the base were of the same casting.

³⁶On the plates and panels of its flanges he engraved cherubim, lions and palm trees, in the clear spaces on each, with wreaths all around.

³⁷So he made the ten bases, all of the same casting, one size and one shape.

³⁸He then made ten lavers of bronze; each laver contained forty baths, and each laver was four cubits. A laver was on each of the ten bases.

³⁹And he put five bases on the right of the house and five on the left;

and he set the Sea on the right side of the house to the southeast.

⁴⁰Hiram made lavers, and the shovels and the bowls.

So he finished all the work he was assigned to do by King Solomon for the house of the Lord:

⁴¹The two pillars, the two bowl-shaped capitals on top of the two pillars, the two networks to cover them,

⁴²four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals on top of the pillars.)

⁴³The ten bases, and the ten basins on the bases;

⁴⁴one Sea, and the twelve oxen under the Sea;

⁴⁵the pots, the shovels, and the bowls.

All the articles which Hiram made for King Solomon for the house of the Lord were made of bright bronze.

⁴⁶They were cast in the plain of Jordan, in the clay molds, between Succoth and Zaretan.

⁴⁷And Solomon did not weigh the articles, because they were so many, the weight of the bronze was not determined.

⁴⁸Then Solomon made all the furnishings for the house of the Lord:

the altar of gold; the table of gold, on which the showbread was placed;

⁴⁹the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right, and five on the left in front of the inner sanctuary,

with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold;

⁵⁰the basins, the trimmers, the bowls, the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; the hinges of gold, for the doors of the inner room (the Most Holy Place) and for the doors of the main hall of the temple.

⁵¹So all the work that King Solomon did for the house of the Lord was finished; and Solomon brought in the things David, his father, had dedicated;

the silver, and the gold, and the vessels.

He placed them in the treasuries of the house of the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If it is for the Lord let it be according to His design; make it your pleasure to make it pleasing to the Lord.*
2. *Put all your heart in it if you want His heart on it; put all your strength in it if you want His strength within it; put all your soul in it if you expect a worship experience.*
3. *There is no sacrifice too great to connect the Presence of God with the people and nothing too precious to connect the people with the Presence.*
4. *Your good works become worship when relationship is spoken for, your good works become worthless when relationship is broken.*
5. *You cannot separate God's temple from His word and your worship since He only owns the temple if the worship is intact and the lifestyle aligns with His word.*
6. *If you understand the value of His presence you will know nothing is too valuable or too precious to expend on His temple or to spend in sacrifice and worship.*
7. *Prepare for interaction; interface for encounter but you can never prepare for the quintessence of His glory.*
8. *There are cherubim covering the throne of the living God and there are angels assigned to His throne in every temple; maintain your temple for you attract a company of angels.*

9. *Let the carvings be consistent with the carvings; the temple of the Lord must always present a picture of the glory of the living God.*

10. *Build according to His design not your desire, live according to His word and His presence will never leave you.*

11. *Your legacy is speaking when the things you have dedicated to the Lord are brought into the finished works of your children.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, forgive me for ever trying to pursue Your assignment in my own design; let every spirit of disobedience and obstinacy among ministers be disbanded, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, I commit to love You with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; let it reflect in everything I do for You. Amen.
- Most kind and loving God, whatever it takes to get people to love You; whatever it takes to connect people with You; I give You my commitment, I am prepared to do it and to release it. Amen.
- I refuse to operate from any place but from a strong relationship with You Lord; let my works be counted, in the name of Jesus.
- I soak myself in the blood of Jesus daily, fill my walk with the word, and place a guard around my prayer life, as I set the atmosphere and the environment for You to dwell in me. Amen.

THE cloud that filled the temple, let it fill your hearts

And cause you to rejoice as you pray and you impart:

"O bless You, Lord, we bless You! There is none like You!

We dedicate this house; what You say, that we will do!"

The cloud then filled the temple; can you feel the weight inside?

As Solomon blessed the people, it brought his words to life!

I KINGS 8

¹Then Solomon assembled all the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, chief fathers of Israel, to himself in Jerusalem, so they could bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the City of David, which is Zion.

²And all the men of Israel assembled to the king at the feast in the month of Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

³So all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

⁴And they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tabernacle of meeting, and the holy vessels in it.

They were brought up by the Levites and the priests.

⁵And Solomon the king, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, were with him before the ark sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be numbered due to the amount.

⁶And the priests brought the ark of the covenant in to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house,

into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place under the cherubim's wings.

⁷For the cherubim had their wings stretched out over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

⁸The poles were placed so the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary, but the ends of the poles could not be seen from outside. They are there to this day.

⁹And there was nothing in the Ark but the two tablets of stone which Moses placed there at Horeb,

where the Lord made a covenant with Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

¹⁰Now it happened that, when the priests came out of the holy place in front of the sanctuary, the cloud filled the house of the Lord.

¹¹So great was the cloud that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house.

¹²And Solomon spoke, saying, "The Lord said that in thick darkness He would dwell!

¹³"I have surely built You an exalted house, and a place for You to dwell in forever."

¹⁴Then the king turned around and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all Israel was standing.

¹⁵And he said, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who spoke to David, my father, with His mouth

and has fulfilled it with His hands, saying,

¹⁶"Since the day I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city to build a house for My name to be there; but I chose to Me David over My people Israel."

¹⁷"Now it was in the heart of David my father, to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

¹⁸"But the Lord said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for My name, in this you do well.

¹⁹Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but the son of your own loins, he shall build the house for My name.'

²⁰"So the Lord has performed the words He spoke, and I have replaced David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel as the Lord promised;

and I have built a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

²¹"And I have made a place for the Ark, in which the covenant of the Lord is, which He made with our fathers when He brought them out of Egypt."

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all Israel, and he spread out his hands towards heaven;

²³and he said: "Lord God of Israel, there is

no God like You in heaven above or on earth below, who keeps Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with a perfect heart.

²⁴"You have kept what You promised Your servant my father.

You have spoken with Your mouth and with Your hand You have fulfilled it, as it is this day.

²⁵"Now therefore, Lord God of Israel, keep what You have promised to my father David, saying, 'You shall not fail of your descendants to have a man sit on the throne of Israel, as long as your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me as you have walked.'

²⁶"And now I pray, O God of Israel, let the word You have spoken to Your servant David, my father, be fulfilled."

²⁷"But will God really dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him.

How much less this house that I have built?

²⁸"Yet give regard to the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, and give heed to the prayer that I pray before You this day,

²⁹"that Your eyes may be open towards this house both night and day, towards the place of which You have said, 'I will put My name there,'

that You may listen to the prayer that your servant makes towards this place.

³⁰"And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and Your people Israel when they pray towards this place.

Hear from Your dwelling place in heaven, and when You hear, forgive.

³¹"If a man sins against his neighbor, and he is made to take an oath, and he comes in this temple to take an oath before Your altar,

³²"then hear from heaven, and do this:

judge Your servants, condemning the wicked, to bring on his head his own way, and justify the righteous to give him according to his righteousness.

³³"And when Your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against You,

and they turn to You again, and pray and confess Your name, and make supplication to You in this house,

³⁴"then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to this land that to their fathers You gave.

³⁵"When heaven is shut up because they have sinned against You, and there is no rain, if they pray towards this place and confess Your name,

and they turn from their sin because You have afflicted them,

³⁶"then hear Lord from heaven and forgive the

sin of Your servant, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way to walk in, and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

³⁷“If there is famine in the land, pestilence, or blight or mildew, locust or caterpillar; and if their enemies besiege them in their cities; whatever plague or sickness there is, ³⁸“whatever prayer, or supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands towards this temple:

³⁹“then hear from heaven, where You dwell, and forgive, and act, and give everyone according to all his ways, for You know their heart, (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men),

⁴⁰“that they may fear You all their days they live in the land You gave to their fathers.

⁴¹“And, concerning a stranger, who is not of Your people Israel, but who has come from a far country for Your name’s sake,

⁴²“(for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm). When he comes to pray towards this house,

⁴³“hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all the stranger asks of You,

that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, just as Your people Israel do

and that they may know that this house I have built is called by Your name.

⁴⁴“And when Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You shall send them,

and to the Lord they pray, towards this city You have chosen, and towards this temple I have built in Your name, ⁴⁵“then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

⁴⁶“If they sin against You, (for there is not a man that does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, so they carry them away captives to their land, near or far,

⁴⁷“when they come to their senses in the land of their captivity, and they repent, and make supplication to You in that land, saying, ‘We have sinned against You and have committed wickedness’;

⁴⁸“and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them captive, and they pray to You towards this land that You gave to their fathers, towards this city You have chosen, and this house I have built for Your name;

⁴⁹“hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain

their cause.

⁵⁰“And forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You, and give compassion to their captors, that they may have compassion on them;

⁵¹“(for they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought from Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace),

⁵²“that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant, and the supplication of Your people Israel,

to listen to them whenever they call to You.

⁵³“For You have separated them to be Your inheritance, from among all the people of the earth,

as You spoke by Your servant Moses, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord.”

⁵⁴And so, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread to heaven upwards.

⁵⁵Then with a loud voice he stood and blessed all Israel, saying:

⁵⁶“Blessed be the Lord, who has given His people Israel rest, according to all He has promised.

Not one word of His good promise has failed, which He promised through Moses His servant.

⁵⁷“As the Lord our God was with our fathers, may He be with us the same.

May He not leave us nor forsake us,

⁵⁸“that He may incline our hearts to Him,

to walk in all His ways,

and keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He has commanded our fathers.

⁵⁹“And may these words that I have prayed and with which I have made supplication to the Lord,

be near to the Lord our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require,

⁶⁰“that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God, there is no other.

⁶¹“Let your heart therefore be perfect before the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as it is this day.”

⁶²Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices to the Lord.

⁶³And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord: twenty-two thousand bulls, and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the house of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord.

⁶⁴On the same day the king consecrated the middle court that was before the house of the Lord;

for there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the

Lord was too small to receive all the offerings.
65And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the River of Egypt; they were before the Lord our God for fourteen days—seven days and another seven days.
66He sent the people away on the eighth day; and they blessed the king and went to their tents joyful and with a glad heart, for all the good the Lord had done for His servant David, and for His people Israel.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *When you understand the immeasurable value of the presence of the Lord you will sacrifice beyond measure to attract Him to you.*
2. *Kings, governments and all the people must understand and magnify the platform of the Presence as the pillar of a nation.*
3. *The proper place of the ark is under the wings of angels; when your temple is in its place you attract the covering of angels.*
4. *Never be fooled by the absence of physical artifacts where the Presence is; the fact is that the anointing carries all the weight, and all the glory.*
5. *The Presence is silent but salient, active and resilient; it simply knocks you off your feet.*
6. *You may prepare the place of the ark, you may set the scene of worship, but you can never be truly prepared for an encounter with God.*
7. *Blessings flow naturally from every encounter with God: both to you, through you and from you.*
8. *It is your efforts, your sweat, your resources, but also your privilege to build for the presence of God; do it with awe and celebration.*
9. *You are singled out and called to your assignment by election of God, not the selection of man; acknowledge the process but embrace the mandate.*
10. *God gives all His promises from the place of completion; it has started means it is finished though you may be caught up in the process.*
11. *Nothing like a completed task; but the work does not stop with the house, it must be extended to the people.*
12. *The house is a house of prayer for all nations; for all occasions, and all seasons of the soul.*
13. *The antidote for sin is served from the cross, the work of the cross is served from the church.*
14. *There is an abundance of mercy and grace resting on the house of God awaiting your plea.*
15. *When you understand the value of the house of God to a people you make it of great value to place all your valuables in the work and the house.*
16. *Just as God gives you overflow let his altar overflow with your offering; if you cannot measure His worth let your expression of worship to Him be without measure.*
17. *Live with a committed heart; commit your heart to giving not just your resources and you will commit the Lord to you with all His resources.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Lord Jesus, nothing is too precious for me to sacrifice for You. Let this be my mindset forever. Amen.
- I call forth the consciousness of the King of Glory

in every important forum in this nation; it is founded on You Lord. Amen.

- Holy Spirit, my body is Your temple; I live in consecration as I abide in Your covering under the wings of angels, in the name of Jesus.
- All for Your Presence Lord Jesus, I place everything aside and lay it all down for Your presence. Amen.
- Sweep me off my feet Lord; let Your presence rest upon me in His glorious weight perpetually. Amen.
- Jesus, I want to soak You in like the sunshine, breathe You in with my every breath, and feed on You daily, my Bread of Life. Amen.

If you know the Lord has heard this— He hears every time you pray— And you know He will perform it, He will do the things you say, Then you already know the answer that shall come forth from His lips, That all the things you are asking are wrapped up in the “ifs.” Take the hand of Pharaoh’s daughter; give her cities for a gift; Get all your heart desires, but always remember the Lord your God’s “ifs.”

I KINGS 9

1And when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king’s house, and all he desired which he wanted to do,
2the Lord appeared a second time to Solomon, just as He had appeared to him in Gibeon.

3The Lord said to him, “I have heard your prayer, and the supplication which to Me you made,

I have consecrated this house you built, to forever put My name.

My heart and My eyes will be there perpetually.”

4And you know there are conditions when you hear Him say the “ifs.”

“Now if you will walk before Me as your father David walked,

in uprightness and in integrity of heart; if you do all My commandments and keep My statutes and My judgments,

5“then I will establish your kingdom over Israel forever, as I have promised to your Father David,

saying, ‘You shall not fail to have a man ruling on the throne of Israel.’

But consider this, so you will learn to fear God; here is the downside of the “ifs.”

6“If you or your sons turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I set before you,

and go and serve and worship other gods, then know,

7“I will cut off My people Israel from this land I have given them;

and I will cast this house which I have consecrated for My name out of My sight then.

Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

⁸“And this house, which is exalted, shall be an astonishment to everyone who passes by, they will hiss and say, ‘Why has the Lord done this to this land and to this house?’

⁹“Then they will answer, ‘Because they forsook the Lord their God, who from the land of Egypt brought their fathers out, and have taken hold of other gods, and have worshipped and served them; *they forsook the conditions (the ifs) therefore the Lord has brought all this destruction on them.*”

¹⁰And so, at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the Lord and the king’s house, ¹¹(Hiram the king of Tyre having supplied him with cedar, and fir trees and gold; all he desired), that King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land, in Galilee.

¹²But when Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities Solomon had given him, they did not please him.

¹³So he said, “What are these you give me, my brother?”

And he called them the land of Cabul, as they are to this day.

¹⁴Then Hiram sent to King Solomon one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

¹⁵And Solomon raised a levy of workers to build the Lord’s house and his own house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo and Gezer.

¹⁶(For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer, and burned it with fire; he killed the Canaanites who dwelt there and gave it as a present to his daughter, Solomon’s wife.)

¹⁷And Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth-horon,

¹⁸Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land of Judah,

¹⁹and all the cities of storage that Solomon had, for his chariots and for his horsemen. Solomon built as he desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all his domain.

²⁰And all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites—

²¹that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel were not able to completely destroy— from these Solomon raised his levy of forced labor, as it is this day.

²²But Solomon did not make Israel bondmen, for they were men of war and his servants: his princes, captains, commanders of his chariots and horsemen.

²³And some were chief officers over Solomon’s work; five hundred and fifty ruled over the people who worked.

²⁴And Pharaoh’s daughter left from the City of David to her house which Solomon had built

for her.

Then he built the Millo.

²⁵And three times a year Solomon offered burnt and peace offerings on the altar he had built for the Lord, and he burnt incense with them on the altar.

So he finished the temple.

²⁶King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion-geber, which is near Elath, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

²⁷Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who had the know-how, to go and to work with the servants of Solomon, for they had the knowledge of the sea.

²⁸They went to Ophir, and brought back four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, to King Solomon.

Yes, Solomon, get all your heart desires until your life becomes a myth.

But in all of your getting, never forget God’s “ifs.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Pray continuously, pray passionately, pray with confidence that God hears; if you know He hears, you know He will respond.*
2. *God conditions His response to man with an if, not an absolute.*
3. *God will hear us from heaven and respond to us if we will hear Him from earth and respond to Him.*
4. *Your temple is priceless to heaven if it is the seat of commitment, dedication, obedience and observance of His word; your temple is priced less on earth and worthless in heaven if it is the seat of rebellion and rejection of His word.*
5. *Wisdom may give what cannot be accepted because you have no right to give it (Cabul); righteousness is not giving at all if it is not honorable.*
6. *It is best not to give than to not give your best.*
7. *Never let your heart be conditioned by what you receive; let the generous you show forth at all times; it is more blessed to give than to receive. (Hiram was generous to Solomon even after Solomon’s gift displeased him.)*
8. *Build to your desire, build to your pleasure, build to God’s design, but if you violate God’s commandment it will bring your building down.*
9. *You have a sure ship (security) but that does not mean you should not engage entrepreneurship; investing your talents for the expansion of God’s deposits is good stewardship.*
10. *You will sail the seas of opportunity when you have the awareness to see an opportunity from afar and the astuteness to seize the opportunity.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Omnipotent Father, make me a prayer warrior; let my heavens be opened perpetually, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God help me to live within the conditions of a guaranteed response from You, in Your secret place. Amen.
- King of Glory, I live to hear You and to respond to You accurately with immediacy. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, I bring my body in subjection to You, and respond with exuberance to Your Spirit in me. Amen.

- Holy Spirit give me the character to give the best of what is in my power to give; I refuse to give what is holy to the dogs. Amen.

WHEN God is blessing you, from every lip it shall be told.

Let Him define abundance; excel in riches and in gold.

When nations seek your wisdom, they seek it more and more;

And the things valued and precious are common to you as stones.

That is His definition! It is the only one that is right;

If you are asked go on and say it; it is called, 'Abundant life.'

I KINGS 10

¹She came from distant Sheba; she was Sheba's queen.

She heard of Solomon's fame concerning the name of the Lord, and she came with difficult questions to test him.

²She came into Jerusalem with a very great entourage

with camels bearing spices and much gold and precious stones.

When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

³And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing too difficult for him to answer of all she asked.

⁴When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

⁵the provision on his table, the way his servants were seated,

the service of his ministers and the way they were dressed,

and his ascent to the Lord's house, there was no spirit in her left.

⁶Then she said to the king, "It is indeed true what I have heard in my own land about your works and your wisdom.

⁷"No, I did not believe it; now I have seen it with my own eyes; and the half was not told to me.

You are more prosperous and wise than I was told." *This is abundant life indeed.*

⁸"Happy are your men and these your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom.

⁹"Blessed be the Lord your God, who has made you His delight, setting you on Israel's throne.

Because the Lord loves Israel forever, He has made you king to do judgment and justice."

¹⁰Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold,

spices in abundance, and precious stones.

The queen of Sheba gave Solomon spices of such abundance as he saw again no more.

¹¹Also, Hiram's ships, which brought gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir great quantities of almug wood and precious stones.

¹²And the king made steps of almug board for

the house of the Lord and the king's, also for the singers he made harps and instruments with strings.

Never again was there such quantities of almug board, nor is the like seen to this day.

¹³And King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba everything she desired;

anything she asked for he gave, besides what he had given her according to his royal bountiful supply.

So she returned to her own country with her servants.

¹⁴Six hundred and eighty-six talents of gold came to Solomon every year,

¹⁵besides what the traveling merchants brought from the income traders, from all the Arabian kings, and from the governors of the country.

¹⁶And Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold that used six hundred shekels of gold each.

¹⁷He also made three hundred shields of beaten gold, using three minas of gold each, for the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

¹⁸The king also made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

¹⁹The throne had six steps, and at the back of the throne the top was round;

he had armrests on both sides of the place of the throne with two lions standing beside the armrest.

²⁰Twelve lions stood on the six steps; on either side he had six.

In no other kingdom, was there any throne made like this.

²¹And all the drinking vessels of King Solomon were pure gold,

also all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

None of them were silver. Silver was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.

²²For Solomon had merchant ships sailing with the ships of Hiram.

They came once every year bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes and peacocks back to him.

²³Solomon was exceedingly abundant in all things; in riches and wisdom he surpassed all the kings of the earth.

²⁴And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear the wisdom God had placed in his heart.

²⁵And each man brought him presents: silver and gold articles, garments, armor, spices, horses and mules, at a set rate each year.

²⁶*God gave him wisdom, and abundance flowed continually to him there.*

²⁶And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen;

he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen.

He stationed them in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

²⁷And Solomon made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones,

and he made cedar trees as plentiful as the sycamore trees in the common.

²⁸Solomon also had horses brought out from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them there at the market price.

²⁹Each chariot purchased in Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver and a horse one hundred and fifty.

These were used to supply all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

@To be a son of God is to understand He owns the earth, and that abundant life, which is abundance of life, and abundance in life, is what He has in store.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The wisdom of the Lord you embrace and demonstrate will excite and attract the elite of nations and with them the wealth of nations.*
2. *When God calls you His son by definition there must be a distinction to adequately reflect and describe your divine Paternity.*
3. *You put God on display when you put His good gifts toward you on display.*
4. *The generosity and respect you give will attract generosity and respect to you.*
5. *Honor kings and officials as king honor kings; honor God as kings(you) ought to honor the King of kings.*
6. *God made Solomon a king to kings so He could teach us how to honor the King of kings.*
7. *Build standards that represent you as you represent and reflect your God.*
8. *When God elevates your value, then silver will be of little value, and He will be the repository and reservoir of all your values and valuables.*
9. *If gold paves your Father's walkway, then drink from the deposits here and live as if you are connected to the Father.*
10. *If you draw wisdom from the living God, then none will be compared to you because there is none compared to Him.*
11. *The wisdom of God attracts the wealth of the nations, the distinction of the Lord attracts its own buyers; develop the gift and it will develop the market.*
12. *Abundant life promised to sons of God is abundance in life and abundance of life; excellence, and distinction is wrapped up in the package.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, let the wisdom that attracts nations to You be on display in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Today I embrace the distinction that justifies my paternity as a child of God. Amen.
- It is all about You Father; that all may see my good works and Your goodness to me and glorify You. Amen.
- Spirit of generosity and true honor envelop my life, in the name of Jesus.
- God of Abraham, I live my life to honor You; teach me how to give to You as kings give to kings. Amen.

WHEN God gives commandments, be wise, no questions, just follow them. If you regard His knowledge, then discard

the thoughts of foreign women.

You may feel strong and that you will not fall,

but never flirt with sin at all;

For what will you do when strength departs,

or you get aged and weak at heart?

When the once zealous heart turns to sin, and you hear the punishment,

then know, when God gives commandments,

be wise, no questions, just follow them.

I KINGS II

¹Solomon loved many foreign women, also with the daughter of Pharaoh he had women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—

²women of the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel,

“Do not marry to them nor have them marry to you,

lest they should turn away your heart to serve strange gods that will ensnare you.”

Solomon clung to these in love.

³And Solomon had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned away his heart.

⁴It happened that when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart after other gods; his heart was not faithful to the Lord his God as the heart of David his father was.

⁵Solomon strayed after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

⁶Solomon did evil in the Lord's sight and did not follow the Lord wholly as his father David did.

⁷He built an altar for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill east of Jerusalem, and also for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

⁸He did similarly for all his foreign wives who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods.

@When God gives commandments, be wise, don't ask, just follow them.

⁹So the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel, who appeared to him twice before,

¹⁰and had commanded him regarding this same thing, that he should not go after other gods;

but he did not keep what the Lord had commanded him.

¹¹Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, “Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely rip the kingdom from you and give it to your servant.

¹²“However I will not do it in your days, for the sake of David your father; I will rip it out of your son's hand.

¹³“I will rip away the entire kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for my servant David’s sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen.”

¹⁴So the Lord stirred up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king of Edom.

¹⁵It had happened, when David was in Edom, Joab the captain of the host had gone up to bury the slain, after he had killed there every male;

¹⁶(for Joab remained in Edom for six months with all Israel, until he had cut off every male of them).

¹⁷And Hadad fled to Egypt then with certain Edomites, servants of his father. Hadad was a small child then.

¹⁸They arose from Midian and came to Paran, and took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt,

to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, provision to eat, and gave him land.

¹⁹And Hadad found great favor with Pharaoh, so he gave him his wife, Queen Tahpenes’ sister, to be his own wife.

²⁰The queen’s sister bore him Genubath his son, who Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh’s house.

And Genubath was in Pharaoh’s household among the sons of Pharaoh.

²¹When Hadad heard in Egypt that David and Joab were dead, he said to Pharaoh, “Let me return now to my own country.”

²²And Pharaoh said to him, “What have you lacked with me, that you seek to get back to your own country so suddenly?”

And he said, “Nothing, but let me go anyway.”

²³And the Lord raised up another adversary against him,

Rezon, son of Eliadah; he fled from his lord Hadadezer, who was Zobah’s king.

²⁴When David had killed the people of Zobah, he gathered a band of raiders to himself and became their captain.

And they went to Damascus and lived there, and in Damascus he reigned.

²⁵He was an enemy of Israel all the days of Solomon, (besides the mischief that Hadad created);

and he hated Israel and over Syria he reigned.

²⁶Then Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, a servant of Solomon, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose mother’s name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against King Solomon.

²⁷He rebelled because Solomon built the Millo, and repaired the damages to the City of David his father.

²⁸This Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and when Solomon saw how industrious he was, he gave him responsibility for all the workers of the house of Joseph.

²⁹Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out to Jerusalem,

the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way.

He clothed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the field.

³⁰Then Ahijah held the new garment he had on, and tore it into twelve pieces.

³¹And he said to Jeroboam, “Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the Lord, God of Israel says:

‘Behold, I will rip the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and I will give to you ten tribes,

³²(but he shall have one tribe, for the sake of David My servant, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel),

³³because they have forsaken Me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes,

to keep My statutes and judgments, as David his father did in his time.

³⁴However, I will not take the whole kingdom away from him,

because I have made him ruler all his days for the sake of My servant David, whom I choose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.

³⁵But I will take the kingdom out of the hand of his son and give to you ten tribes.

³⁶And to his son I will give one tribe, that David my servant will have a lamp before Me always,

in Jerusalem, the city I have chosen for Myself to put My name.

³⁷So I will take you, and you shall reign over all the desires of your heart, and you shall be king over Israel.

³⁸Then indeed, if you will heed all that I command you,

walk in My ways, and that which is right in My sight you do,

to keep My statutes and My commandments, as David My servant did also,

then I will be with you, and build for you a sure house as for David I did, and I will give Israel to you.

³⁹And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, but not forever.”

⁴⁰Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam therefore, but Jeroboam quickly fled to Egypt, to Shishak the king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until Solomon was dead.

⁴¹The rest of the acts of Solomon and all he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

“He had said, “Take fire in your bosom and you get burned; break a hedge, a serpent will bite.” Make good decisions when you are strong, lest when you get frail you lose desire.

⁴²The length of time Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

⁴³And Solomon died, and was buried in the City of David his father; and in his place Rehoboam his son reigned.

@God will give you wisdom and abundance, but you must know the rules; and when God gives commandments, be wise, no questions, just follow them; they are good for you.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Never feel justified in proving God wrong; you will be stupefied when reality strikes the note that you have proven your ignorance.*
2. *Wisdom flees in the arms of strange women, and you should flee also. Run with wisdom; do not let wisdom flee and leave you behind.*
3. *Never make human animals to satisfy your animal desire; never make women trophies to count; cage your desires before you cage your harem.*
4. *Folly is seeing how close you can get to sin without falling; wisdom is seeing how far you can stay from it.*
5. *The serpent you charm does not find you charming; it is waiting on you to drop your defenses for it to strike without warning.*
6. *Never assume that you are in control in sin or of sin; sin never takes second place. You got it means it has got you.*
7. *The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord; wisdom ends where fear runs off. It is your world, your life and your choice.*
8. *Never take your personal encounters with the Lord lightly; never become too familiar to remain faithful.*
9. *If you lose your head and refuse your Head; you lose your crown, your kingdom and your legacy; yes, you lose.*
10. *When you surrender your power to sin; you will be powerless against the repercussions.*
11. *You lose your protection when you surrender your consecration.*
12. *Never be too complacent that you forget the source of your placement, positioning and prosperity.*
13. *Start hard, go all out for God; finish strong. Your legacy is wrapped up in your finish.*
14. *Don't exhaust the grace of your predecessors on your sins; extend the grace to your generations by righteousness.*
15. *If you subject the blessing and mandate of God on your life to your poor character, God will divide the blessing to others just like you with poor character. Live determined to be a distinction and preserve the honor to have none who is like you in achievement.*
16. *There is a Shishak positioned, well connected to your enemies (Hadad and Jeroboam), ready to take all you have prepared but are not positioned to keep.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, help me to honor Your word without variation, in the name of Jesus. I refuse to test Your word or to tempt You. Amen.
- Most high God, I refuse to allow wisdom to leave me in places Your word did not take me. Amen.
- Let the spirit of selfishness that focuses on self-gratification above people be fanned away from this nation, by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Let the wisdom that causes restraint in fear of the

living God, fall upon believers globally in the name of Jesus.

- I hereby declare that sin has no place in my environment; I soak my environment in the blood of Jesus continually. I strongly resist any association with sin, in the name of Jesus.

LISTEN to your heart; you may hear the voice of God!

Listen to your people and speak in kindness and in love.

Please, oh, please listen now to reason. It is ok to be soft.

The sloping hills are crying, "Will you not listen to your heart?"

I KINGS 12

¹And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make Rehoboam king.

²And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it, (he was still in Egypt, for from the presence of Solomon he had fled and in Egypt he dwelt),

³that they sent and called him.

Then Jeroboam and the entire assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

⁴"Your father made our yoke difficult and heavy;

now therefore, make this difficult yoke of your father lighter, and we will serve you."

⁵So he said to them, "Go now, and come back to me."

So the people departed from him.

⁶Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who served his father Solomon while he lived. He asked them, "What advice do you give me to respond to these people?"

⁷And they spoke to him and said, "Listen to the people; be a servant to them; speak good words to them in kindness, and forever you will reign; they will be your servants forever then."

⁸But he rejected the advice the elders had given him,

and he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.

⁹And he said to them, "What advice do you give me? How should I answer this people who spoke to me, saying, 'Reduce the burden your father has put on us?'"

@His heart cried out within him, he knew what was right.

But his flesh wanted a reason, it sought for another voice.

¹⁰And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "This is what you are to say to the people who spoke to you, saying,

'Your father made our burden heavy, please reduce it for us.'

You shall tell them: "My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins!

¹¹My father made your yoke heavy, I will add

to the yoke you carry.

My father chastised you with whips; with scorpions I will chastise!¹⁷

@The young men gave him advice that was very far from wise.

¹²So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed.

¹³And the king spoke to them roughly; he rejected the advice the elders gave.

¹⁴He spoke to them the words the young men had advised him, saying,

“My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke;

my father chastised you with whips, I will chastise you with scorpions!”

¹⁵The king did not listen to the people, for this was from the Lord,

that He might fulfill the word He had spoken by Ahijah to Jeroboam Nebat’s son.

@The kingdom was divided; Rehoboam did not listen to his heart.

¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king and said,

“What portion do we have in David. We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel.

See to your own house, O David!”

So all Israel departed to their tents.

¹⁷And Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwell in the cities of Judah.

¹⁸Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram who was responsible for the tributes; and all Israel stoned him to death.

Therefore Rehoboam got into his chariot quickly and fled to Jerusalem.

@The king may have not heard the people; neither did he hear himself, but this got the king’s attention; he fled to Jerusalem.

¹⁹So Israel remained in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

²⁰When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent for him and called the people together, and made him king of all Israel. No one followed the house of David except for the tribe of Judah.

²¹When Rehoboam came to Jerusalem he gathered all of Judah together with the tribe of Benjamin— one hundred and eighty thousand chosen men who could fight— to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam, Solomon’s son.

²²And the word of God came to Shemaiah the prophet, saying,

²³“Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and the rest of the people, and say,

²⁴Thus says the Lord, “You shall not go up to fight against your brothers the children of Israel.

Let every man return to his house, for I have

done this thing.””

@O king, will you listen this time.

If you would not listen to good reason, will you now listen to God?

They obeyed the word of the Lord, and turned back, according to the word of the prophet.

²⁵And Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and lived there.

He also went from there and built Penuel.

²⁶And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Will not the kingdom return now to the house of David?”

²⁷“If these people go up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices in the Lord’s house, then their heart will turn back to their Lord, and they will kill me and return to serving their master Rehoboam.”

²⁸Therefore the king took advice, and on the bad advice, he made two calves of gold; and he said to the people, “It is too difficult for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of Egypt’s land.”

@Hello king, won’t you listen to the prophets, or your conscience, or your heart?

²⁹He set one up in Bethel, and the other he placed in Dan.

³⁰And this thing became a sin to all the people, for they worshipped the one in Dan.

³¹He also made shrines on the high place, and appointed priests of the unauthorized people, not of the sons of the Levites.

@Jeroboam, why won’t you listen? Say, won’t you serve the Lord?

He said “Your kingdom will be established, if with your heart you love His word.”

What is this feast you are having; who ordained this month, O king?

If it is God you seek to worship, why do you not listen then to Him?

³²Jeroboam declared a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a time that he devised. It was similar to the feast in Judah, and on the altar he offered sacrifices.

He did this at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made,

and there he placed the priests of the high places he made, in position.

³³So he offered sacrifices on the altar he had made at Bethel, on the fifteenth day of the eighth month,

in the month he had determined by the counsel of his own heart.

And he ordained a feast for all Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.

@No one to restrain him, though they knew God’s spoken word; none of them would listen; though their conscience spoke, they heard.

They blocked their ears in stubborn madness, as the hills cried to impart;

if you will not listen to the prophets, please, won’t you listen to your heart?

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Failure to understand and embrace the source of your wealth and the purpose of your wealth will make a curse of your wealth instead of a blessing of your wealth.
2. Failure to understand and embrace your purpose as a representative of heaven to the people will cause you to oppress instead of uplift.
3. To preserve and sustain a legacy understand and adjust for the season you are in. The legacy you inherited may not survive on the laws that built it; the anointing to manage for greater works is different from the anointing to establish.
4. Be ready to stamp your own footprint and to build your own legacy.
5. Never forget the desires of the people or they will make you undesired and forgettable; never forsake their interest or they will forsake you.
6. A listening ear and a heart of compassion will gain you the hearts of people and years of committed passion.
7. Never ignore wisdom even if it does not run with your crowd; wisdom is not a feeling it is a revelation.
8. You insult your kingdom if you insult the people; if you run your people away they will cause you to run away.
9. You are never really living for yourself; consider the effect of your actions on your generation and on your children.
10. When you are known as the one who placed a stumbling-block before others or who led others to sin; your memory is unsavory in heaven.
11. Demonic wisdom lays prostrate at the feet of Satan in worship; Godly wisdom trembles in fear of God and His word.
12. Control and power are not absolute, it is conditional; understand the terms and conditions of your power and be resolute.

PRAYER POINTS

- I declare by the power of the Holy Spirit in me that I shall govern kingdom resources for my King; I refuse to be ruled by money, in the name of Jesus.
- King of glory, I embrace my purpose and Your will for my life and see my position and positioning as an extension of You, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I thank You for my predecessors and what they have accomplished, but let the wisdom to be relevant to my generation be my portion today, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to manage for growth and maximum impact fall upon this generation of leaders, in the name of Jesus.
- Every spirit that seeks to build on a platform of insult and disrespect, be dispelled by the blood of Jesus. Let love and compassion be the foundation of Christian leadership, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the power in the blood of Jesus Christ fan away demonic wisdom from the hearts and minds of this generation. Amen.

I SAW it, yes I saw it; I saw it with my eyes.

I saw the prophet crying; ah yes, I saw the signs.

I still cannot believe it, the king's hand stretched out, just dried.

And it hurts to know a prophet believed a prophet's lies.

I saw the donkey, I saw the lion, I saw the prophet on the ground;

I saw it, yes, I saw it; the donkey was never torn.

I saw that some believed it and it made them change their ways,

And every day they cried out, "Oh, that the king would change!"

1 KINGS 13

¹A man of God went from Judah; by God's word he was sent to the altar of Bethel, as Jeroboam stood there to burn incense.

²He cried against the altar by the word of the Lord:

"O altar, O altar!" *They heard his every word.*

"So says the Lord, O altar, 'A child named Josiah shall be born into David's house, he shall offer the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, on your abominable stones;

and the bones of men shall be burned on your surface where these abominations now burn."

³He gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign the Lord has spoken: the altar shall be split in two, and the ash poured out that is on it."

⁴When King Jeroboam heard the prophecy of the man of God who cried out against the altar in Bethel,

he stretched out his hand from the altar, and said, "Seize him!"

Then the hand he stretched out withered so he could not pull it back in again.

⁵The altar was also split into two and the ashes poured out, according to the sign the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.

There were instant changes in the king's expression, from anger, to astonishment, to submission and appeal.

⁶The king said, "Please pray for me! Seek the mercy of the Lord your God, that my hand may be restored."

So the man of God prayed to the Lord, and life came to the king's hand again; it was restored as it was before.

⁷Then the king said to the prophet, "Come home with me; come refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."

⁸But the prophet knew the Lord's instructions clearly; he said to the king,

"If you should give me half your house, I will not go with you, nor eat nor drink in this place.

⁹For the Lord commanded me, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way that you came.'"

¹⁰So he turned and left by a way different from the way that he came.

¹¹There was an old prophet living in Bethel;

his sons came and told him the tale of all the works the man of God had done in Bethel that day; they also told their father all the words he had said.

12“Which way did he go?” their father asked of them.

For his sons had seen the prophet, when from Judah he left.

13Then he told his sons to saddle his donkey, and when they did, he set out.

14He pursued the man of God and found him resting under an oak.

And he said to him, “Are you the prophet who came from Judah?” And he replied, “I am.”

15He said to him then, “Come home with me and eat bread!”

16And he replied, “I cannot return or with you remain, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.

17“For this is the word that to me the Lord had said,

‘You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by the way you came.’”

18The old prophet said to him, “I am a prophet just as you, and an angel spoke to me by the Lord’s words, saying, ‘Bring him back to your house with you, to eat and drink and be refreshed.’” (He was lying).

Hunger blinded reason; the prophet turned aside. It is sad to know a prophet believed a prophet’s lie.

19He returned with him, and sat in his house eating and drinking.

20And as they sat there at the table, the word of the Lord came to the old prophet who was hosting him,

21And he cried out to the prophet who came from Judah, saying,

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Because you have disobeyed My word,

and have not kept the commandment the Lord your God commanded you,

22but you came back to eat and drink in this place the Lord said to you, “Do not eat bread or drink water,”

your dead body shall not come to your tomb.”

23*He was disturbed and saddened as the old prophet saddled his donkey for him, after he had eaten bread and refreshed himself with drink.*

24As he journeyed, a lion met him, and killed him by the way.

His body was laying on the road, and the donkey stood beside it there.

The lion was also standing by the body in the way.

25People passed by and saw it, the body on the road and the lion standing by the body.

And they told it in the city where the old prophet was living.

26When the old prophet heard it, they heard him say in fear, “This is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of the Lord.

Therefore, the Lord has delivered him to the lion, which has torn and killed him, as I prophesied and warned.”

27He told his sons to saddle his donkey, and so they obeyed.

28Then he went and saw for himself, the body was on the road, and the lion and the donkey were standing beside it.

The lion had not eaten the body or torn the donkey.

29The prophet took up the body of the man of God, placed it on his donkey, and returned with it.

So the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him.

30He placed the body in his own tomb, and grieved over him, saying, “Alas my brother!”

31After he buried him, he said to his sons, “When I die, bury me here in the tomb this man of God is buried in, lay my bones beside his bones.

32“For everything he cried out to the Lord against the altar in Bethel, and against all the shrines and the high places in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.”

@ I heard the heavens crying, “Oh, that the king would change!”

33But after this thing, Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way.

he made more of all sorts of people to be priests for his high place.

Anyone he desired to, he consecrated priests to his own disgrace.

34This thing became sin to Jeroboam and to all his house;

a sin that would destroy it from the face of all the earth.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *There is a cry against every altar of evil and wickedness and all its practitioners; it is just a matter of time.*
2. *The Lord is very specific about the end and about judgment; He has it measured in time, seasons and by name (Josiah, Jesus, the new Jerusalem); listen now or be listed among those who failed to hear.*
3. *You may assume power over the prophet but you have no power over the word; the word has the power to wither every hand and melt every heart stretched out against it.*
4. *Acknowledge it, your altar is not sustainable, you are at God’s mercy and you need grace. There is a place where people, position, power and influence cannot help you, only grace.*
5. *Never stand in the way of God’s word to sinners or justify them by friendship, fellowship or accepting personal and distracting gifts.*
6. *The command of God through you to you, is as potent as the command of God through you to others; the arrow of the word is still as sharp.*
7. *God is not a man to change His word; nor does He*

need a man to represent His change; the God who spoke to you must confirm His word to you.

8. *No matter who they are and what they have achieved, if it does not agree with the witness of God to you reject it.*
9. *The desires of your flesh is not adequate motivation to reject the instructions of the Spirit; hold fast to your fast until you breakthrough to God.*
10. *The same mouth that convinces you to sin will be the same mouth that condemns you to judgment; they will always be right in the end.*
11. *Leave a sign and an example for sinners by your words of righteousness and display of character; be a sign for sinners when you lose character and join them in sinning.*
12. *Follow God resolutely; it is best to be alive in the spirit than for your dead body to be spoken well of and be given special treatment.*
13. *A withered hand will not cause a withered heart to change; all the signs in the world will not move a hardened mind, only judgment.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every altar of witchcraft in this nation receive the judgment fire of God now, and let every demonic activity be dispelled by the power in the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Most high God, let every spirit that seeks to trivialize the end times judgment loose its hold on this generation and be brought to judgment, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the love of the Lord Jesus Christ break every spirit hardened against the word, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Omnipotent Father, thank You for Your grace abounding towards sinners; help them to acknowledge and receive it, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every distraction of the enemy assigned against my destiny and my life, be fanned away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.

WHEN sickness and darkness pull your child away, And you seek to find an answer Just to hear the prophet say, "You are being enclosed in danger; Evil floods your landscape. In your son was found some goodness; Death is his escape!"

I KINGS 14

¹So it was for Jeroboam, at that time Abijah his son fell sick.

²He sought to find an answer; he sent his wife to the prophet.

"Please go up to Shiloh; go up in disguise, that you may not be recognized to be Jeroboam's wife.

You will find Ahijah the prophet there.

It was he who told me I would be king over Israel.

³Take with you ten loaves, some cakes and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you of this child then."

⁴And so the wife of Jeroboam went to Shiloh, and to the house of Ahijah she came.

But Ahijah could not see, his vision was poor due to his age.

⁵The Lord had said to Ahijah, "Jeroboam's wife is coming now; she is coming to inquire of you regarding the sickness of her son.

This is what you are to say to her, for when she comes she will pretend to be another woman."

⁶And when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as they came through the door, to her surprise, he said,

"Come in, you wife of Jeroboam.

Why do you pretend to be someone else?

I am sent to you with depressing news.

⁷"Go, tell Jeroboam this is what the Lord God says:

'Because I exalted you from among the people and made you ruler over My people Israel,

⁸and I ripped the kingdom from the house of David and gave it to you,

but you have not been as My servant David who kept My commandments,

and who followed Me with all his heart, to do what was right in My eyes alone;

⁹but you have excelled everyone before you in doing evil,

for you have made for yourself other gods, and molded images to provoke me to anger,

and you have cast Me behind your back,

¹⁰therefore, I will bring disaster on your house, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel bond or free.

I will take away all those remaining of the house of Jeroboam, as one removes refuse until it is all gone.

¹¹Everyone who dies of Jeroboam in the city shall be meat for the dogs to eat,

and whoever dies in the field shall be food for the bird of the air to feed;

the Lord has spoken!"

¹²"Arise and go up now to your own house.

When your feet enter the city, the child you sought to save shall die.

¹³"And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only person of the house of Jeroboam who shall be buried;

because there is found in him some good towards the Lord God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

¹⁴"Also, the Lord will raise up for Himself a king over Israel, who will cut off Jeroboam's house;

this is the day; what day? Even now!

¹⁵"For the Lord will strike Israel, as in water a reed shakes.

He will root Israel up from this good land given to their fathers,

and will scatter them beyond the River, for they have provoked the Lord to anger with the wooden images they have made.

¹⁶"The Lord will give up Israel in that day because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel to sin."

¹⁷So Jeroboam's wife rose up and came to Tirzah.

And when she reached the threshold of the house the child died.

¹⁸And they buried him; and Israel mourned for him,

according to the Lord's word which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

¹⁹The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred and how he reigned, are written in the chronicles of Israel's kings.

²⁰Jeroboam reigned for twenty-two years. He slept with his fathers and Nadab his son succeeded him.

²¹And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. He was forty-one years old when he became king.

He reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, in the city the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put His name.

His mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess woman.

@When you forsake God's commandments, you will fall down on your face.

The gold that made you glitter, by brass shall be replaced.

So it was for Rehoboam:

²²Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord.

They provoked the Lord to jealousy with the sins they committed.

It exceeded all their father had done before.

²³For they built high places, sacred pillars and wooden images under every green tree and on every high hill.

²⁴And there were sodomites in the land, who perverted themselves.

They did similar abominations to the nations the Lord had cast out before Israel.

²⁵And in the fifth year of the reign of King Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

²⁶He took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house.

Shishak took everything—all the wealth amassed by King Solomon in his glory.

He also took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

He took away the glitter and he took away the fame.

²⁷And Rehoboam made him bronze shields to replace them—he had to make do with that—and he committed them to the captain of the guard, who guarded the door of the king's house.

Sin will change your gold standards to bronze.

²⁸Whenever the king went into the Lord's house, the guards carried them, then brought them back into the guardhouse.

Bronze now defined the glory of this king.

²⁹The rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the chronicles of Judah's kings?

³⁰There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days that they both lived.

³¹And Rehoboam died, and was buried with

his fathers in the City of David.

His mother was Naamah an Ammonitess. In his place Abijam his son reigned.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *When you do not disguise sin, you will seek to disguise yourself from the man of God; spiritual insight will pick you out long before your physical eyes pick up the blind prophet.*
2. *The God who sees beyond your disguise, sees your open sin and has judgment prepared waiting for you to catch up.*
3. *Excel everyone and earn your doctorate and your distinction in righteousness, never be known as a leader who is a follower of wickedness and evil.*
4. *The Lord is angry with the wicked every day; if you do the undesirable and abominable you will become unwanted, undesired and abominable.*
5. *The Lord who exalted you has the ability to abase, disgrace and to remove you; never give Him the motivation.*
6. *God will filter the good out of the bad in judgment and in death; for when you desecrate His laws in life He will desecrate you in death.*
7. *Live responsibly; your sins have effect on your nation, your family and your generations.*
8. *You set yourself up for failure when you set aside the laws of the Lord for personal pleasure and set up evil influence to mother your successor.*
9. *Build for the wicked if you build with the wicked and submit your building to wickedness; build from the wicked and receive the wealth of the wicked when you build on righteousness.*
10. *If you can lose it all in one day (everything Solomon and David acquired all their days) it cannot be the focus; make God the focus and keep it all.*
11. *When you surrender your righteous standards to sin, sin will change your golden standard to bronze and corrupt metal.*
12. *You cannot retain what you refuse to maintain, nor will you be sustained by the Hand you disdained.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of the living God, expose and convict every sinful rebellious spirit wearing disguise in the house of God, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the light of the living God expose and dispel every dark work, bringing it into judgment; let the love of the living God compel sinners to repentance, in the name of Jesus.
- Most high God, I place all my hope in You and with You; I will not stand against You; let me be known as the one who served You unapologetically. Amen.
- Loving Father, I position myself to receive Your favor, not Your wrath, in the name of Jesus. I apply the blood of Jesus to every area of my life now, in Jesus' name.
- Omnipotent God, I will walk in humility before You always, grateful for everything You are doing in my life. Amen.

**REJOICE with me, O Judah,
A righteous king has come
who follows God's commandments—
There is long life when this is done.
Weep, O daughters of Israel,
Jeroboam's house is cut off from there.**

**Yet they had suffered because of his sins,
and some never shed a tear.**

I KINGS 15

¹Abijam became king over Judah in Jeroboam's eighteenth year.
²He reigned in Jerusalem for just three years. His mother's name was Maachah, granddaughter of Abishalom.
³He followed after all the sins of his father, which he had done before him. His heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of his father David.
⁴However, for David's sake the Lord gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem;
⁵for David did right in the Lord's sight, and never turned aside from what God commanded him all the days of his life, except in the single matter of Uriah the Hittite.
⁶Now there was war between the house of Rehoboam and that of Jeroboam all the days of his life.
⁷The rest of the acts of Abijam, and all he did, are they not written down in the book of the chronicles of Judah's kings? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.
⁸So Abijam died, and they buried him in the City of David. And Asa his son succeeded him.
⁹In the twentieth year of Jeroboam, Israel's king, Asa became king over Judah.
¹⁰He reigned for forty-one years in Jerusalem. Maachah, Abishalom's granddaughter, was his mother's name.
¹¹And Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as David, his father, did.
¹²He took away the sodomites from the land, and removed all the idols his fathers had made.
¹³He also removed Maachah, his grandmother, from being queen mother, for she made an idol in a grove of Asherah.
@For Asa there was to be no compromise.
 Asa cut down her idol and burned it by the Brook Kidron!
His heart burning with holy fire.
¹⁴But the high places were not removed. Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days, and passion for the Lord filled his ways.
¹⁵He brought the things his fathers had dedicated into the Lord's house, and all the things he had dedicated himself: vessels of gold and vessels of silver.
¹⁶And there was war between Asa and Baasha, king of Israel all their days.
¹⁷And Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah to keep Judah under siege; so he would allow none to go out or come to Asa Judah's king.
¹⁸Then Asa took all the silver and gold that

remained in the treasuries of the Lord's house and the treasuries of the king's house, and entrusted them to his servants.
 And King Asa sent them to Ben-Hadad son of Tabrimmon, son of Hezion, Syria's king, who lived in Damascus, saying.
¹⁹"Let us enter a treaty between us, as the one that existed between our fathers. I have sent silver and gold to you. Come break your alliance with Baasha Israel's king, that he may withdraw from me."
²⁰And Benhadad accepted King Asa's request, and he sent the captains of his army against Israel's cities.
²¹He struck Ijon, Dan, Abel-beth-Maachah, all of Chinneroth, and all the land of Naphtali. And when Baasha heard of it, he forsook the building of Ramah, and he went back to Tirzah.
²²Then Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah, exempting no one. They took from Ramah the stones and timber Baasha was using to build Ramah, and with them Asa built Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.
²³The rest of the acts of Asa, all his might, all he did, and the cities he built, are written down in the book of the chronicles of Judah's kings. Nevertheless, when he was old Asa was diseased in his feet.
²⁴So Asa died and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Jehoshaphat his son succeeded him as king.
²⁵In the second year of Asa king of Judah, Nadab the son of Jeroboam became Israel's king. And he reigned for just two years.
²⁶And he did evil in the Lord's sight; he walked in the way his father did, and in his sin by which he made Israel to sin.
²⁷And Baasha the son of Ahijah of the tribe of Issachar, conspired against him and killed him. He was killed at Gibbethon in the land of the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel besieged Gibbethon.
²⁸Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa, Judah's king, and in his place he reigned.
²⁹When he became king, he destroyed all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave of them anyone who breathed. This was in accordance with the word the Lord had spoken by His servant Ahijah the prophet.
³⁰It was because of the sins Jeroboam had sinned and by which he made all Israel sin, and because he provoked the Lord to anger.
³¹Now the rest of Nadab's acts and all he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.
³²And Asa and Baasha king of Israel fought with each other all their days.

³³In the third year of Asa, king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah; he reigned for twenty-four years.

³⁴He did evil in the sight of the Lord, and he walked in Jeroboam's ways, and in his sin by which he made Israel sin. *Indeed, there is cause to shed many tears.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Big responsibility will be overwhelmed by faulty preparation, mentor your successor for mastery and personal success.*
2. *Time invested in succession will avoid the waste of time well spent in building your legacy.*
3. *Quit blaming circumstances; it is your time, your responsibility, your walk, your life, your reward, your judgment.*
4. *Your judgment is only attracted to your walk, not by your predecessors'.*
5. *Relationship does not excuse responsibility; make duty exclusive and everything else excluded if it excludes God. In dealing with deviant family and friends, put them aside if they put God aside.*
6. *Let God be your first resort and your confidence for every area of your life; rest in Him, find pleasures at His right hand and feast on His word.*
7. *The word of God against your sin is a divine-guided arrow that never misses its mark or its timing.*
8. *If you are used as a tool by God to execute His judgment, ensure your edges are clean and your soul pure because judgment will examine you before it moves on.*
9. *The Lord may use you by default even though you yourself are plagued with faults; adjust or be addressed.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the spirit of every leader in the body of Christ become captive to the call for effective preparation for succession, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of wisdom that commands time in mentoring and preparing successors, rest upon Christian leaders today, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the blood of Jesus Christ drive out the spirit of excuse from the hearts of believers; let them fall captive to the call to take responsibility and live effectively. Amen.
- I declare by the power in the blood of Jesus, I will live responsibly; I will look onto Jesus who is able to finish what He has started in me. Amen.
- I soak myself in the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Ghost; let every friendly demon in my circle be driven away by the fire upon my life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

TURBULENCE is hitting Israel! Turbulence is all around! Treachery, murder, plots; they are changing kings like clothes! If you wrest your way to power, they will wrest it from your control; When kings are dying all around you, turbulence has taken hold!

¹The word of God came to Jehu, the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

²"Because I exalted you from the dust and set you on Israel's throne, and you have followed the evil ways of Jeroboam,

and caused My people Israel to sin, *no you have not walked in My fear,* they have provoked Me to anger with their sins, *now turbulence is in the air,*

³therefore I will take away the posterity of Baasha and the posterity of his house, and I will make your house like Jeroboam's house.

⁴"He who dies in the city of Baasha shall be eaten by dogs there, and he who dies in the fields shall be eaten by the birds of the air."

⁵The rest of the acts of Baasha, all he did and his might, are written in the chronicles of Israel's kings.

⁶So Baasha died and was buried in Tirzah, *but turbulence was setting in.*

Elah his son replaced him as king.

⁷And the Lord spoke by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha and his house, because of the evil he did in God's sight, in provoking Him to anger with the works of his hands, in following the house of Jeroboam, and because he murdered them.

⁸In the twenty-sixth year of Asa, king of Judah, Elah became king over Israel; he reigned for just two years, *then he was rocked by turbulence.*

⁹His servant Zimri who commanded half of his chariots, conspired against him while he was drinking himself drunk in the house of Azra, the steward of his house in Tirzah.

¹⁰Zimri went in and struck him dead in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and he replaced him as king.

¹¹And Zimri killed all the household of Baasha as soon as he began to reign, he did not leave him one male of his relatives or friends.

¹²And so Zimri destroyed all of Baasha's household, just as the Lord had spoken against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,

¹³because of the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son,

by which they sinned, and caused Israel to sin, in provoking the Lord God of Israel to anger with their idols.

¹⁴*God's word was once more tested and tried, and all Israel knew it, these were turbulent times.*

¹⁴The rest of the acts of Elah and all he did are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.

¹⁵In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned in Tirzah seven days, *then turbulence caught up with him.*

The people had camped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

¹⁶Now the people there in the camp heard

how Zimri had conspired and killed the king. So all Israel made Omri the captain of their army, king of Israel that day in the camp.

¹⁷Then Omri and all Israel with him left Gibbethon and besieged Tirzah that day.

¹⁸When Zimri saw that the city was taken, he went into the citadel of the king's house, and burned the house down on himself with fire and died then.

¹⁹It was because of the sins he committed and the evil that in the sight of the Lord he did, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and his sin in making Israel sin.

²⁰The rest of the acts of Zimri and his treason are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.

²¹And the people of Israel were divided into two parts, as the turbulence gathered wings; half of Israel followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri.

²²But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni. So Tibni died and Omri reigned.

²³In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel. He reigned for twelve years; six of which was in Tirzah.

²⁴And he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver, and he built a city on the hill, and called its name Samaria, after the name of Shemer from whom the hill was bought.

²⁵And Omri did evil in the eyes of the Lord that surpassed all those who were before him.

²⁶He walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he led Israel into sin, provoking the Lord God of Israel to anger with their idols.

²⁷The rest of the acts which Omri did, and his might are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.

²⁸Omri died and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son reigned in his place.

²⁹Ahab became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa Judah's king.

And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria for twenty-two years.

³⁰Now Ahab exceeded all who were before him in the evil that he did in the Lord's sight.

He set a platform for turbulence that blocked the rain from his skies.

³¹He took it as a small thing for him to walk in Jeroboam's sins,

in that he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, the Sidonian king; and he went and served Baal and he worshipped him.

³²He then built an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

³³And Ahab made a wooden image, and did more to provoke the Lord's anger above all the kings of Israel before him.

Israel was in the midst of turbulent winds.

³⁴In his time Hiel the Bethelite rebuilt Jericho.

He laid the foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn son, and lost his youngest son, Segub, building the gates, according to the Lord's word which He had spoken by Joshua the son of Nun.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you retain the sins of the person you are raised up to replace you will retain the judgment and judgment will restrain and remove you.*
2. *If God promotes you, get a job description; understand His requirements or fall by your ignorance.*
3. *The word that empowered you to unseat your predecessor will not rest until it unseats you if you pursue unrighteousness; its assignment is against evil. Your power is in your performance.*
4. *The seed of rebellion you sow will become mature and raise up children who will come after you.*
5. *Rebellion has no power to promote just to deceive, it is coming back for its seat.*
6. *When you seize power, power will seize you and eventually be seized from you.*
7. *The turmoil that brought you into power will take you out of power if the evil that summoned you to power is not denied power and put out.*
8. *When you burn in pursuit of evil you are burning your house down on your own head and court-ing a burning hell.*
9. *When you dedicate yourself to evil you invite destruction on your house.*
10. *The Lord is angry with the wicked every day; He is emotionally conscious of everything you do.*
11. *Exceed your predecessors in righteousness not evil; you are remembered by your lineage but you are judged by your own walk.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Power to live a holy life before God, reside with me forever. I will be a leader in righteousness and not a disciple of evil, in the name of Jesus.
- I commit to walk in the Spirit, not in my own fleshly understanding. Father God, let me know what You require of me every day of my life. Amen.
- Spirit of complacency and presumption be driven away from the body of Christ by the fire of the Holy Ghost. Amen.
- Let every negative seed planted in my life be uprooted and burnt by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of rebellion operating in the body of Christ, somersault and die, in the name of Jesus.

I**N a land where rain is not falling,
Even the brook is dried;
Will you listen if they tell you,
"The Lord your God provides"?**
**When trouble has come on you,
And your very son has died,
If someone whispers, will you listen,
"The Lord God makes alive"?**

I KINGS 17

¹He was Elijah the Tishbite; he was an inhabitant of Gilead.

He was grieved because of the sins of Israel and all that was going on.

He said to Ahab, "There will be no rain or dew

these years, as the Lord God of Israel lives before whom I stand, except by my word; until I tell it to come.”

²Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

³“Go away from here and turn east; go hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into Jordan.

⁴“The brook will supply water for you to drink, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

⁵So he did as the Lord commanded, and went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into Jordan.

⁶Ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat when evening came;

he drank from the brook, and so he was sustained.

@The Lord God is providing; His word is tested and tried;

but will disappointment and anger be yours if your brook gets dried?

⁷After a while the brook dried up because there was no rain;

⁸but Elijah was eating of the Lord’s word, and he heard God’s word again, saying,

⁹“Arise and go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon and stay there.

See, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you.”

¹⁰So he went down to Zarephath, and when he reached the city gate, he saw the widow woman gathering sticks, and he said to her, “Please bring me some water in a cup that I may drink.”

¹¹And as she went to get it, he called out to her, saying, “Please bring me a morsel of bread also.”

¹²And she replied, “As the Lord your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of meal, and a little oil in a jar.

I gather these few sticks that I may go prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

@How could she be the one the Lord prepared and commanded?

Well, would she hear, “The Lord supplies”?

¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me, and make for yourself and your son then.”

@Woman, do not fear to sow it.

There is no rain, but this is fertile soil.

¹⁴“For this is what the Lord God of Israel says, ‘Your bin of meal shall not be depleted, nor shall your jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain.’”

¹⁵She went and did just what Elijah told her to do,

and she and Elijah and her household ate for a long time.

¹⁶The flour was not depleted, nor did the jar of oil run dry, just as the Lord had spoken by

Elijah.

¹⁷After these things the son of this woman fell sick.

¹⁸She came to Elijah, and said,

“Man of God, what do I have to do with you? Did you come to call my sins to memory, and to kill my son?”

@She seemed to have forgotten, she had one meal to eat and die.

@She experienced, the Lord God who provides.

Now this she would come to appreciate;

the Lord God makes alive!

Was she ready for a taste?

¹⁹Elijah said to her, “Give your son to me.”

And he took him out of her arms and brought him upstairs to the loft where he slept, and laid him on his own bed.

²⁰Then he cried out to the Lord, and said,

“O Lord my God, have You brought disaster on the widow I am staying with, by putting her son to death?”

²¹And He stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to God in earnest, saying,

“O Lord my God, please let the soul of this child come to him again.”

@He knew that God was life,

and the Lord God makes alive!

²²And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah,

and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

²³And Elijah took the child to his mother in the house, saying,

“Woman, see, your son lives!”

²⁴Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know you are a man of God, and the word of God that is in you is truth.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Where zeal for the Lord and the knowledge of His heart inspires your proclamation, your word has heaven’s ratification.
2. It is a great responsibility to carry when the fate and the well-being of a people is wrapped up in your word, yet we all carry that responsibility.
3. Purpose dictates provision, protection and preservation; yours.
4. It may not be elaborate but it is sustaining; it may not be a banquet but it is providence.
5. Never let pride get in the way of your preservation; never reject ravens and hug your cravings; never reject the message because of the messenger.
6. Not because you have the word of God means that your brook will never dry; it means your Source will never dry.
7. Never get tied down to routine or tied up by routine; understand your season and be ready to move.
8. The Lord will bless through unusual sources who will never know the potential they have for kingdom impact.
9. If you can find Christ (the Word) in your crisis you will find cover; the Word needed to sustain you is already released and alive waiting for you to find it.
10. Never prophesy death over your life and your family, it will become your reality; especially when you get others to agree, telling you, “Go and do as you have said.”

11. *When it is too small to sustain you, it is too small to retain; release it to the Lord. When it is all you have, it is all you need in God's hands.*
12. *Position yourself as a kingdom administrator, receiving kingdom resources to supply kingdom needs.*
13. *When you give to God the firstfruit, all the remnant is blessed; when you seek the kingdom first you deliver a package to yourself with all your needs included; when you bake a cake for the prophet first, then your inadequacies will be adequate.*
14. *The presence of the prophet or the anointing may not prevent you from attack; it presents hope in crisis and resuscitation and resurrection of dead situations.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, give me precision to hear what You are saying accurately and fearlessness in my zealous pursuit of You. Amen.
- Lamb of God, I will go, I will tell, I will speak; I refuse to be responsible for the blood of this dying world. Amen.
- I operate from my perch under the shadow of the Almighty as I execute Your purpose for my life. Amen.
- Thank You Lord for every provision You give to me and every blessing You bring my way; my heart is forever grateful to You. Amen.
- I humble myself at Your feet Lord Jesus and sit in awe of You daily; I refuse to be distracted by the instrument of my provision but rather choose to be amazed by the source. Amen.
- Most High God, You are my source and supply, my brook that can never run dry; show me my next move, the next step You desire me to make. Amen.

I FEEL the wind is changing; "He is God!" all men proclaim. Go tell it to Ahab; it brings with it abundance of rain. Three years they have been crying; Baal answered not nor came, No, not with water; now they asked fire, and now he answered not again. Abundance now is coming; kill the ones who bring you wrath. It is God who lights the fire and brings abundance to your path. Hurry up, the rain is coming; see the chariot moving fast. But with His wind under your wings you will outrun their horse.

I KINGS 18

¹It was the third year of famine, and to Elijah the word of the Lord came, "Go show yourself to Ahab; on the earth I will send rain."

²So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab the king. And Samaria was devastated by this severe famine.

³A mission for Obadiah, the governor of Ahab's house; he feared the Lord greatly, *and this had set him*

apart and out.

⁴When Jezebel killed all the Lord's prophets, Obadiah hid a hundred in caves; he hid them there by fifties, and fed them with water and bread those days.

⁵A mission for Obadiah, Ahab said, "Go throughout the land at this time; in this moment of scarcity, go and see what you can find.

Go to all the fountains of water, to every brook around;

maybe you will find some grass for the mules and horses, so we will not have to kill them all."

⁶They divided the land between them; Ahab and Obadiah went different ways;

⁷Elijah met Obadiah suddenly as he was on his way, and Obadiah recognized him, and fell to his face

and said, "Are you my lord Elijah?"

⁸Elijah said, "I am, now go tell your master that Elijah is here."

⁹Obadiah said, "You are delivering your servant to Ahab for him to kill me? But why, how have I sinned?"

¹⁰"As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where the king has not sent someone to seek you, and he took an oath of those kingdoms and nations when they said you were not there.

¹¹"Now you say to me, 'Go tell your master that Elijah indeed is here?'"

¹²"I know as soon as I leave you the Spirit of the Lord will carry you off, to a place I do not know;

when I tell Ahab and he comes and cannot find you, he will kill me.

But I, your servant, have feared the Lord from my youth.

¹³"Did they not tell you my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, how I hid one hundred of them by fifties to a cave, and fed them with bread and water?"

¹⁴"Now you say, 'Go, tell your master Elijah is here.' He will kill me then."

¹⁵Then Elijah said, "As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will show myself to him today, the time has come."

¹⁶So Obadiah went to Ahab and brought him to the place the prophet was.

¹⁷When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you indeed, the one who troubles Israel?"

¹⁸And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel; it is you and your father's house who have, for you have forsaken the Lord's commandments and have followed the Baals.

¹⁹"Now, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred prophets of the wooden images who eat with Jezebel, and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal."

²⁰So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and he gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.

²¹And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you pause between two opinions?"

If the Lord is God, then follow Him, but if Baal, then follow Baal."

The people did not answer, though they knew well what they heard.

²²Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left of the Lord's prophets, but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men.

²³"Let them give us two bulls; and let them take one for themselves, cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire beneath it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, with no fire under it.

²⁴"You call on the name of your gods then and I will call on the name of the Lord; the God who answers us by fire, He is God."

²⁵Then all the people answered and said, "Well spoken!

Choose for yourself one of the bulls, and you prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it."

²⁶So they took the bull they were given, and prepared it and called on the name of their god Baal from morning until noon.

@After three years of harsh famine, they must have been saying, "Baal is coming soon!"

They said, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; he did not answer as at all the times before.

They then leaped on the altar they made, *they would play the fool some more.*

²⁷At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, surely he is god;

perhaps he is meditating, or is busy, or has taken a trip,

or he is napping and must be awakened, maybe noise will do the trick."

²⁸And so they cried out, and cut themselves, as they were accustomed to doing, using lances and knives until blood gushed out of them.

²⁹And when midday was past and they had prophesied to the time of the evening sacrifice, no one answered, no one paid attention, there was no voice, no fire.

³⁰Then Elijah said to the people, "Come near to me."

So they all came near to Elijah, and he repaired the Lord's altar that was broken down.

³¹Elijah took twelve stones, representing the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the Lord had said, "Israel shall be your name."

³²With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord and made a large trench around the altar that day.

³³As the people watched in earnest, he put the wood in order, and cut the bull in pieces,

and he laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four barrels of water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood."

@The wood was soaked and draining, as the people watched in surprise.

³⁴For Elijah said, "Do it again, and again." A second and a third time.

³⁵As the water ran all around the altar, he also filled the trench.

@As the trenches filled with water, the people held their breath.

They digested every motion of this prophet's faith or stark madness.

³⁶But at the time of the evening sacrifice with gentle confidence, Elijah came near, and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today, that You are the Lord God of Israel and I am Your servant; and all that You have spoken I have done.

³⁷"Hear me; O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God then, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

³⁸Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice; *but to their utter amazement, it also consumed the wood, and the stones and the dust, and even licked up the water in the trench!*

³⁹When all the people saw it, on their faces they fell;

"The Lord, He is God! He is God!" They all exclaimed, and said.

⁴⁰And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape!"

So they captured them, and Elijah brought them to the Brook Kishon, and he killed them there that day.

⁴¹Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of abundance of rain."

⁴²And Ahab went up to eat and drink, and Elijah then went up to the top of Carmel.

He put his face between his knees, as down on the earth he bowed.

⁴³And Elijah said to his servant, "Go up now; look towards the sea."

So he went up and looked, and said, "There was nothing."

Six times he said this, but he told him, "Go again."

⁴⁴Then on the seventh time, he said, "There is a cloud like a man's hand rising out of the sea. And he said, "Go now, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariots;

go down in a hurry before the rain stops you.'"

⁴⁵Then the small hand turned to black clouds, as the wind began to rise, and as Ahab rode to Jezreel, the rain blotted out his cloudless skies.

@Driven with fervor, the rain was beating fast!

Driven by abundance, the rain raced against his horse.

But driven by the Lord's hand, Elijah outran the

chariot of the king.

Like a bird that is driven, with wind under its wings!

⁴⁶For the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins, and he ran before Ahab, until to Jezreel's entrance he arrived.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The severity of the situation or anxiety does not dictate timing; the Lord does. If what you carry is His, He will tell you when to show yourself.*
2. *The fear of the Lord must exceed the fear for your own life and compel you to do what the Lord requires of you even in great danger.*
3. *Not everyone can handle the divine revelation of the next move of God; God will handpick representatives as he did Obadiah.*
4. *People will search for the Word of God to ease their situation but not to resolve it, to give them comfort in sin and not commitment; they will acknowledge their prophets are not profitable but they will not give them up.*
5. *The power of the Lord to hide and preserve you, even in plain sight, is greater than every power seeking to discover, expose and to harm you.*
6. *It is easier to blame the consequences of your action on a third party than to take responsibility and be committed to change.*
7. *The world is waiting for people willing to take God at His word and to showcase Him to the world; be ready to stand your ground for God.*
8. *You cannot put your confidence in idols or demons without making a fool of yourself; practise your confidence in secrecy for you cannot survive a public display.*
9. *If you will answer this evil world with zeal for God, God will answer you with fire.*
10. *The time for wavering is over; the call for steadfast commitment is compelling.*
11. *Keep standing even if you are the only one left standing; be ready to plunder the enemy even in the place of their own authority and comfort.*
12. *Difficult for man is easy for God but increases the awe of Him; magnify God by believing for the supernatural.*
13. *A small indication is enough to satisfy your big faith that the big things you are believing for are happening.*
14. *Run with God and He will make you the greatest sprinter-distant runner that ever lived. Elijah is the only man to ever outrun horses over long distance.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of the living God, I am like a leaf blown in Your wind. I refuse to be distracted by my sight or my feelings; I move at Your word. Amen.
- I tremble before You Father; You alone have power over my soul. I will not fear what man can do to me.
- Most High God, let the person You have assigned to convey me to the next level, locate me now, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of conviction that leads to genuine repentance, fall upon sinners today, in the name of Jesus.
- Bold and valiant believers willing to stand your ground for God, arise now and defend your faith, in the name of Jesus.

JEZEBEL is out to slay you,
**And all your strength is gone;
 Exhausted by this weakness;
 it is time to pass the mantle on.
 You are standing on a mountain,
 seeking a reason to rejoice;
 It may not be in an earthquake,
 May be just a still small voice.
 Your soul may need to hear this,
 "Soul, why are you cast down?"
 Sweet relief comes with knowing
 that you are not alone.**

I KINGS 19

¹And Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, and how he killed all the prophets with the sword.

²And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying,

"Let the gods do so to me and more, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."

³Jezebel was out to slay him.

When Elijah realized, he got up and fled for his life;

and he went to Beersheba, which is in Judah, and there he left his servant behind.

⁴And he went alone a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat under a juniper tree.

And he sought escape in death; he prayed to die, saying, "It is enough! Lord, please take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

⁵And as he rested and slept under the tree, suddenly he was touched by an angel, who said to him, "Rise and eat."

⁶He looked, and there was a cake that was baked on coals, and a jar of water at his head. *Just when he needed comfort, he was comforted.* He ate and drank and lay down again.

⁷And the angel of the Lord came back the second time and touched him, and said, "Rise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."

⁸So he rose up ate and drank and he went in the strength of the food he had forty days and forty nights, as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

⁹*®No better place to run to when you are in need of a word, and gentle arms to hold you; run to God.*

⁹He went into a cave and spent the night in that place, and to him the word of the Lord came. And He said to him, "What are you doing here Elijah?"

It was refreshing as the rain.

¹⁰He said, "I was jealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword.

I am left alone, and they seek my life.”

11Then He said, “Go stand on the mountain before the Lord.”

And as he did, the Lord passed by, and a great strong wind lashed the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake came, but the Lord was not in the quake.

12After the quake a fire burned all around, but the Lord was not in the fire.

Then when all the noise had died, he heard a very still small voice.

13And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle, and he went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Suddenly a voice came to him, saying, “Elijah, what are you doing here?”

14He said, “I was jealous for the Lord God, because the children of Israel had forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword.

I alone remain; now they seek to take my life.”

15Then the Lord said to him: “Go, return in the direction of the Wilderness of Damascus, and when you arrive, anoint Hazeal as king over Syria.

16“Also anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel.

And anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

17“It shall be that anyone who escapes Hazeal’s sword, Jehu will kill, and those who escape the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.”

@God’s remedy for depression:

He gave Elijah work to do that day.

When purpose is being fulfilled, depression slips away.

18“Yes I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, those who have not bowed their knees to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

No, you are not alone.

19So he departed from there *relieved and motivated, knowing he was not alone.*

And he found Elisha, the son of Shaphat, who was plowing the land with twelve yokes of oxen before him. He was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.

20Elisha left the oxen then and ran after Elijah, and said,

“Please permit me to kiss my father and mother, and then I will follow you.”

And Elijah said, “Go back and do this, for what have I done to you?”

21So Elisha returned from him, and took a yoke of oxen. He killed them and boiled their flesh, using the equipment from the oxen, and he gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he rose up and followed Elijah and ministered to him as his servant from then on.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The Jezebel spirit is not moved by the supernatural; its hardness terrifies even the greatest prophet.*
2. *Guard against heavy demonic attack after every great move or demonstration of God; the devil will harass you to the point of surrender or desiring death.*
3. *When you are at your lowest point place your faith at the highest peak and your feet will take you there.*
4. *Go hard, even if you think you are alone; perhaps you are just the only one willing to be a voice for God.*
5. *No matter how dangerous, devastating or depressing it seems, keep pressing; God is passionate for the zealous and His angels are present with them.*
6. *God is taking you somewhere and will be your provision and strength for the journey; God is taking you to Him to take you beyond.*
7. *Be ready to fast and to stand fast as you steadfastly pursue His presence; never stop until you reach the mountain-top.*
8. *Nothing like the presence of God to resolve the problems of the heart; when you are overwhelmed by situations find the quintessence of the presence.*
9. *Run hard, run long, run continuously in prayer, praise and fasting until you find Him and find yourself on the mountain-top.*
10. *Never be fooled by the noise, the shaking or the fireworks, always listen for and to the still small voice.*
11. *There is no greater resolution for personal crisis than new assignment from the Lord; ‘kingdom first’ rearranges perspective and removes fear.*
12. *The problem may not have moved away from you, but you know you have moved away from it and moved on to God when it no longer distresses you.*
13. *Be ready to surrender everything for the call; fulfillment begins when you step out in faith and go.*
14. *The mantle you feel is not the conclusion just the invitation; the hunger you acquire releases the anointing you need.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of Jezebel targeting ministers in the body of Christ, somersault and die; be eaten by your dogs, in the name of Jesus.
- I call forth a protective covering and a defensive shield of warrior angels over the life of every minister of the gospel and every carrier of a move of God in this age, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of depression, be dispelled from the lives of ministers and be replaced by renewed confidence and enthusiasm for God and the things of God.
- Every spirit driving Christians from their prayer altars in order to torment them, loose your hold now, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to persist in faith and the willingness to stand alone for righteousness, envelop our youths now, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the spirit of discipline and pursuit that will cause me to live in Your presence on the mountain-top, Father, envelop my life now and refuse to let go, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

GOD of the hills and valleys,
Of mountain peaks and plains,
Is the God who is fighting for you,
But do you fight with Him?
Call the enemy your brother;
Give your life that he may live,
After he was delivered to you
By the God of valleys, hills.

I KINGS 20

¹Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his forces: thirty-two kings, with horses and chariots.

And he went and besieged Samaria and made war against it.

²Then he sent messengers into the city to Ahab the king, saying,

“Ben-hadad says,

³Your silver and your gold are mine; your favored wives and your children are mine.”

⁴The king of Israel answered and said, “As you have said, O king, I and all I have are yours.”

@It was so easy for Ahab to give Jezebel away.

⁵But Ben-hadad was not finished; he sent messengers back to say,

“This is what Ben-hadad says, I have sent to tell you to deliver to me your silver and gold, your wives and your children,

⁶but I will send my servants to you about this time tomorrow, they will search your house and your servants’ houses, and will take anything that is pleasant in your eyes.”

@Not in their eyes but yours. This was personal aggravation.

⁷So King Ahab called all the elders of the land, and said,

“See how this man seeks mischief with us, for he has sent for my wives, my children, my gold and my silver and I have not denied him.”

⁸And all the elders and all the people said to him, “Do not submit or consent.”

⁹Therefore, to the messengers of Ben-hadad he said,

“Tell my lord the king that all he requested of me the first time I will do, but this thing I cannot do.”

So the messengers left and returned to Ben-hadad with the message.

¹⁰Then Ben-hadad sent to him, saying, “May the gods do so to me and more if I leave enough dust in Samaria to fill the hands of each of my servants who follow me.”

¹¹So the king of Israel replied,

“Do not let the person who puts on his armor boast himself just as the person who puts it off.”

@This response was not tender; Ahab was no more speaking soft.

¹²When Ben-hadad heard this message, as he and the kings were drinking in the camp, he said to his servants, “Position yourselves for war.”

And they got in position to attack the city.

¹³Then a prophet approached Ahab the king, and said,

“This is what the Lord says: Have you seen this great multitude?

Today I will deliver them all to you, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

¹⁴So Ahab asked of him, “By whom?”

And he replied, “By the princes of the provinces, says the Lord.”

And Ahab asked “Who shall order the battle?” He replied, “It shall be ordered, king, by you.”

¹⁵So he numbered the princes of the provinces, they were two hundred and thirty-two; and he numbered all the people, all the children of Israel;

they were just seven thousand, only a few.

¹⁶And they went out at noon.

While Ben-hadad and the thirty-two kings with him were drinking themselves drunk.

¹⁷The princes were the first to go out.

And Ben-hadad was told, “Men are coming out from Samaria!”

¹⁸But he said, “Whether they come for peace or for war, take them all alive.”

¹⁹So the princes of the provinces went out of the city with the army.

²⁰Each of them killed his man; so the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria jumped on his horse and fled with his cavalry, when he realized what was going on.

²¹Then the king of Israel attacked the horses and the chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

@For you will have sure victory when the God of hills is with you!

But do not let your enemy be fooled, He is the God of the valleys too.

²²And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said, “Go strengthen yourself and mark; next year the king of Syria will come again.”

This time they will be fighting with the God who rules the plains.

²³Then the servants of King Ben-hadad said to him,

“Their gods are gods of hills.

Indeed that is why they were stronger this time. If we fight them in the plain their gods will lose their will.

²⁴“Release the kings and replace them with captains;

²⁵and put an army together like the army that you lost,

horse for horse and chariot for chariot.

We will fight them in the plain then; we will definitely be stronger this time.”

And he listened to them and did what they advised.

²⁶And so, at the turn of the year, Ben-hadad gathered Syria and went up to Aphek to fight Israel.

²⁷And Israel was gathered and given provi-

sions, and they went up against them. The Syrians filled up all the valley while Israel camped before them like two small flocks of sheep.

²⁸Then a prophet of God came and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says the Lord, 'I have heard what the Syrians have said, "The Lord is God of hills, but is not God of the valleys; therefore I will deliver all this multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord.'"

@The God of hills and valleys, of mountain peaks and plains; yes, the God who fought for you before, will fight for you again.

²⁹And they were camped opposite each other for seven days.

On the seventh day they went to battle; and the children of Israel killed one hundred thousand Syrians in one day.

@Certainly Ahab must have reflected on the word of God, "That you may know that I am the Lord."

³⁰The rest of the Syrians fled to Aphek, into the city to hide.

@Know the God of hills and valleys, is God of cities alike.

A wall fell on twenty-seven thousand of those who remained; twenty-seven thousand died!

@The walls whose strength protected, behind whose shadow they felt safe, could not shield when God delivered.

Ben-hadad had no protection in any place.

So Ben-hadad fled and went into the city, into an inner room.

³¹Then his servants said to him, "We have heard that the kings of Israel are merciful. Let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads, and go to the king of Israel in humility, perhaps he will spare our lives then."

³²So they clothed themselves with sackcloth and banded their heads with ropes, and came and spoke to Israel's king.

"Your servant Ben-hadad says, 'Please let me live.'"

Do you call the enemies your brother?

Ahab said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

³³The men were observing closely, looking for a sign,

of softness and of mercy, so with his word they replied,

"Your brother Ben-hadad."

So he said, "Go and bring him to me."

Then Ben-hadad came to him and he invited him up in his chariot.

³⁴And Beh-hadad said to him, "The cities my father took from your father I will restore; and you may have streets for yourself in Samaria as my father had in Damascus."

@God gave Ahab, Damascus; Ben-hadad offered him some streets.

Ahab embraced the enemy, and accepted this for a treaty of peace.

³⁵And a certain man of the prophet said to his neighbor by the word of the Lord, "Strike me, please." But the man refused to strike him.

³⁶And he said to him, "Because you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, as soon as you leave me a lion will kill you."

And as soon as he left a lion killed him.

³⁷Then he went to another man, and said, "Strike me, please." So the man struck him and wounded him.

³⁸So the prophet disguised himself with ashes on his face, and he went and waited for the king by the road he would pass by.

³⁹And as the king passed by, he cried out to him and said,

"Your servant is coming from the midst of battle, and there a man came and brought a man to me, and said,

'Guard this man by all means, if he is missing, your life shall be for his life, or you shall pay a talent of silver, otherwise.'

⁴⁰"While your servant was occupied, he escaped."

Then the king said to him, "So shall you be judged; you have decided it yourself."

⁴¹He hastily took the ashes from his face; then the king recognized him as one of the prophets.

⁴²Then he said to him, "This is what the Lord says, 'Because you have let a man I appointed for utter destruction slip from your grasp, your life shall be for his life, and your people for his people.'"

⁴³So the king of Israel returned to his house depressed and displeased, and to Samaria he came.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. There are strong enemies waiting to subvert and to embarrass you if you revert and step outside of God.
2. The enemy will not be satisfied until they have reduced you to rubbish, give him no room, he will claim the entire house.
3. When you rage against demonic strength, ensure you are fully anchored in God.
4. A word from the Lord resolves crisis, direction from the Lord settles the resolve.
5. A battle is not won by advantage, it is won by completion (pressing the advantage home); you have not won or lost until the battle is finished.
6. It is to your disadvantage to get complacent or presumptuous because you have an advantage.
7. The God you serve is one God in every season, in every place, throughout time; He never changes with time or seasons or moments or occasion.
8. Formidable becomes dismissible if it is positioned against God; the most strategic positioning is to be aligned with God.
9. God shows Himself strong on your behalf so you will know He is God.
10. They may consider you weak in numbers but they have not considered your strength in God;

your strong wall of defence.

11. *When your enemies rise high like a mountain, your Wall will fall down on them.*
12. *When God gives you nations, never be content with streets; when God gives you the heads of kings never be content with the hand of kings; just a handshake.*
13. *When sympathy prevents you from fulfilling God's command of you the lions of the earth will have no sympathy on you.*
14. *Dereliction of duty is easy to determine and to discipline but hard to digest when the culprit is you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I refuse to surrender my strength in God for one minute to the devil, in the name of Jesus.
- The Lord rebuke You Satan; You have no part or portion in me. Amen.
- I cover myself with the blood of Jesus and clothe myself in His strength as I possess the gates of my strong enemies. Amen.
- Father God, let believers in the body of Christ understand their strength in You and advance in faith and confidence, knowing You are God.
- God of Abraham, God of David, God of Daniel, God of Elijah, God of the Apostle John, the God of hills and valleys, the unchanging God, my strength, my King and my confidence. I will boast in You alone. Amen.

JEZEBEL is a queen who lived in Israel; Jezebel is a spirit who feeds on wickedness.

She eats with priests of devils, She chases God's prophets down. She kills and takes as she likes, as if all the world she owns.

Jezebel is a woman who will be eaten by the dogs.

Jezebel is a spirit; embrace her and you are gone.

Listen to wisdom as Ahab briefly did; From the spirit Jezebel separate;

Reject that unclean spirit and live; you may have rebate.

1 KINGS 21

¹Naboth a Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel; it was close to the palace of Ahab, the king of Samaria, and close to the king's heart.

²So the king said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may plant a garden of vegetables,

for it is near, next door to my house; and I will give you a better vineyard;

or, if you prefer, I will give the money's worth."

³But Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."

⁴So Ahab came to the house distressed and displeased because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him;

for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers."

He lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat nothing.

But now a distressed king was to be consoled by Jezebel.

⁵Jezebel is a woman; she was Ahab's wife.

She came to him, and said, "Why are you so sad my husband that you eat nothing at all?"

⁶He told her of the vineyard and how he asked Naboth the Jezreelite to sell him for money, or exchange it for a better one elsewhere; and how Naboth resisted him, saying, "I will not give it."

⁷Then Jezebel, *the spirit*, spoke up and said, "You are the ruler of Israel, rise up and eat, and let your heart be cheerful;

I will give the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to you."

The wicked and evil spirit took charge of her.

⁸Then she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed with his seal, and sent them to the nobles and the elders dwelling in the city with Naboth.

When Jezebel attacks you, she will turn your own people on you.

⁹The letter she wrote said, "Proclaim a fast, and give Naboth a seat of honor among the people;

¹⁰then set two wicked men before him, to witness against him this lie, saying, 'You blasphemed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him that he die."

¹¹So the men of the city, the elders and nobles did as Jezebel requested, everything written in the letter she sent to them.

¹²They proclaimed a fast and gave Naboth a honored seat among the people.

¹³And two wicked men came in and sat before him, and they testified against Naboth before all the people, saying,

"Naboth has blasphemed God and the king." And they took him out of the city and stoned him to death.

¹⁴They sent the message to Jezebel that Naboth was stoned and he is now dead.

¹⁵And when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned to death, *the wicked spirit rose up*, and she spoke to Ahab, saying, "Rise up, go and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite which he refused to sell. Naboth is no longer alive, he is dead."

¹⁶When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he went and took possession of Naboth's vineyard.

¹⁷Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

¹⁸"Arise and go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who lives in Samaria.

He is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take it for himself.

¹⁹"This is what you are to say to him, 'The Lord says,

"Have you murdered and also have taken away?"

"Say to him also, 'This is what the Lord says, "In the place dogs licked the blood of Naboth,

dogs shall lick your blood just the same.””

²⁰And Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?”

And Elijah said, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to evil in the sight of the Lord.

²¹*“You have sold yourself to the Jezebel spirit.*

²¹I will, bring disaster on you.

I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free.

²²I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,

and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah,

because of the provocation, for you have provoked Me to anger, and made Israel sin.’

²³“And the Lord also says, concerning Jezebel, ‘At the wall of Jezreel, she will be eaten by dogs.’

²⁴He who dies in the city of Ahab’s house the dogs shall eat; and the birds shall eat whoever dies in the field.”

²⁵And there was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to wickedness in the Lord’s sight; for he was driven to evil by Jezebel his wife; *and seduced by the spirit Jezebel.*

²⁶He did abominations in following idols, just as the Amorites did,

whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.

²⁷And when Ahab heard the words of Elijah, he ripped his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and lay in sackcloth and went around humbly.

“The spirit Jezebel cannot be humbled, so from him he placed it away,

that unclean spirit that controlled him, and he humbled himself that day.

²⁸And the Lord’s words came to Elijah, saying,

²⁹“See how Ahab has humbled before Me?”

I will not bring the disaster in his days.

I will bring the disaster on his house in the days of Ahab’s son.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *There is no acceptable justification for covetousness and envy.*
2. *Never surrender your divine inheritance for pleasure, pressure, promotion, power or prosperity.*
3. *If you cannot get it do not let it get you or get to you; remonstrance because of restriction is immaturity.*
4. *Covetousness is eating you if it drives you to the point where you cannot eat.*
5. *A gift from a person with no rights of ownership is accomplice to theft.*
6. *When you allow your name and authority to be used to commit crime you become a criminal; ensure you are represented well by those who use your name; even if she is your wife.*
7. *Power of influence should never be used to push personal greed, or wrath, or murderous intent; it is the Jezebel spirit.*
8. *You may deny knowledge of the act, but the fact is you cannot avoid or deny judgment of the act;*

have nothing to do with the act or any rewards of it.

9. *His death does not make you his heir; you may shed blood but you cannot replace blood.*
10. *When you sell yourself to the dogs (witchcraft) God will leave you to the dogs for them to consume you.*
11. *Your eternity heats up when your legacy reads ‘none like you who excelled in wickedness and sin.’*
12. *Even the most evil of men can move God if they embrace humility and repent.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of envy and covetousness, I serve you notice, be dispelled from the hearts of every believer now, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the power in the blood of Jesus guard the hearts of every believer and cause them to resolutely defend their inheritance in Christ, even to death. Amen.
- Spirit of contentment in every state of affairs, rest in the hearts of believers today, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of greed that causes believers to overlook the Source in order to elevate the gift, be scattered to desolation now. Amen.
- Let the spirit of boldness and confidence in the righteous exercise of their authority rest in the bosom of men this minute. Amen.

GOD is speaking; do you listen?
Will His words to you be dear?

Or do you gather to you prophets

who will speak what you want to hear?

Shut up the truth in prison, but you cannot get away;

Though a good man goes down with you, there shall be no escape.

I KINGS 22

¹There were three years without war between Syria and Israel.

²And in the third year Jehoshaphat king of Judah went down to visit the king of Israel.

³And the king of Israel said to his servants, “Do you know Ramoth in Gilead is ours, but we delay to take it back from the hand of the king of Syria?”

⁴And he said to Jehoshaphat, “Will you go to Ramoth-gilead to battle with me?”

And Jehoshaphat said to the king, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”

⁵Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, “Please inquire of the Lord; let us first hear what the Lord says.”

⁶The king of Israel gathered the prophets, about four hundred men to give the Lord’s word the king’s way.

He said to them, “Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to war or shall I refrain?”

And they said, “Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into your hand, O king.”

⁷But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there not a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of Him?”

He needed to hear from the only living God.

⁸And the king of Israel said, "There is one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, for he prophesies evil concerning me, he speaks no good at all."

Ahab feared the truth from God.

And Jehoshaphat said, "Do not let the king say such a thing."

⁹Then the king of Israel called an officer and sent him saying, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah with haste."

¹⁰The two kings of Israel and Judah, put on their robes and sat each on his throne at the threshing floor at Samaria's gate, and all the prophets prophesied before them there.

¹¹And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made for himself horns of iron; and he said, "This is what the Lord says, 'With these you shall push the Syrians until they are destroyed.'"

¹²And all the prophets prophesied similarly, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper, for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king."

¹³And the messenger the king sent coached Micaiah, saying, "All the prophets single-mindedly encourage the king; please let your words be just as theirs; speak good also and encouragement."

¹⁴And Micaiah responded, "As the Lord lives, I will speak only what the Lord says to me."

¹⁵Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Shall we do battle with Ramoth-gilead, or shall we refrain?"

Ahab had heard from God many times before, and it never mattered anyway.

Micaiah said, "Go up, for you shall prosper. The Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king."

¹⁶And the king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the Lord's name?"

¹⁷Then Micaiah said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the hills, as sheep with no shepherd. And the Lord said, 'They have no master. Let them return, each to his house in peace.'"

¹⁸And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I told you that he would prophesy evil concerning me.

I told you he would not prophesy good."

He knew his prophets were lying, but they spoke what he wanted to hear.

He did not want the Lord's word, though he sought a word from the Lord there.

¹⁹Then Micaiah said, "Now, hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven stood by Him, on His right and on His left hand.

²⁰And the Lord said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up to Ramoth-gilead that he may fall there?'

And after this manner, they spoke among

themselves.

²¹"Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, 'I will persuade him to go out.'

²²The Lord said, 'How will you do this?'

And he said, 'I will be a lying spirit in all his prophets' mouths.'

The Lord said, 'You shall persuade him and prevail, go out and do so.'

²³"Now therefore, the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all your prophets, and the Lord has declared catastrophe concerning you."

²⁴And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came up to Micaiah and struck him on the cheek, and said,

"Which way did the spirit from the Lord go from me to speak to you?"

²⁵And Micaiah said, "In the day you go into an inner room to hide, you shall know."

²⁶So the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son;

²⁷and say, 'This is what the king commands, 'Put this fellow in prison and feed him with the bread and water of affliction until I come again in peace.'"

²⁸But Micaiah said, "If you return in peace at all, then the Lord has not spoken by me."

And he said, "Take heed all you people!"

²⁹So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went to Ramoth-gilead.

³⁰And Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle, but put on your robes."

So the King of Israel disguised himself and went into battle.

Ahab! It does not matter what you are wearing, or how you are disguised;

draw upon your own wisdom, but from God's word you cannot hide.

You may seek to hide from the truth, but it is not about the robes.

An arrow will find you Ahab in your deceitful clothes.

³¹So it was with Ahab.

The king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying,

"Do not fight with anyone, neither small nor great, but with the king of Israel only."

³²And so, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, his robes attracted them; they said, "This certainly is the king of Israel." So they went to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

³³And when the captains of the chariots realized that it was not Ahab, they turned back from pursuing him.

³⁴And a certain man drew a bow and by chance; it hit the king of Israel between the joints of his armor.

And he said to the driver of his chariot, "Carry me out of the battle for I am wounded."

³⁵The battle increased that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot, facing the Syr-

ians, and in the evening he died. The blood drained from his wounds into his chariot.

³⁶And as the sun was going down, they proclaimed throughout the army, "Every man to his city and to his own country."

³⁷So the king died, and was brought to Samaria and there he was buried.

³⁸Then someone washed his chariot at a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood according to the word the Lord had spoken.

³⁹The rest of the acts of Ahab, and all he did, all the cities and the ivory house he built, are they not written in the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

⁴⁰So Ahab died and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

⁴¹Jehoshaphat the son of Asa became king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

⁴²Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem for twenty-five years.

His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

⁴³And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa; from them he never turned aside.

He did that which was right in the Lord's eyes, however, the high places were not taken away, for the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

⁴⁴And with the king of Israel Jehoshaphat made peace.

⁴⁵Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat and his might, and how he made war, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

⁴⁶And he banished from the land the rest of the sodomites who remained from the days of his father Asa.

⁴⁷And there was no king in Edom then, but only a deputy of the king.

⁴⁸And Jehoshaphat made merchant ships to go to Ophir for gold, but they never sailed, for the ships were wrecked at Ezion-geber.

⁴⁹Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Permit my servants to go with your servants in your ships."

But Jehoshaphat would not allow this.

⁵⁰And Jehoshaphat died and was buried with his fathers in the City of David.

And Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

⁵¹And Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat Judah's king.

⁵²He did evil in the Lord's sight and walked in the way of his father Ahab and his mother Jezebel,

and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin;

⁵³for he worshipped and served Baal, and provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger according to all his father had done.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you make your bed with the wicked you will be buried with them; if you join hands with the wicked you will not be distinguished from them in judgment.*
2. *Have the presence of mind to seek the Lord before you embark on battle; have the wisdom of heart to hear Him and to heed His voice.*
3. *Resolve to do whatever God declares to you rather than seek to have the Lord endorse whatever you resolve to do.*
4. *Speak what the Lord says rather than what man wants to hear; position yourself to please God rather than to be His displeasure.*
5. *You can be coached to hear God but you cannot coach God to hear you or speak to you.*
6. *You will live in constant fear of the truth from God when you live in rebellion to the word of God. When you refuse to hear God you will be afraid of what you hear from God.*
7. *Look beyond the content to the intent; when your actions attract wrath the lying spirit and deception you follow will direct you to judgment.*
8. *When you reject the truth of God, the truth will find you in your hiding place; if you resist prophecy the arrow of your personal prophecy will terrify you.*
9. *You may shut up the messenger but you cannot shut up the message or shut it away.*
10. *The word of God is an arrow that never misses its mark; it does not play chance and there is no chance against it even in the best disguise.*
11. *Real friends do not expose their friends to protect themselves; the devil has no friends; his followers have one master.*
12. *Be uncompromising in your walk and careful to protect your way from bad influence.*
13. *You wreck your righteous ship and divert your destiny when you entertain sinners in your boat.*
14. *If they have no business with the Lord have no business with them but the business of the cross.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Every ungodly and unholy union and partnership in the body of Christ, receive divine separation now, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, let Your word settle it for me. I refuse to proceed unless You lead. Amen.
- Fear of the living God, melt away every spirit in me that will seek to lead You, or resist You, in the name of Jesus.
- My life is available to You Lord, speak to me, speak through me; let every spirit of compromise operating in the body of Christ be dispelled by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, You are the Truth; let the truth of the word of God pierce every armor of deception and expose every evil heart with its fiery arrow, in the name of Jesus.