

The Second Book of CHRONICLES

**ONE thousand burnt offerings
Is not too great a gift
For the God who can give back to you
anything you wish.
He received great wisdom and knowledge,
horsemen, and chariots in the thousands,
And silver and gold so much that they be-
came as stones, in their exceeding great
abundance.**

2 CHRONICLES I

¹And Solomon the son of David was made strong in the kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him and magnified him exceedingly.

²And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the governors, and to every leader in Israel, heads of the fathers' houses.

³Then Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of congregation was there which Moses the servant of God made in the wilderness.

⁴But the ark of the God of Israel was in Jerusalem, for David had brought it from Kirjath-jearim, and placed it in the tent he had prepared for it.

⁵Moreover, the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, was placed before the tabernacle of the Lord; and Solomon with all the congregation sought the Lord there.

⁶And Solomon went there to the bronze altar before the tabernacle, and on it he offered one thousand burnt offerings.

*@One thousand burnt offerings is not too great a gift
for the God who can give back to you anything
you wish!*

⁷The Lord appeared to Solomon that night, and said to him,

"Ask, and I will give it to you!"

⁸And Solomon replied to God, "You have shown my father David Your great mercies, and have made me to reign as king in his place.

⁹"Now Lord, I pray You, establish Your promise to my father David, for You have made me king over a people great in multitude as the dust of the earth.

¹⁰"Give me wisdom and knowledge that before Your people I may go out and come in,

for who can judge this Your people who are so many?"

¹¹Then God said to Solomon,

"Because you had this in your heart, you could have asked for wealth and honor; *this I could have given abundantly.* You could have asked for long life, or the life of your enemies— but because you have asked wisdom and knowledge instead, that you may judge My people, and not just for yourself—

¹²*"I grant you wisdom and knowledge—*

*@by this you will be refined;
and by riches, wealth and honor your wisdom
shall be defined—*

"I give to you riches, wealth and honor, in such abundance as none of the kings before you have had, nor shall any after you ever have."

@One thousand burnt offerings now paled in comparison to these benefits.

¹³And Solomon came to Jerusalem from the high place at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of congregation and he reigned over Israel.

¹⁴And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen.

He had one thousand, four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen.

He placed some of these in the chariot cities, and some were with the king in Jerusalem.

¹⁵And the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees as plenteous as the sycamore trees in the valleys around.

¹⁶And the king had horses delivered from Egypt and Keveh;

they were bought in Keveh by the king's merchants at the market value.

¹⁷They also purchased and imported from Egypt chariots for six hundred shekels of silver each, and a horse for one hundred and fifty;

and they delivered them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

*@For when a thousand burnt offerings is measured back to you,
you know a thousand burnt offerings is a very
small thing to do.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Prepare your heart to pursue Presence and grace will pursue you.
2. Your generosity towards God is the passage to His liberality towards you; it marginalizes a thou-

sand burnt offerings.

3. *The Holy Spirit in you is a blank check from heaven inviting you to write with words; ask and I will give. Check your motives for if you ask to satisfy your lust you will end up blank.*
4. *A father's heart is pleased when the son's greatest desire is to be equipped for his assignment; a father's heart is overjoyed when all the son's desire is to be the best he can be in service to the Father's business.*
5. *Let it be about wisdom so it can be about the people; let it be about understanding so you can lead the people; let it be about riches so you can enrich others, for then it is about God and He will give you much more than you ask.*
6. *When the kingdom is the focus the additives are stupendous; God adds all the other things to you.*
7. *The abundance of your heart is reflected in your surroundings and everything you put your hands to.*
8. *It is better to be blessed than to be rich; the blessings make rich but riches cannot make you blessed.*
9. *Make the Lord your desire and central focus and He gives to you your heart's desire and blesses your projects and other focus.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Your presence O Lord is everything to me; I will seek You with my whole being. Amen.
- Spirit of generosity towards God; power to respond to the voice of the Spirit above my own reason, be my portion today, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, give me a vision of the kingdom and open my heart to be an administrator of kingdom resources. Amen.
- My Father my God, I live to please You. Equip me with the skills and the resources to be effective in my assignment to Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.
- O my Lord Jesus, it is about the people who You died for; O my Lord Jesus place them in my heart. You died for their salvation, let me live to set them free; equip me for impact. Amen.

G**REAT! You just named it!**
That is the house I build for the Lord.
Great! Go on and say it;
For great is our God above all gods!
“Who can build a house for His name,
when His glory the heavens of heavens
cannot contain?”
This temple I am building and this body I
dedicate,
there is just one way to describe it—
yes, go on and say it, “Great!”

2 CHRONICLES 2

¹Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the Lord, and a house for his kingdom.

²So Solomon chose seventy thousand men to bear burdens, eighty thousand to cut stone in the mountains, and he assigned three thousand, six hundred to oversee them.

He was building a temple called, Great!

³Then Solomon sent to Hiram king of Tyre, saying,

“As you have dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build his house, treat me just like this.

⁴“I am building a temple for the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate to Him, to burn incense before Him, for the continual showbread, for the evening and morning burnt offerings, and on the Sabbaths, on the New Moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel.

⁵“And the house I build will be great, for it is patterned after the Lord, our God; our God is greater than all gods.

⁶“But who is able to build Him a house, seeing the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him?

Who am I then to build a house for His name, except only to burn sacrifice before Him?

⁷“Now therefore, send me a man skilled to work in gold, silver, bronze, and iron, in purple and crimson and blue, skilful engravers to work with the skilful men in Jerusalem and Judah, whom David my father provided.

⁸“And send me cedar, fir and alnum trees from Lebanon, for I know your servants are skilled to cut timber in Lebanon;

and with your servants my servants shall be, ⁹“to prepare me timber in abundance, for the house I am about to build is great—it shall be wonderful and great.

¹⁰“And I will give to your servants who cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, twenty-thousand measures of barley, twenty-thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.”

¹¹Then Hiram, king of Tyre, answered Solomon in writing,

“It is because the Lord loves His people Israel, He has made you to rule over them.”

¹²And Hiram also said, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, for He has given David the king a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a house for the Lord, and a house for his kingdom.

¹³“Now I have sent a skillful man, who is blessed with understanding, Hiram my master craftsman.

¹⁴“He is the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to carve any manner of carved work, and to fulfil any plan that may be given to him, with your skilful men, and the skilful men of my lord David, your father.

15^cTherefore the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine which my lord has spoken of, let him send them to his servants.

16^cAnd we will cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you shall need, and we will bring it by floats, by the sea of Joppa, and you will carry it up to Jerusalem.”

17Then Solomon numbered all the strangers in the land of Israel, as David his father had numbered them. He found them to be one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred.

18And he made seventy thousand of them to bear burdens, eighty thousand to cut stones in the mountains, and the three thousand six hundred to oversee the work.

He was building a temple to be called, Great. It was patterned after the One for whom it was being prepared.

Nothing, and no time is too precious, and there is no effort to be spared, to make His temple (your bodies) glorious, for you are hosting Someone “Great” here.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You may be charged to build a house or a mission for the Lord on the platform of your predecessor, yet the building is all yours; make it personal.
2. Every building and vision must have a design to determine, designate or attract the necessary resources to complete it.
3. Determine your capacity, to get the resources, both human and financial, to build your vision.
4. Utilize existing relationships with institutions sympathetic to your cause; there may be a Hiram waiting to be approached.
5. Be able to articulate your vision and your needs clearly; you will need to sell the vision and convince others of your ability to execute it in order to attract resources to it.
6. Never exasperate relationships; be ready to participate and to reward or satisfactorily acknowledge generosity.
7. When people buy into your vision they will bless the Lord because of you and the wisdom He has placed in your heart and they will give themselves and their resources to it.
8. Never compromise quality for cost and accessibility; believe for the best and get it wherever it is available.
9. Quality structures are built around good people and great teams.
10. Allocate your human resources wisely to maximize them for the needs of your vision and overall efficiency.

PRAYER POINTS

- Omnipotent Father, I thank You for everyone who has preceded me in ministry, but help me to run my race with excellence. Amen.
- Power to plan, tabulate and to articulate the plan, and power to organize for effectiveness, fall upon ministries today, in the name of Jesus.
- Divine helpers of my destiny, be drawn to me, locate me; open your hearts to me today, in the

name of Jesus.

- Let every spirit of fear and lack of confidence standing between great visions and the resources needed to be impactful, be driven away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.

HE gave instructions for the building, And they saw it fashioned before their eyes

Right on the spot the angel stood after many thousands died.

The post, the pillars, the blue and purple veil

Were expertly put together as beauty was unveiled.

2 CHRONICLES 3

1Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, at the place the Lord appeared to his father David;

the place David had prepared on the threshing-floor of the Jebusite Ornan.

2And Solomon began to build in the fourth year of his reign; it was in the second month and on the second day.

3And this is the foundation Solomon laid for the building of God’s house: the length was sixty cubits and the width twenty.

4The porch in front of the sanctuary was twenty cubits wide across the width of the house and one hundred and twenty cubits high.

He overlaid inside with pure gold.

5He ceiled the larger house with fir timber and overlaid them with pure gold, and he carved palm trees and chainwork on it.

6He decorated the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold was gold from Parvaim.

7He overlaid the house also—the beams and doorpost, the walls and the doors—with gold; and on the walls he carved cherubim.

8Then he made the Most Holy Place. The length was twenty cubits, just as the house, and it was twenty cubits wide.

He overlaid it with six hundred talents of fine gold.

9The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold; and he overlaid the upper chamber with gold.

10He made two cherubim of carved work in the Most Holy Place, and overlaid them with gold.

11The wings of the cherubim totaled twenty cubits long; one wing of one cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room, the other wing was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub;

12one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, touching the other wall of the room, the other wing was five cubits, touching the

wing of the other cherub.

¹³The wings of the cherubim covered the twenty cubits of the room and they were joined.

They stood on their feet with their faces inward.

¹⁴And he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and on them he wove cherubim.

¹⁵And he made two pillars there five cubits high in front of the temple, and the capitals on the top of each of them was five cubits.

¹⁶Then he made wreaths of chainwork, as in the oracle, and placed them on top of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates and placed them on the wreaths of chainwork.

¹⁷Then he set up the pillars in front of the temple, on the right hand and on the left; he named the one on the right Jachin and the one on the left Boaz.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Raise up your temple at the place of sacrifice; at the seat of God's mercy, on the ground of encounter and God's presence and on the pillars of generous giving.*
2. *When you understand the value of the house and the treasure of the Holy Presence in the house; then nothing is too valuable to expend on the house of God.*
3. *Build for the people; build for the Presence; build with all your heart for you are building hearts and lives.*
4. *Build with focus and urgency, for the house of the Lord is a labor of love, a labor to express God's love and a rescue of souls.*
5. *Build with diligence, build with excellence, build with distinction, build to God's pleasure and to His design, for every nail and every sweat is indeed spent building lives.*
6. *Your energy spent building the kingdom is weighty since it brings eternity closer and commits men to angelic experiences and encounters.*
7. *The cherubim are not just lovely decorations, angels are assigned to every house of God and every building of souls.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Merciful Father, raise up Your church in this nation; let mercy fall upon our people today and let Your blood wash away our sins. Amen.
- Most high God, place kingdom into the hearts of the youths of this generation and let them set their affection on Your house. Amen.
- Power to rescue the perishing with persistent loving resilience, envelop believers today. Amen.
- Marvelous Father, place the love of Your house into the hearts of the people of this nation and unlock generosity and liberality towards Your house today; in the name of Jesus.
- Every spirit resisting and opposing the building of the house of the Lord and of the lives of the youths of this generation, receive divine rebuke today, in the name of Jesus.

**It steadily progressed;
It came together, piece by piece,
Each part craftily designed and all the
crafts expertly fit.
The molten sea, the vessels, the doors,
Works of bronze and gold all done;
Guided by the king's eyes, and a heart for
perfection.**

2 CHRONICLES 4

¹He made the bronze altar, twenty cubits long by twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high.

²Then he made a round molten sea of bronze, it measured ten cubits from one brim to the other.

It was five cubits high and a line of thirty cubits measured the circumference.

³Under it was the form of oxen all around the Sea;

ten oxen to each cubit all around the Sea.

Two rows of oxen were cast when it was cast.

⁴It stood upon twelve oxen:

three facing the north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east.

The sea was set on them, and all their back parts pointed inwards.

⁵Its thickness was a handbreadth; its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like the blossom of a lily.

It held three thousand baths.

⁶And he also made ten lavers and put five each on the right side and on the left.

In them they washed the things offered for burnt offerings, but the Sea was for the priest to wash themselves in.

⁷He made ten golden lampstands according to their design and set them in the temple, five each on the right and on the left sides.

⁸He also made ten tables for the temple, and placed them in there, five on the left, and five on the right.

And he made one hundred basins of gold.

⁹He also made the courts of the priests, and the great courts and the doors for the court; and he overlaid the doors with bronze.

¹⁰He set the sea towards the southeast on the right side.

¹¹Then Hiram made the pots and the shovels and the basins.

And so Hiram finished the work he was doing for King Solomon for the house of God:

¹²the two pillars, the bowl-shaped capitals on the top of the pillars;

the two wreaths covering the two bowl-shaped capitals on the pillar tops;

¹³four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals on the pillars).

¹⁴He made bases and lavers on them,

¹⁵the Sea and the twelve oxen they were set on;

¹⁶the pots, the shovels, the flesh-forks—and

all the articles Hiram the skilful craftsman made of bright bronze for King Solomon for the Lord's house.

¹⁷The king had them cast in clay molds in the plain of Jordan between Succoth and Zeredah.

¹⁸And Solomon made all these vessels in such abundance, that the weight of the bronze was not known.

¹⁹Then Solomon had all the furniture made for the Lord's house: the altar of gold and the table for the showbread;

²⁰the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold,

that they should burn before the oracle,

²¹with the flowers, the lamps, and the wick-trimmers tongs of pure gold,

²²the trimmers, the basins, the spoons, and the censers of pure gold.

And the entry of the temple, the inner doors to the Most Holy Place, and the main doors of the temple were all made of gold.

@Guided by the king's eyes, and a heart for perfection, the golden work he started was nearing completion.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Be furnished to fulfil your designated assignment for you cannot effectively function without furnishing; as with the temple so with your lives.*
2. *Build the sea with the baths to facilitate washing and cleansing of the body, but only the sea flowing from the cross can wash away sins and cleanse the soul.*
3. *Cleansing precedes ministering; you must minister to yourself first before you minister to God and to the people.*
4. *The lampstands were made of gold but it is the light that matters; it is more valuable to heaven for your light to be shining brightly, constantly.*
5. *You may build beautiful lampstands but you must perpetually tend the lamps to justify the temple.*
6. *The Presence will not come without preparation and an expression of desire, but you can never be truly prepared for the Presence.*
7. *It may take years of careful preparation and attention to details before a single encounter; keep preparing; keep refining; keep working; remain faithful and keep believing.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the call from heaven heralded by the Holy Spirit, for believers to be thoroughly equipped for life and for ministry, be irresistible to believers today. Amen.
- I soak myself in the blood of Jesus Christ and breathe in the refreshing aroma of His cleansing now. Amen.
- Passion for holiness that prompts personal repentance, be upon ministers today; let them shower in the blood, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus I speak to the spirits of believers; fix your focus on your light and not on your lampstand, in Jesus' name.

- Let the call for believers to attend to their lamps with deliberate diligence, ring in their ears this minute, in the name of Jesus.

CANNOT stand, no; it is too great!
The cloud of God was like a glorious weight.

We tried to minister, again and again, But we had to stand still; we were overwhelmed.

There is just nothing like it; nothing beats the days

When the Lord comes and inhabits sweet anointed praise.

2 CHRONICLES 5

¹And all the work Solomon was doing for the house of the Lord was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated:

the silver, the gold and all the instruments. And he put them in the treasures of the house of God.

²Then Solomon gathered all the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the City of David, which is Zion.

³So all the men of Israel congregated with the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month.

⁴And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites carried the ark.

⁵They brought up the ark, the tabernacle of congregation, and all the holy vessels there that were in the tabernacle; the priests and the Levites brought them up.

⁶Then King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel assembled there with him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen that could not be counted because of the sheer abundance.

⁷The priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.

⁸For their wings were spread in such a manner to form a covering for the ark, to overshadow the ark and its poles.

⁹The poles were extended so that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. They are there to this day.

¹⁰There was nothing in the Ark but the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel as they came out of Egypt.

@There was nothing in the ark, so when it happened we knew it was not the ark.

¹¹And it happened that when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place, (for all the priests present had sanctified themselves, but did not stick to their assigned

courses at that time.)

¹²And the Levites who were singers, the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood on the east of the altar, clothed in white linen, with cymbals, stringed instruments and harps;

one hundred and twenty priests were with them sounding with trumpets—

¹³and when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make a single sound to praise the Lord and to give Him thanks, and when they lifted up their voices with the trumpets and cymbals and musical instruments coming alive in their hands; and as they praised the Lord saying, “For He is good,

and His mercies endure forever,” the glory of the Lord came down; the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud.

¹⁴It was so glorious the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

Oh, what glory filled the temple! It is good to order your ways, and thank and praise Him daily, for God inhabits praise.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Make provision for it, designate for it, leave it in your will; your effectiveness and kingdom impact does not have to end with you or with your life.*
2. *The safest place for your treasures is in God. His house and in His treasures; you will find it where you are going while you and many others reap it here in this life.*
3. *You are never too great, too exalted, or too powerful to walk softly before the ark (Presence of God).*
4. *The true value of leadership is the value invested in the living God. Wanting His presence should be the cry of kings and peasants, leaders and all people.*
5. *The only place for the ark is under the wings of strong angels; when you are a carrier you are constantly under His wings.*
6. *Presence is valued more than pretense; when there is nothing in the ark but glory, you have a complete story.*
7. *When there is nothing in you but the word you have everything in you that you will ever need for distinction and impact in this world.*
8. *When you have everything but glory you have nothing; when you have nothing but glory, you have everything.*
9. *Find and maintain your position in the service of the Lord and perform it with diligence and it will define and sustain you.*
10. *Make the music, keep singing, keep your worship on; praise and thanksgiving attracts Presence. Presence dwells where praise excels.*
11. *You may invite the Presence but you can never be prepared or ready for the glory; it knocks you off your feet every time.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of the living God, place your house in the hearts of believers and give them multi-genera-

tional impact, in the name of Jesus.

- King Jesus, let believers place more confidence in the bank of the kingdom as they place confidence in You. Amen.
- King of Glory, I will walk softly before You all the days of my life and rejoice before You publicly, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I call the leaders of this nation to their knees and I speak total humility and submission to the cross of Christ. Amen.
- Thank You Holy Spirit that I am Your temple, constantly filled with glory and under the protective covering of the wings of strong angels. Amen.

“HEAR our cry, O Lord! To our prayers attend!”

Solomon prayed concerning the house, every action and the end.

“When we sin, then, Lord, forgive us, if tears of grief should fill our eyes; if we pray to Your house, Lord, then, Lord, please hear our cry.”

2 CHRONICLES 6

¹Then Solomon said, “The Lord said He will dwell in thick darkness!

²I have built You an exalted house, a place for You to dwell in forever.”

³And the king blessed the whole congregation of Israel, while all the people stood.

⁴And he said, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has now fulfilled with His hands, everything He has spoken with His mouth to my father David, saying,

⁵“Since the day I brought My people out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any of Israel’s tribes to build a house in, to place My name there, nor have I chosen any man to rule My people Israel.

⁶But I have chosen Me Jerusalem, to place My name there, and I have chosen David to rule My people Israel.’

⁷“And it was in my father David’s heart to build a house for the name of the God of Israel.

⁸“But the Lord said to David my father, ‘You did well to desire to build Me a temple, because it was in your heart,

⁹however you shall not build the house, but your son of your own loins, he shall build a house for My name.’

¹⁰“So the Lord has performed the word He had spoken.

I am risen up in the room of David my father, and I now sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord spoke, and I have built the house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

¹¹“And I have put in it the Ark which contains the covenant of the Lord which He made with Israel.”

¹²Then Solomon stood before the Lord’s altar,

and spread his hands out in the sight of all Israel,

¹³(for Solomon had made a bronze scaffold; five cubits wide, five cubits long, and three cubits high.

He set it in the middle of the court, stood on it and knelt down before all Israel and stretched his hands towards heaven);

¹⁴and he said, "O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven or on earth, who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk with You with all their hearts.

¹⁵"You kept with Your servant David all that You promised him.

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

¹⁶"Now therefore, O Lord God of Israel, keep with Your servant, my father David, what You have promised to him, saying,

'You shall not fail to have a man sit before me on the throne of Israel,

as long as your sons consider their way, to walk in My law as you have walked before Me.'

¹⁷"Now, O Lord God of Israel, let Your words be verified

which You have spoken to David my father; for You are a God who cannot lie.

¹⁸"But will God truly dwell with men on the earth?

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You; how much less this wooden house I have built!

¹⁹"Now, regard the prayer and supplications of Your servant,

and listen to the prayer that I am praying before You,

²⁰"that Your eyes may be open toward this house day and night,

toward this place of which You said You would put Your name,

and You will regard the prayer which Your servant prays towards this place.

²¹"Lord, please hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place.

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

²²"If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath,

and takes the oath before Your altar here in this house,

²³"then hear from heaven, and act, and judge Your servants,

by repaying the wicked, and bringing his way on his own head,

and justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

²⁴"Or if Your people Israel be put to the worst before their enemies because they sin against You,

and they return and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this house,

²⁵"then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again to the land You gave to them and to their fathers.

²⁶"Hear our cry in times of drought, when because of their sin there is no rain.

If they pray towards this place, and they confess Your name,

and because You have afflicted them, from their sins they turn away,

²⁷"then from Your place in heaven hear, and the sin of Your servants forgive,

that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk and by which they should live;

and send rain on Your land which You have given our people to inherit.

And when You have taught us the good way, ²⁸"hear their cries in time of famine, pestilence, blight and mildew, locust and of caterpillars,

when their enemies besiege them in their cities in the land;

whatever plague, whatever sickness,

²⁹"any prayer or supplication anyone should make, or all of Your people,

when each knows his own sorrow and his own grief, and lifts his hands to this house, Lord,

³⁰"hear from heaven, Your dwelling place, and forgive,

and give to each according to their ways, for You know their heart—You alone know the hearts of the sons of men,

³¹"that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways,

as long as they live in this land which to our fathers You gave.

³²"And hear the cries of the strangers, those who are not of Your people Israel, but have come from distant countries for Your great name's sake,

and for Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when in this house they come to pray,

³³"hear them from Your dwelling place in heaven, and do according to what the stranger asks You for,

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

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

³⁴"When Your people go to war against their enemies, in any place You send them, when they pray to You towards this city You have separated and this temple I have built for Your name,

³⁵"hear their prayer and supplication from heaven and maintain their cause.

³⁶"When they sin against You, (for there is no one who has not sinned),

and You get angry with them and deliver them over to their enemy,

and they carry them away captives to a distant or near land,

³⁷“yet if they rethink in the land of their captivity, and repent, and make supplication to You there, saying, ‘We have sinned, we have done wrong and acted wickedly’;
³⁸“and should they return to You with all their heart and soul in the land of their captivity, and pray towards this land which You gave to their fathers, and towards the city You have chosen, and the house I have built for Your name,
³⁹“then hear their prayer and supplications from Your dwelling place in heaven, and forgive the sins of Your people who have sinned against You, and their cause maintain.
⁴⁰“Now, my God, let Your eyes be open, I pray, and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer that I have made in this place.
⁴¹“Now therefore, arise, O Lord God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let Your saints rejoice in goodness.
⁴²“O Lord, do not turn away the face of Your anointed; remember the mercies of David Your servant.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Step out of yourself so you can confidently step up and declare to the Lord that what you have built for Him with your life is great and magnificent.
2. If it is about the Lord, it is about His love which is about the people; build to be a blessing to the people and bless the people while you build.
3. Build with an understanding of the Word that was stretched forth and the back that was broken for you to build.
4. It is not random, you were chosen.
5. You may never complete everything the Lord has placed in your heart but proclaim it, write it, prepare for it, so others may run with the vision you dreamt about.
6. You may never be able to do all the good you have in your heart towards God; but it is still good to have it in your heart.
7. You are never too exalted, too desired, too powerful to kneel before the Lord and to exalt Him. You are never too spoken about to speak to and about the Lord your God.
8. Build a refuge for sinners, a resort for the oppressed, hope for the hopeless and seal it with prayer.
9. There is a special anointing on the house of the Lord to give a divine response for every situation: sickness, famine, war, disaster, sin, plague, provision, forgiveness, repentance, battle or business.
10. When you understand the irreplaceable value of the presence of God in a nation you will build with passion without considering cost.
11. Corporate anointing for the nation and for the people resides on the house; to pray the heart of God for a people is to intercede effectively.
12. You can confidently claim the promises of a God who keeps promises; neither He nor His promises can fail.
13. Not because they are priests means they are

saved; continue to pray, “May Your priests be clothed with salvation.”

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of excellence and distinction in the things of God fall upon believers globally, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every spirit that seeks to exclude the consciousness and the love of people from the hearts of believers receive a divine rebuke; let the power to lead well and to motivate people, envelop ministers today. Amen.
- Most High God, let the fellowship of the suffering of the cross and a full understanding of the mission of Calvary be the motivation for ministry in these end times. Amen.
- Father God, place good thoughts in the hearts of believers towards Your church, Your people and Your kingdom; let this be their daily meditation. Amen.
- Thank You for the church Lord and for the many facets of ministry upon the house. Amen.

OH the fire! Oh, the glory! God alone was doing this. But His response to His people is conditioned with an ‘if.’
“I will hear My people, if they turn to Me and call; If they defile the temple, the temple I will destroy.”
God needs nobody to help Him; His name is “Awesomeness.”
But His response to His people is conditioned with an “if.”

2 CHRONICLES 7

¹Solomon had finished praying; and when he was all done, a spark lighted in heaven, and fire came right down.

It consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the Lord’s glory filled the temple right before their eyes.

²The priests could not enter the Lord’s house, because the glory had filled the place, *they simply stood in awe as the Lord had His glorious way.*

³When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down, and the Lord’s glory on the house, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and lifted up their praise.

They worshipped and praised the Lord, saying, “For He is good. For He is good and His mercies endure forever!”

⁴Then the king and all the people sacrificed before the Lord.

⁵King Solomon offered in sacrifice twenty-two thousand oxen, and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all Israel dedicated the house of God.

@There was no restraint in their sacrifices, their attitude was generous.

They were sacrificing before the Almighty, whose name is "Glorious."

⁶And the priests waited on their office, and the Levites with musical instruments which David the king had made to praise the Lord, saying, "Because His mercies endure forever."

Whenever David offered praise through their ministry, the priests sounded the trumpets before them, while all Israel stood.

They had an altar for burnt offering, but the altar could not hold.

⁷And Solomon sanctified the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord; and there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offering, for the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the fat.

⁸At the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, together with all Israel.

It was a very great congregation, from the entrance of Hamath to the River of Egypt.

⁹On the eighth day they made a solemn assembly, for they dedicated the altar for seven days, and kept the feast for seven days.

¹⁰And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month, he sent the people to their tents, happy and joyful at heart for the goodness of the Lord to David, to Solomon and to His people Israel.

¹¹So Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house; and Solomon successfully completed all that he conceived in his heart to make in the house of the Lord and in his own house.

¹²Then the Lord said to Solomon as He appeared to him by night:

"I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

¹³"When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people then know this,

@when My people cry, I will respond; should they understand My "ifs."

¹⁴"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and if they seek My face,

and if they turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

¹⁵"Now My eyes will be open and now I will listen attentively to every prayer that is made in this place.

¹⁶"For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

¹⁷"But as for you, if—yes if you will walk before Me as your father David walked, and do all that I have commanded you, and if you keep all My statutes and My laws,

¹⁸"then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as with David your father I gave my

covenant, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man to be ruler in Israel.'

¹⁹"But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and commandments which I have set before you, and go to serve and worship other gods—

@if you turn away and reject the 'ifs' that I have spoken, in that day you shall know, when My 'ifs' turn to 'then,'—

²⁰"for then I will root them up from My land which I have given them, and this house which I have sanctified for My name, I will cast out of My sight, and then I will make it a proverb and a by-word among all nations.

If you defile My temple, I will destroy it.

²¹"And as from then this house that is high and lovely, shall be an astonishment to everyone who passes by, and they shall say, 'Why has the Lord done this to this land and to this house?'

²²"Then they shall answer, 'Because they have forsaken the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold of other gods, and worshipped and served them; therefore He has brought all this disaster on them.'"

@You worshipped before God's fire, but you must remember this;

all the glory you have experienced is conditioned with an "if."

God regards His temple, but I will say it once again,

before you defile the temple, take a look first at the "then."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. God is such a gentleman; He waited until the prayer was finished then responded with fire and His awesome glory.
2. You may attract the glory, but you can never withstand the glory; you may invite and ignite the fire but you can never enter inside the fire.
3. Sacrifice will attract glory that will envelop the church and ignite praise and extravagance in giving; live at the place of extravagance and you live at the pivot of glory.
4. When the altar is too small to hold your offering, you understand God is too big for you to restrict or to limit Him.
5. You step on the portals of overflow and abundant living when your giving exceeds the capacity of the house to receive.
6. Time spent in God's presence will leave you happy and full of joy and gratitude to God.
7. Above the fire, above the glory, there is a personal word. When you enter into prayer you enter conversation with God; ask in faith believing and wait to hear Him.
8. Know the conditions and you can control and command the outcome; the word of God is a book of choices and consequences.
9. God gives to you choices but His word leaves Him no choice but to respond to your decisions in ac-

cordance with His 'if and then' stipulations.

10. *God's people hold the keys to national revival and healing; it is locked up in their own revival, seeking God and turning to Him with humility and prayer.*
11. *The eyes and the heart of God are on His house, place your eyes and your heart on His house and His eyes and His heart will be upon you.*
12. *The house(your body) is as valuable to God as the worship and consistency of the people; if you defile the house God will destroy and remove it.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Father, thank You for hearing and answering our prayers. Thank You for the individual attention and personal response You give to each heart lifted up. Amen.
- Omnipotent God, I hunger and thirst for You. Glory too awesome to withstand, visit the church with revival power, in the name of Jesus.
- Heavenly Lover of our souls, let glory and divine encounters underpinned by praise and extravagance in giving, be the continuous experience of the church in this age, in Jesus' name.
- God of wonders, let the people of God excel in love and extravagance in giving, so they will step into the heart of God who only speaks overflow and abundance. Amen.
- Grace to make the right choices in response to the word of God be upon my life and the lives of believers today, in the name of Jesus.

HE was building, building cities,
Building a righteous path with God.
All his buildings were perfected,
except for one weak block he had.
It was his wife, Pharaoh's daughter;
he took her out of David's home.
If a block is not fit for building,
it will tear your building down.

2 CHRONICLES 8

¹At the end of twenty years, after Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord, and his own house,

²that the builder kept on building; he was building more and more;

Solomon built and caused Israel to dwell in the cities Hiram had given to him.

³Then Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and took it.

⁴He also built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities in Hamath.

⁵He built Upper Beth-horon and Lower Beth-horon,

cities secured with walls, gates and bars.

⁶He also built Baalath and all the storage cities that he had,

and all the cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen;

all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all his domain.

⁷And all the strangers left among them of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of Israel—

⁸that is, their descendants who were left in the

land after them, whom the children of Israel did not destroy—
 Solomon put them to tribute and to forced labor as it is to this day.

⁹But Solomon did not make the people of Israel slaves for his work.

Some were men of war, captains of his officers, his chariots, and his horsemen.

¹⁰Some of them served as leaders of Solomon's officials:

two hundred and fifty ruled over the people.

¹¹And Solomon took the daughter of Pharaoh up from the city of David to the house he had built for her, for he said,

"My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel,

because the places the ark of the Lord has come are holy."

^a*You cannot build in God's presence if you use a block of sin.*

If the material does not fit, the structure will cave in.

¹²Then Solomon offered burned offerings to the Lord on the Lord's altar which he had built before the porch,

¹³in accordance with the standard rate per day, as Moses commanded to be done, for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the three annual solemn feasts:

the feasts of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

¹⁴And according to the order of David his father, he appointed the courses of the priests for service,

the Levites for their duties (to praise and minister before the priests) as the daily duty required,

and the porters also by courses at each gate; as David the man of God had assigned.

¹⁵They kept all the king's commandments to the priests and the Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasuries.

¹⁶Now all the work of Solomon was prepared from the day of the foundation of the Lord's house until it was finished.

So the house of the Lord was completed.

¹⁷Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber and Elath in the land of Edom by the sea.

¹⁸And Hiram sent him ships by his servants who were sailors.

They went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir,

and took from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold and brought it to King Solomon.

^a*Go ahead, Solomon, amass your wealth, and build as you desire,*

but you take fire in your bosom, when you build with foreign wives.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Build for the Lord, build for the people, build for your own comfort; let progress and positive achievements with kingdom impact define your life.*

2. *Effective utilization of available resources accelerates success; understand and appreciate your available resources and deploy them effectively.*
3. *When you marry someone who has no place in the presence of the Lord, you make a covenant with flesh to conflict with your spiritual pursuits.*
4. *It is good to offer sacrifices to the Lord but it is best to resist the flesh and make sacrifices for the Lord; let your flesh burn for God and not for abominable companionship.*
5. *When you understand and appreciate the ministry of priests and church workers, you give them every support to help them to function effectively.*
6. *You magnify your house when you magnify and faithfully support the house of God and His ministers.*
7. *You know God is in it when it is well ordered and blessed from start to finish.*

PRAYER POINTS

- King of Glory, grant me the power to live a full life in the presence of the Lord defined by progress, accomplishments and kingdom impact, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- By the power of the Holy Spirit, I call forth efficiency and effectiveness in the deployment of human and other resources, to the leadership of the church today. Amen.
- Merciful Father, save ministers and believers today from decisions of the flesh designated for disaster. I speak grace, grace, to every marriage under attack in the church. Amen.
- Father God, let the desires of the flesh burn on the altar of sacrifice before You always. Amen.
- I prophesy to the four winds of the earth and call forth needed support for everyone in ministry and for their families today, in the name of Jesus.

HE delights in you to sit upon His throne.

“He delights in you,” is the whisper of every tongue.

See kings coming from the east, the west, the north, the south,

To hear God’s wisdom coming from King Solomon’s mouth.

When they cannot believe it, so much for them to see,

Lift your hands and praise Him; say, “He delights in me.”

2 CHRONICLES 9

¹When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions.

She came with a very great entourage, with camels bearing spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones.

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

²And Solomon answered all her questions. There was nothing hid from Solomon that he could not explain to her.

³The queen of Sheba was impressed; she came, she heard, she saw.

She heard the wisdom of his answers and saw

the house that he had built.

⁴She saw the food on his table, and how his servants sat to eat.

She saw the attendance of his waiters, and the way they all were dressed.

She saw his ascent to the Lord’s house, and she had no spirit left.

Her heart went weak within her; she was so impressed.

⁵Then she said to the king, “It is true! It is true!

It was a true report I heard in my own land of your acts and your wisdom.

⁶“I did not believe them until I came and saw it with my own eyes, but the half of the story of your wisdom and greatness was never told; it has been disguised.

You exceed the fame I was told of.

⁷“Happy are your men and all who are graced to serve you,

who stand before you continually, and who hear wise, delightful words.

⁸“Blessed be your God who made this all to be—

yes, go ahead and say it, “The Lord delights in me—the Lord who delights in you, to set you on His throne to be king for the Lord your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you their king to do justice and judgment.”

Yes, He delights in you, that is why He had made you king.

⁹It delighted her to give one hundred and twenty talents of gold to Solomon, with spices in great abundance, and precious stones;

there were never any spices such as that which the queen of Sheba gave to Solomon.

¹⁰Also the servants of Hiram and Solomon’s servants who brought gold from Ophir, brought precious stones and algum trees.

¹¹And the king used the algum trees to make for the terrace of the house of the Lord, and for the king’s palace.

He also used it to make harps and stringed instruments for singers;

there were none seen like them before in all Judah.

¹²Then King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all that she desired, anything she asked,

much more than she had brought to the king. So she left with her servants and returned to her own land.

¹³Six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold came to Solomon yearly,

¹⁴in addition to what the traders and the merchants brought.

And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

¹⁵And King Solomon made two hundred large

shields of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went into each shield.

¹⁶He made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold went into each shield.

The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

¹⁷In addition to this, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

¹⁸The throne had six steps, with a footstool of gold. There were armrests on both sides of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests.

¹⁹There were twelve lions in total; one on each side of the six steps.

There has been nothing like this made for any other kingdom.

²⁰All the drinking vessels of King Solomon were made of gold

and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold.

None of them were silver for silver was not regarded in the days of Solomon.

²¹The ships of the king went to Tarshish with Hiram's servants and once every three years the merchant ships came, bringing gold, silver and ivory, peacocks and apes.

²²So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

²³And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart.

The wisdom God gave him drew kings to him.

²⁴And each brought him presents: vessels of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses and mules, at a set rate each year.

²⁵Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and he had twelve thousand horsemen whom he placed in the chariot cities, and at Jerusalem.

²⁶He reigned over all the kings from the River, as far as Egypt, through the land of the Philistines.

@Now everyone could see, what happens when humble hearts can say, "The Lord delights in me!"

²⁷When silver is as common as stones, as in Jerusalem it became, when cedar trees are as plentiful as the sycamore, *know that God deserves the praise.*

²⁸When they buy horses out of Egypt, and out of all the lands,

@know that as God promised David, He has made Himself a son.

²⁹The rest of the acts of Solomon, from beginning to end, are written in the book of Nathan, the prophecy of Ahijah, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

³⁰Solomon reigned over all Israel in Jerusalem for forty years.

³¹And Solomon died and was buried in the

City of David his father,

and Rehoboam his son reigned in His place.

@But Solomon's life shows us what happens when God delights in you.

"I will be to him a Father," He had promised David, and even so He had.

It helps to see just how much God delights in sons of God.

Yes, Solomon's life has taught us what awaits to sons of God.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you make God the source of your wisdom, He will give you the answers to the difficult questions sinners have. They may have wealth, position and honor but they need answers.*
2. *Put the gifts on display (wisdom) to put the Giver on display and to draw the hearts of men to Him.*
3. *Fame and fortune must agree with your walk; your foundation will be examined.*
4. *Shine your light in such a way and with such consistency that people will see your good works and give glory to your God who delights in you to exalt you.*
5. *It is not yours by right nor by works but by His grace and by His delight; it delights God to bless you; He takes pleasure in His children.*
6. *Your gifts have magnetic appeal; put them on display and they will attract great people and abundance of resources to you.*
7. *Express your gifts and they will expose and elevate you and open doors to new opportunities.*
8. *The generosity of a giver responds to the generosity of a gift; as with man so with God.*
9. *Kings are extravagant in giving and responding to kings, even so should believers (kings and priests) respond to the King of kings.*
10. *Enter the mind of God; distinguish yourself with creativity and great inventions and it will set you apart from others.*
11. *God will make you a king to kings if you will walk in humility to the King of kings.*
12. *Abnormal success is for everyone who will engage the supernatural God.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I tap into the wealth of Your wisdom and the love in Your heart to be the answer that sinners are searching for, in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful Father, satisfy the needs of the sinful wandering souls of the miserable rich, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father, my God, help me to justify being called Your son by putting You on display every day of my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Loving Father, help me never to walk after fame and fortune but to walk after You so Your blessings shall follow and overtake me at the place of purpose, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to realize and maximize the deposit of glory (gifts) you have placed in the lives of every believer, envelop them now, in the name of Jesus.
- Amazing Father, marvelous Lord, let me walk in such a way that You delight in me. Amen.

**VANITY, it makes my spirit vexed.
Will my son be wise? Oh, no! I cannot**

tell what is next.

Will he listen to wise counsel?

Will he hear the people's heart?

Or will all my work and glory,

Like smoke be up and gone?

Vanity, oh, vanity!

It makes my spirit vexed.

2 CHRONICLES 10

¹They came to him at Shechem.

They came to make him king.

So Rehoboam went to Shechem,

for all Israel had come there to him.

²And when Jeroboam son of Nebat heard in Egypt, (for he had fled there from Solomon), that he returned from Egypt.

³Then they sent and called Jeroboam.

And Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, and said,

⁴"Your father made our burdens very heavy; therefore lessen the arduous service of your father, and his heavy burden that we carry. All we ask of you is some relief and we will gladly serve you."

⁵So Rehoboam said to them, "Come back to me after three days." And the people left.

⁶Then King Rehoboam sought counsel of the elders who stood before his father Solomon when he was alive, saying, "What advice do you give me to answer these people?"

⁷They said to him, "If you are kind to these people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will serve you forever; if only you would."

⁸But he rejected the good advice of the elders,

@His soul desired something else;

"Though I do not share my father's wisdom, I will share the legacy of his strength."

So he asked counsel of the young men, who had grown up with him and who stood before him.

⁹And he said to them, "What advice do you give me?"

How should we answer this people who have asked me this:

'Lessen the heavy yoke your father has put on us?'

¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him replied to him, and said,

"Tell the people who have asked you for relief, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, lessen it for us'—say to them:

'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist!'

¹¹My father placed a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke;

my father punished you with whips, but I will make you feel my scorpion's bite.

@Now you will begin to see that my father's yoke was light."

¹²So Jeroboam and all the people of Israel came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had advised them, saying,

"Return to me on the third day."

¹³Then Rehoboam answered them harshly.

He rejected the counsel of the elders.

¹⁴The young men had graced his soul.

He spoke to the people according to their counsel.

He said, "My father made your burdens heavy, but I will add to it some more.

My father chastened you with whips, now I will humble you with scorpions."

@God gave his father wisdom, but his son did not have the heart.

¹⁵So Rehoboam the king did not listen to the people,

for the Lord allowed this in order to fulfil His word, which he had spoken by Ahijah to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king was not hearing them, they 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!

Now David, go take care of your own house!"

So all Israel returned to their tents.

¹⁷Yet Rehoboam reigned over Judah, and all the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

¹⁸After this Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the tributes,

but the people of Israel stoned him to death.

And so king Rehoboam speedily fled to Jerusalem on his chariot.

¹⁹So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

@For a wise king once reflected, "Vanity, it makes my spirit vex:

Will my son be wise or foolish?"

Will I be made to have regret?"

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Build your glory on the backs of others but it is not sustainable; the God of equality creates natural resistance to oppression and slavery.
2. Understanding is seeking counsel; wisdom is accepting and enacting counsel.
3. The voice of wisdom that entreats you is the voice waiting to mock you when you reject its good counsel.
4. Power is built on the goodwill of people; ignore the cry of the people and you ignite a cry against your power.
5. Arrogance rolls over the feelings of people and expects them to roll over and happily give full support; ignorance speaks hardship, death and destruction to its foundation and expects it to sustain them.
6. There are people waiting to collect what you arrogantly disregard. Connect with the people or you will collide with them.
7. Build your legacy in righteousness, break your legacy by sin; wisdom takes you to heights attainable but it is not sustainable by sin.
8. You can only steer them if you will hear them or they will not want you near them; people will hear you to the extent that you will hear them.
9. Be tone deaf to a people and you will hear when

they change their tune; make your heart stone to them and you will get stones instead of your heart's desire of them.

10. *Your window is closing, opportunity is being frozen; wake up; it is that bad!*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of the living God, visit leadership at every level in this nation with a conscientious spirit towards people; let them build for the benefits of people instead of on the backs of people. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, let understanding and wisdom be the portion of believers today; let them discern and respond well to Godly counsel, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I refuse to be mocked by foolish and rash decisions; I will walk with wisdom. Amen.
- Loving and gentle Father, place Your love and gentleness into the hearts of leaders today. I rebuke every spirit of arrogance operating in the church, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I speak to pastors, ministers and leaders at all levels in the church; by the power of the Holy Spirit, wake up madly in love with the people you can affect and infect with the love of Jesus. Amen.

PRIESTS of God or priests of devils,
or just no priests at all;
Those whose hearts are perfect will resort to the Lord.
Your kingdom will be strengthened if on the word of God you stand;
You can have your wives and children, but safety is in God.

2 CHRONICLES 11

¹When Rehoboam returned to Jerusalem, he gathered unto him, one hundred and eighty thousand chosen men of Judah and Benjamin.

They were warriors to fight against Israel to restore the kingdom to himself.

²But the Lord's word came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

³"Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, and say,

⁴This is what the Lord says, "You shall not go up to fight against your brethren.

Let every man return to his house, for this thing is done by Me."

Therefore they obeyed the words of the Lord and did not attack Jeroboam.

⁵And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem and he built cities for defence there in Judah.

⁶He built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

⁷Beth-zur, Sochoh, Adullam,

⁸Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,

⁹Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

¹⁰Zorah, Ajalon and Hebron,

fortified cities in Judah and Benjamin.

¹¹And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil and wine.

¹²And in every city he put shields and spears and he made them very strong.

He had Judah and Benjamin on his side.

¹³And from all the land throughout Israel, the priests and the Levites resorted to him.

¹⁴For the Levites left their lands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had stopped them from their priestly duties to the Lord.

¹⁵He ordained for himself other priests, not of the Lord,

priests of his high places, priests of demons, and priests for the calves he made; priests who were no priests at all.

¹⁶After the Levites left, all those of the tribes of Israel who had set their heart to seek the Lord God of Israel came and resorted to Jerusalem, to sacrifice to the Lord God of their fathers.

¹⁷So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam, the son of Solomon strong for three years,

for all this time, these three years, they walked the way of David and Solomon.

¹⁸Then Rehoboam took wives from among his brethren:

Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, David's son, and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse.

¹⁹And she bore him Jeush, Shamariah, and Zaham.

²⁰After her he took Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom;

and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza and Shelomith.

²¹And Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines,

for he had eighteen wives and sixty concubines,

and he fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

²²And Rehoboam made Abijah, the son of Maachah to be chief, and set him above his brothers for he intended to make him king.

²³And he wisely dispersed all his other sons throughout all the land of Judah and Benjamin.

He sent them to every fortified city, and he gave them abundance of provisions.

He also sought many wives for them.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Control, is the fight to retain what you do not value; if you will not fight for them, you will fight a losing battle to retain them.*
2. *If love cannot constrain you, let the word of the Lord restrain you. It is futile to frustrate yourself fighting the word of God.*
3. *If you will not defend and minister to them you will defend yourself from them.*
4. *Build your strong defenses but take refuge in God; He is the only safe place to be.*
5. *If the environment is not conducive to worship, change your environment but never change your worship.*

6. You may find yourself in the heart of them but if they are not in the heart of God refuse to be a part of them; part company.
7. Establish yourself; build your family and your legacy and prosper in the grace of God but remember the pillar of your prosperity.
8. Position your children and provide for succession while you have time; only you can ensure your will is established.
9. Be deliberate; leave nothing to chance since chance regards nothing but what remains.

PRAYER POINTS

- Righteous Father, let the spirit of control be driven away from the body of Christ and be replaced by genuine love, motivation and good leadership.
- Father, show the battles I should fight and give me wisdom and restraint to avoid the battles You have not ordered. Amen.
- Let the power to fight for the people instead of fighting the people for power rest upon church and national leadership, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the blood of Jesus Christ drive away every spirit from my environment that is assigned to block my worship, in the name of Jesus.
- Awesome God, let me default in the path of righteousness as I give my relationship with You first-place in my life. Amen.

PREPARE your heart to seek the Lord, or you will search and find Him not. A heart that must be humbled, will be servant of Shishak. Why cast off all your glory? Why seek Him after He departs? Why not relive the David story, and daily prepare your heart?

2 CHRONICLES 12

¹But when Rehoboam was strong and had established the kingdom, it came to pass, he found strength in his own wisdom.

He forsook God's law, and all Israel followed him.

@Nothing restrained or held them back! But hearts that must be humbled will be servants to Shishak.

²In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, for they had transgressed against the Lord.

³He came with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen; and with him from Egypt, Lubim, Sukkiim and Ethiopia, a people without number came.

⁴He took the fortified cities of Judah and came to Jerusalem.

⁵Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak,

and he said to them, "So says the Lord, 'You have forsaken Me, and so you cannot stand; you have left from following Me, now I have also left you into Shishak's hand.'"

⁶The leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves, and they said, "The Lord is righteous!" And so they acknowledged their sins.

⁷When the Lord saw how they were humbled, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying,

"They have humbled themselves, therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. I will not pour out My wrath on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

⁸"However, they shall serve Shishak, that they may learn the service of the kingdoms of the nations, and recognize the service I deserve."

⁹So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures from the house of the Lord,

and the treasures of the king's house.

He came and took everything. And the shields of gold which Solomon made, *indeed it was all vanity*, for Shishak also took them all away.

¹⁰Then King Rehoboam replaced them with bronze shields, and committed them to the captains of the guard, who guarded the door of the king's house.

@Gone were the golden days of glory, for the king had not prepared his heart to seek the Lord.

¹¹Whenever the king entered the Lord's house, the guards would bring them out; then they would return them to the guard-room.

¹²When Rehoboam humbled himself, the wrath of the Lord turned from him then, so not to destroy him altogether, and in Judah things also went well.

¹³So King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned there for seventeen years,

in the city the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to place His name there.

He was forty-one years old when he became king. His mother was Naamah, an Ammonitess.

¹⁴And he did evil because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord.

¹⁵Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet and Iddo the seer concerning genealogies.

There were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

¹⁶So Rehoboam died and was buried in the City of David, and Abijah his son reigned in his place.

@He learnt that a heart that is rebellious will be servant to its sins! Prepare your heart to seek Him, cast off your mother's gods!

You can retain your Father's glory if you prepare your heart to seek Him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The strength that established you and made you strong is the strength needed to sustain you; forsake the Lord and you forsake your strength and your wisdom.*
2. *The only place of safety is not in your achievements or your acquisitions but in the Lord; if you only knew what is waiting to get you, you would get close to the Lord.*
3. *The enemy knows he may not have a second chance, he will hit you hard the first time.*
4. *Never wait until the enemy exposes your weakness to realize you cannot stand without God; make yourself weak in the presence of God always and it will expose your strength in Him.*
5. *Do not wait until you receive hell; before you reach for heaven; decide quickly. Never wait until the reality of bondage bites to begin seeking the freedom in Christ. It is better to serve God than to be in bondage to the devil.*
6. *Draw near to God, He draws near to you; forsake Him in good times; He leaves you to your troubled bad times.*
7. *Never glory in things that you can build in a lifetime (all of Solomon's glory) and lose in a minute; make God your lifelong glory and never forsake Him for a minute.*
8. *When you replace your spiritual discipline and standards with falsehood, all the glory of your kingdom and attainments will follow.*
9. *If pride places you under the sword of judgment, humble yourself; recognize your glory was never the gold, you can live without it, but God; you cannot live without Him.*
10. *When you select a wife you select a mother for your children and the influence for your potential heir; plant your stock in good ground to prevent blight and substantial loss. (Rehoboam had an Ammonite idol worshipping mother).*

PRAYER POINTS

- Author and finisher of my faith, it started with You and it shall end with You, not with me, in the name of Jesus. I shall live a consistent Christian life in the knowledge of God. Amen.
- Most High and holy God, I hide myself in You. Amen.
- Omnipotent Father, I fortify myself in Your word, in prayer and in praise. Your presence is life to me. Amen.
- Power to live a consistent Christian life, fall upon believers this minute, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father, my God, my only boast is in the cross of Calvary; I lay all my victories at Your feet. Amen.

**WHEN on His arms His sons rely,
Know God will hear you if you cry.
You come with crafty battle plans
And golden calves that are no gods,
But the Lord our God captains our host;
If you fight the Lord, your cause is lost.
When overwhelmed, open your mouth;
He rides on your praise-filled warfare
shout.**

¹In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king of Judah.

²He reigned three years in Jerusalem, his mother was Michaiiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.

And Jeroboam and Abijah had wars with each other.

³And Abijah positioned himself for battle with an army of four hundred thousand select valiant men.

Abijah also positioned for battle against him with eight hundred thousand select men of valor.

⁴Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim in Mount Ephraim, and said, "Hear me Jeroboam and all Israel:

⁵"you ought to know that the Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom of Israel to David forever, to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt.

⁶"Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, servant of Solomon the son of David, has risen up against his lord and rebelled.

⁷"And he has gathered to him worthless and vain men,

and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam Solomon's son when he was young and tender of heart and could not withstand them.

⁸"Now you seek to withstand the kingdom of the Lord,

which is in the hand of the sons of David. The multitude with you is great,

and you have with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made to be your gods. ⁹"Have you not cast out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made priests for yourselves after the manner of the peoples of other lands, that whoever comes to consecrate himself with seven rams and a young bull, may be a priest of these things that are not gods?

¹⁰"But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to the Lord are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites continue in their ministry.

¹¹"And they burn to the Lord every morning and evening sacrifices and sweet incense; they also set the showbread in order on the pure gold table; and the lampstand of gold with the lamps to burn every evening,

for we keep the charge of the Lord our God, but you have forsaken Him.

¹²"Now observe, God Himself is with us as our captain,

and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you.

O Israel, do not fight against the Lord God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper if you do!"

@Jeroboam would not hear this, he had crafty battle plans.

But Judah was relying, on God's safe, protective hand.

¹³And Jeroboam set an ambush to go around behind them;

so they were facing Judah but the ambush was behind them.

¹⁴When Judah looked behind them, they realized that their plight was sore, the battleline was both behind them and before.

[@]In a moment's desperation, when they could have been overwhelmed, the priests sounded the trumpets, and they cried to the Lord for help.

¹⁵There was no time for preparation; the men of Judah opened up their mouths, and as Israel was advancing, they gave a resounding warfare shout.

And as the men of Judah shouted, God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

¹⁶And the children of Israel fled before Judah. Say, but they were warned!

God delivered Israel into Judah's hand.

¹⁷Abijah and his army struck them with a very great slaughter; five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel were slain.

¹⁸And the children of Israel was subdued then and the children of Judah prevailed, for they relied on the Lord God of their fathers, and on His arms that cannot fail.

¹⁹And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took these cities from him: Bethel, Jeshanah, and Ephraim with their villages.

²⁰Jeroboam never regained strength again in Abijah's days; and the Lord struck him and he died.

²¹But Abijah grew mighty; he married fourteen wives, and he fathered twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

²²The rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings, are written in the books of the prophet Iddo.

[@]When on His arms His people rely, God will hear them when they cry.

The enemy comes with crafty battle plans, and man-made gods that are no gods.

But never be overwhelmed; give no place to doubt; help comes riding on God's people resounding warfare shout.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. It is ok to be outnumbered two to one if you have with you the one number that counts; the number One. He is the one and only omnipotent God.
2. Never enter any battle without the Word; He is your sword and your shield, able to defend and to deliver you.
3. When you are outnumbered speak to yourself and speak to your mountains; remind yourself of your foundation for victory, for faith comes by hearing.

4. The equation changes with every declaration of your rights in the Lord; the higher you elevate the Lord as the denominator the lower you make the problem.
5. Your right in Christ who paid the price is comprehensive and complete; tell every demonic imposter that you have a right to be here and to life, health, wealth, peace and a good future.
6. People who forsake the Lord and His word will seek to break your resolve and reduce you to nothing; the Word will come to your defence; declare Him confidently in adverse situations.
7. When you know you are rightly positioned in God, you know you are rightly positioned with God; He is your Captain.
8. Be ready with your praise and with your voice to trumpet the alarm; the enemy will test your confidence to the very limit.
9. The battle is not over because you are rightly positioned in God; it may intensify and get even more adverse.
10. You have the shout to turn your situation around; the cry to bring mountains down; the praise to make your enemies flee and fall before you, if you have the ears of God.
11. Your sword will defeat your enemy, but the word of God that you declare will cause them to lose strength and die.

PRAYER POINTS

- Omnipotent God, You are the only number that counts for me; thank You for being on my side. Amen.
- My Father and my God, You are my shield and my strength for battle; I will stick close by You forever. Amen.
- Why are you cast down O my soul, I command you to hope in God. My God will never let me go; He is my strength for battle and He will uphold me with His righteous right hand. Amen.
- Awesome and amazing God, You are God of all gods; no one can match Your power; the earth was created by the breath of Your mouth; I am happy to be called Your own. Amen.
- The Lord rebuke you Satan; I refuse to accept your evil lies; my Lord Jesus has sealed my rights with His blood. Amen.

SO, who is the one you take with you?
SThe: 'Saved by many or by few!'

So, who is the one who gives you rest?

'The Lord Our God Who Prospers Us!'

He is the one I bow down to, and before

Him do what is right and good;

He is 'The God Who Lightens All My Toils!'

And, 'The God Who Gives to Me Great Spoils!'

2 CHRONICLES 14

¹So Abijah died as his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David.

Asa his son reigned in his place; and the land was quiet ten years of his reign.

²And Asa did the things that were good and right in the sight of the Lord his God.

³He took away the high places and the altars of the strange gods, and he broke down the sacred pillars, and cut the wooden images down.

⁴And he commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and observe His law and His commands.

⁵He also removed all the high places and the images from every city of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under him because his heart was true.

⁶And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; there were no wars in those years, for the Lord caused him to have rest.

⁷Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities with walls, towers, gates and bars; for we have served the Lord and He has given us rest on every side."

So they built and prospered and they knew Him, *"The Lord who Prospers Us!"*

⁸And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah who carried shields and spears also,

and from Benjamin he had two hundred and eighty thousand men who carried shields and used bows.

They were all valiant and mighty men.

⁹Then Zerah the Ethiopian came up against him with one million men and three hundred chariots,

he was outnumbered by the Ethiopian army; they came up to Mareshah.

¹⁰Asa went out against Zerah, and they positioned the troops for battle in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

¹¹Then Asa cried out to the Lord his God, and said, "Lord, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who are powerless and few.

Help us, O Lord our God for we rest on You. In Your name we go against this multitude; *Your name is, 'Save by Many or by Few!'* O Lord, You are our God; let no man prevail against You."

¹²So the Lord struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

¹³And Asa and the people with him pursued them to Gerar, and they left many dead. The Ethiopians were overthrown beyond recovery, for they were destroyed before the Lord, and before His army.

And they carried away a great amount of spoil.

¹⁴They attacked and struck all the cities around Gerar, for God was their help; on all these cities, the fear of the Lord fell. And they plundered all the cities, and the spoil in them was an exceedingly great amount.

They knew Him then as: *"The God who gives to us much Spoils!"*

¹⁵They also attacked the tents of the livestock, and carried away with them sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had been so many things to them!"

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you are going to go, go hard, go all out; serve the*

Lord without reservation; give Him everything.

2. *It is not good enough just to remove every offense to true worship, it is necessary to command true worship also.*
3. *A true heart will rest in God and enjoy the peace that is found in Him; build, increase and expand from your place of rest.*
4. *Build yourself a strong army, but you may never outnumber or out-power your problem unless you build your strength on the Lord.*
5. *Your zeal and righteousness does not mean you are excluded from crisis; it means Satan will double his efforts to get at you.*
6. *When you are outnumbered by problems two to one forget about numbers, focus on God; He does not need numbers to save you.*
7. *You have a name that no enemy has been able to or can ever defeat; face your strong situations in the name of the Lord.*
8. *If you are positioned in God, take the weight off your shoulder and place it on God's; tell Him, "Let no man or problem prevail against You."*
9. *With God, never be satisfied with a victory, overthrow your strong enemy beyond recovery.*
10. *The God equation-changer, takes you from fearful defence to imperious offense and plunder beyond what your senses can comprehend.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of mediocrity in service, be driven away from the body of Christ; let the language of believers be: everything, excellence, all out, passion, hunger and distinction. Amen.
- Fire of the Holy Spirit, ignite my soul to passionate worship as I remove every hindrance from my heart. Amen.
- Thank You Lord Jesus for taking my heavy yoke; I will be passionate for You from my place of rest and from my yoke called Easy. Amen.
- My King and my God, I will build my strength in You so that everything I put my energy in will count, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every spirit assigned against me to steal my joy and to destroy or distract me, receive the judgment fire of God. Amen.

REWARD: the pay for doing right.

Do not let your hands be lagging, so a great reward you will find!

Seek the Lord God of Israel; you will be rewarded when He is found.

If your mother has an idol, then from her place, put your mother down.

You need to have a teaching priest to teach the things that are right and best;

Give heed to the teachings and be rewarded with sweet rest.

2 CHRONICLES 15

¹Then on Azariah the son of Oded the Spirit of God came.

²He went out to meet Asa, and to him he said: "Listen to me Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you as long as you fear Him.

If you seek Him you will find Him; if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

There is reward attached to your actions.

³Now for a long time Israel had been without

the true God,
without a teaching priest, and without the law,
44but when they turned to the Lord God of
Israel in their trouble and sought Him, they
found Him. He was their reward.

54But in those times there was no peace to
those who went out and came in,
but great destruction was on all the people of
the land.

64Nations destroyed nations, and cities de-
stroyed cities,
for God punished them with every type of ad-
versity.

74Reward? You shall have it, if you let your
hands be strong;
your work will be rewarded if you continue to
seek the Lord.”

8And when Asa heard these words and the
prophecy of Azariah, he took courage then,
and he removed all the abominable idols from
the land of Judah and Benjamin for the re-
ward of the Lord meant much to him.
He also removed them out of the cities he had
taken in Mount Ephraim;
and the altar that was before the porch of the
Lord he restored.

*For his heart was set in pursuit of God and he
knew reward follows work.*

9Then he gathered all of Judah, Benjamin and
those who lived with them there,
from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon, for
they resorted to him in fear.

They came to him in abundance when they
saw that the Lord his God was with Him.
*They forsook their destructive path and pursued a
good reward.*

10They gathered at Jerusalem in the third
month, in the fifteenth year of Asa's reign.

11They offered to the Lord seven hundred
bulls and seven thousand sheep from their
battle plunder.

12There they entered into a covenant to seek
the Lord God of their fathers with all their
heart and soul,

*(If you seek Him you shall find Him. His reward
is sure!)*

13also that whoever would not seek the Lord of
Israel was to be put to death.

This was the king's reward to everyone, man
or woman, small or great.

14Then they all swore by oath before the Lord
with a loud voice,
with shouts and trumpets and rams' horns.

15And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for with
all their heart they had sworn,
and they sought Him with all their desire, and
yes, of them He was found,
*while turmoil raged around them, while other na-
tions were vexed.*

16And he removed Maachah, his mother from
being queen,
for she had made an offending idol of Asherah.
So Asa cut her image down and by the Brook
of Kidron he trampled and burnt it.

17And Asa's heart was perfect and loyal to God
all his days,
but the high places were not removed from
Israel; he did not take them away.

18And he brought into the house of God all the
dedicated things,
gold, silver and vessels, dedicated by his father
and also by the king.

*Asa walked softly before the Lord with a perfect
heart.*

*When your ways are perfect, you will have a sure
reward.*

19So there was no war until the thirty-fifth
year of the reign of Asa.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Do not take the presence of God for granted; the Presence is found by seeking but cannot be hoarded; the Presence departs when you stop seeking.
2. Not because you are away from the teaching of the word means you have to put the word away from you; the truth is relevant and potent wherever, and in whatever state, you are.
3. Fear and tremble before the Lord and you will not fear the destruction all around you; a thousand may fall at your side but your confidence will only rise.
4. Let the word of the Lord motivate you to greater zeal and commitment and the word will distinguish you for peace and fulfilment.
5. Love will invite others into the peace you have found and into your experience of hope; share it; spread it; evangelize.
6. Take your responsibility for the souls of men seriously; preserve your environment with zealous aggression.
7. Seek God with your sacrifice, your praise and with all your heart and you will become irresistible to Him; you will find Him waiting on you.
8. Not because they are blood means they are love, or that they are good for your destiny; remove the company of anyone who contradicts your worship.
9. Let all your days be characterized by your love, devotion and zealous pursuit of the Lord and heaven will celebrate when earth mourns.

PRAYER POINTS

- Lover of my soul, my soul longs for You like a dry and thirsty land where no water is; I will bless You at all times, Your praise shall be in my mouth continually. Amen.
- My King and my God, Your word shall sustain me when my root cannot; my meditation of You will keep me alive. Amen.
- Marvelous God, I am safe and secure in Your sheltering arms; only with my eyes will I see the destruction of the enemy. Amen.
- King Jesus, I love Your word; I will serve You with my whole being. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, let the love of Christ in me mature and overflow until I find continuous personal evangelism irresistible. Amen.

IS your heart perfect?

Do you seek God at all times?

For the eyes of God are searching for those with perfect minds.

**Do you seek the Lord in trouble, or seek help of your enemies?
Do you turn to the physicians who cannot heal the heart's disease?
To and fro God's eyes are looking;
Will you be a passing glance,
Or one on whose behalf
God can show Himself real strong?**

2 CHRONICLES 16

¹In the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign, Baasha, Israel's king, came up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might let none go out and come in to Asa the king.

²Then Asa brought out the silver, and he brought the gold out of the treasures of the Lord's house, and out of the king's house.

And he sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria who lived in Damascus, saying,

³"Make a league with me, as it was between your father and mine."

Say, do you seek the Lord in trouble?

Or seek the help of His enemies?

"See now, I have sent you silver and gold; break your league with Baasha king of Israel so he may depart from me."

⁴So Ben-hadad listened to Asa and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel.

They struck Ijon, Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

⁵And when Baasha heard it, he let his work at Ramah cease, for he left the building of Ramah and left Asa and Judah at peace.

⁶Then King Asa came up with all Judah, and they took the timber and the stones of Ramah that Baasha was using to build.

With them he built Geba and Mizpah.

But there would be some questions.

⁷Hanani the seer came to King Asa and said to him,

"Because you have done this, Asa, you have relied on the king of Syria and not relied on your God's strong arms, to hope in His might and power and include Him in your battle plans, therefore the army of the Syrians has escaped out of your hand.

⁸"Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a mighty and numerous army? Did they not have many chariots and horsemen?"

Because you relied on the Lord then, He delivered them into your hand.

You relied on Him then, and you found Him to be strong.

⁹"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the entire earth, searching for those with perfect and loyal hearts, to show Himself strong on their behalf. In this you have done foolishly, therefore from

now on you shall have wars."

¹⁰Asa was angry with the seer and shut him in prison, for he was bitter with him because of this.

And Asa oppressed some of the people then.

¹¹The rest of acts of Asa, first and last, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

¹²In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was diseased in his feet and the disease was very bad.

Now Asa, tell me, to whom do you seek?

Asa did not seek the Lord, he sought the physicians.

The disease was outward on his feet, but it had settled on his heart.

¹³And Asa died just as his fathers.

He died in the forty-first year of his reign.

¹⁴They buried him in his own sepulcher which he had made for himself in the city of David; and they laid him in a bed filled with sweet odors and spices of the apothecaries of various kind.

And they made a great burning for the man.

He had forsaken the Strength which he had first relied on.

@When enemy comes against you,

it is time to seek the Lord.

In sickness and disease,

it is time to seek the Lord.

So if your heart is perfect,

and you are holding to His word,

The eyes of God are searching;

now is the time to seek the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Beware of the enemy getting comfortable in your environment; confront and remove them or they will displace you.
2. Never forget the source of your help; never forsake the arms of your help; keep looking to the hills.
3. When you turn to an enemy of the Lord to deliver you from another enemy of the Lord, you lose your opportunity to influence, impact and win either of them.
4. You ascribe the power, the glory, the strength and victory to the help you turn to. If you give it to his enemy, how does that make your big brother feel? How about your strong God?
5. Pulling down an enemy to set up another is see-saw relief; not success.
6. It may have worked but it is a failure if it has not brought glory to God.
7. Heaven remonstrates when you fail to demonstrate your faith; expect a response from God.
8. If you are accustomed to peace and find that war is building at your gate, do not let it cause you to respond in fear or it will tabernacle there and never leave.
9. The eyes of the Lord are roaming searching for faith, your perfect walk will create a perfect path; inconsistency will cause you to get lost in the faithless crowd.
10. Shut up the prophet but you have no power to shut the word away; it is active, alive, self-fulfilling, divine-guided and direct.
11. The only good response to the correction of the

Lord is humility; rejection of His word will lead to self-condemnation which the enemy will use to drive you to greater violations and to strike you.

12. *You accept the disease of sin as your reality and surrender to a defeat-mentality when you reject the word of the Lord.*
13. *God expects people of faith to believe Him for every situation including healing; heaven is insulted when physicians are placed above the Father's courts.*
14. *The worst reception in heaven is better than the greatest funeral on earth; the best reception in hell is far worse than your worse state ever on earth.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Righteous indignation against sin, continue to grieve my spirit with everything that grieves my God. Amen.
- I will resist every enemy of the cross in prayer until they get up and get going, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Holy Father, I am nothing outside of You; I look to You. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I will not compromise my witness by unholy alliances and dependence on sinners. Amen.
- Father God, forgive me for ever disrespecting You by seeking help from other sources instead of believing You, in the name of Jesus.
- Marvelous God, let Your eyes rest on me and let Your heart find me irresistible; set Your passion on me for good. Amen.

KINGS, they need to hear it!
You must ensure it is heard,
and that all people of your nation
are mentored in God's word!
The fear of God will follow,
And your people will find rest;
You know what I am speaking of;
I speak of all that national mess.

2 CHRONICLES 17

- ¹Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned as king in Asa's place.
- ²He placed forces in the fortified cities of Judah, and he set garrisons in all the land of Judah, and also in the cities of Ephraim that were captured by his father Asa.
- ³And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat for his walk was just like David's; he did not seek after Baals,
- ⁴but he sought the Lord God of his father with all his heart instead. He walked in His commandments and did not go astray after the acts of Israel,
- ⁵therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand, and all Judah brought to him gifts; and he had riches and honor in abundance, for the Lord was doing this.
- ⁶And his heart delighted in the ways of the Lord; and he removed the high places from Judah and cut down all the wooden images.
- ⁷In the third year of his reign he appointed his

leaders as teachers, to teach the word of God in the cities of Judah. Their names were, Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Michaiiah and Nethanel.

Only God's word has the answer for national victory.

⁸With them he also assigned Levites: Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah—these were Levites; and with them he assigned Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

⁹So they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the Lord with them.

They went throughout the cities of Judah teaching the people.

¹⁰And the fear of the Lord fell on all the kingdoms of the lands all around Judah, so they made no war with Jehoshaphat.

The greatest victories are won on the knees.

¹¹And some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and tributes of silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks: seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

¹²So Jehoshaphat became very great, and he built castles in Judah and cities of store.

@Leaders, you need to hear it, when you face budgetary constraints; teach the nation the law of God, and see resources pouring in.

¹³And the king had much business in the cities of Judah—commerce was thriving too—

@Teach the nation the Lord's word, and see your business sector boom.

He had the men of war, mighty men of valor in Jerusalem;

¹⁴these are their numbers, according to the fathers' houses.

Of Judah, captains of thousands:

Adnah was the chief. With him were three hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

¹⁵Next to him was the captain, Jehohanan; with him was two hundred and eighty thousand men.

¹⁶Next was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the Lord; he had with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

¹⁷Of Benjamin: Eliada a valiant and mighty man, he had with him two hundred thousand men armed with bows and shields.

¹⁸Next to him was Jehozabad, and with him were one hundred and eighty thousand warriors.

¹⁹They all waited on the king, besides those the king positioned in the fortified cities throughout Judah.

@Kings, they need to hear it; if you desire rest from wars and crime, Teach your nation the word of God and enter the season called "Prosperous Times."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Build on the platform of a strong relationship with God and you will have satisfying victories.*
2. *Err on the pathway of safety and serve the Lord with all your heart and you will live on the platform of victory.*
3. *Serve the Lord and you have nothing to lose and everything to gain; serve yourself and you have everything to lose and nothing to gain.*
4. *The key is to delight in the ways of the Lord; it will establish and unlock abundance of riches, honor and gifts poured into your bosom.*
5. *Delighting in the Lord is proactive not just proclivity; remove offence from your environment and actively evangelize.*
6. *The greatest investment of any nation is in the word of God; the returns are peace and prosperity at all levels.*
7. *Invest in the teaching of the word and your enemies will bring you wealth instead of the sword. Make the word your resort and resources will pour in.*
8. *Pay honor and homage to God and nations will bring tribute to you.*
9. *Businesses that spring from the word strive faster and create a boom, than businesses that spring from the world and its wisdom.*
10. *Position skilled warriors for defence but hold one position, depend on the Lord your God alone. His word is the safest place to hide.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, my relationship with you is all that matters; help me to be so lost in my relationship with You that I have no time to count my victories. Amen.
- Awesome God, I lay down pride and put all reservation aside as I give You my passion in any place at any time. Amen.
- I will serve You Lord without reservations or regrets. Amen.
- My King and my God, You are the delight of my heart and I will delight in You proactively and deliberately. Amen.
- Wisdom to invest time and resources in the ways of the Lord and the resolve to cleanse the nation and walk humbly before God, envelop leaders of this nation at all levels today. Amen.

ISRRAEL is scattered without a shepherd,
For they had gathered without the Lord.
They had gathered many counselors,
But shut up the 'just one' who had the word.

Jehoshaphat king of Judah,

What are you doing here?

Only by God's mercies

Will your life now be spared.

To you God's words were precious;

Seems you have lost the will to hear,

For you make an affinity

With one with an evil ear.

2 CHRONICLES 18

¹Jehoshaphat, you are blessed with honor and riches in great store; *but your affinity with Ahab, will mar your good record.*

Jehoshaphat allied himself with Ahab by marriage.

²He went to visit Ahab in Samaria after some years had passed.

Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and his entourage, and persuaded him to go with him to war.

³Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat Judah's king, "Will you go with me against Ramoth-gilead?"

And he responded, "I am as you are and my people are as your people; we will go with you to war."

⁴But Jehoshaphat king of Judah wanted first to hear from God,

so he said to Ahab, king of Israel, "Today, please inquire of the Lord."

⁵So Ahab gathered the prophets, four hundred of them.

Was it God's word he was seeking, or numbers to convince himself?

"Shall we go to war against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?" he asked of them.

They all prophesied, saying, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand this day."

⁶But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there yet a prophet of the Lord here to tell us what the Lord has to say?"

Numbers did not convince him; his spirit knew something was wrong.

Strength did not convince him.

⁷And Ahab said, "There is still one; his name is Micaiah the son of Imla, but he is a man I hate.

He never prophesies good about me, but always condemns my ways."

And Jehoshaphat said, "Do not let the king say such a thing."

⁸So the king called one of his officers and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly."

⁹And Ahab king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, clothed in their robes, sat each one on his throne,

and they sat at the entrance of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied to the king's soul.

¹⁰Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself,

and he said, "This is what the Lord says, 'With these you will push the Syrians until they are consumed.'"

¹¹And with him all the prophets there agreed. They said, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead for you will prosper;

the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king."

¹²Then the messenger who had gone for Micaiah coached him, saying,

"All the prophets in one united voice encourage the king.

Please let your words be just as theirs are and speak encouraging words to the king."

¹³But Micaiah would not have it; he said, "As the Lord lives,

what I hear my God say, that I will surely

“speak.”

¹⁴Then he came to the king; and the king said to him,

“Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear from doing this?”

And he said, “Go up and prosper, for they shall be delivered into your hand!”

¹⁵And the king said to him, “How many times must I command you to say nothing to me but truth in the name of the Lord?”

¹⁶Then he said, “I did see them on the mountains, but their master I cannot see; Israel is scattered without a shepherd.

For they had gathered without Me.

And the Lord said, They have no master. Let every man return to his house in peace!”

¹⁷And Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “See, I told you, he never prophesies good concerning me.”

¹⁸Then Micaiah said again, “Hear the word of the Lord now:

I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and standing on His right and on His left hand were all of heaven’s host.

¹⁹And the Lord said, ‘Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel to go up to Ramoth-gilead and fall?’

Then they began to chatter among themselves.

²⁰Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord and said, ‘I will entice him.’

He was the only one among them all.

The Lord said to him, ‘How will you do it?’

²¹He said, ‘I will be a lying spirit in all his prophets’ mouths.’

And the Lord said, ‘You shall do so and prevail; now go and do so.’

²²“This is what has happened; your prophets are speaking lies.

The Lord has declared disaster concerning you.”

²³Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, “Which way did the spirit from the Lord go from me to speak to you?”

²⁴And Micaiah said, “In that day you will see, when you go into an inner room to hide.”

@Ahab had gathered many counselors but he imprisoned the one that he should hear.

He commanded Micaiah be taken to prison for he had an evil ear.

²⁵He said “Take Micaiah, and commit him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king’s son.

²⁶“Tell them this is what the king says, ‘Put this fellow in prison and feed him the bread and water of affliction until I return in peace.’”

²⁷But Micaiah said, “If you are to ever return in peace, then the Lord has not spoken by me.”

And he said, “Take heed, all you people! Heed the words I speak.”

@O, Jehoshaphat where are you going? Is your heart also beguiled?

Do you now give less regard for God’s word, than for this unholy union, and Ahab’s lies?

²⁸The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

²⁹And Ahab said, “I will wear a disguise to battle, but Jehoshaphat, you keep on your robes.”

So together they went to battle, as Ahab found shelter in his new clothes.

³⁰But the king of Syria had commanded the captains of chariots with him, saying,

“Do not fight with anyone small or great but with the king—the shepherd—of Israel only.”

³¹And when the captains saw Jehoshaphat, they were attracted to his robes.

So they surrounded his chariot, saying, “Surely this is the king of Israel!”

But Jehoshaphat cried out to God for help, and the Lord helped him.

He moved them to leave and divert from him.

³²For when the captain perceived that it was not Israel’s king, he followed his king’s instructions and turned back from following him.

@So Jehoshaphat found refuge in God’s word, though he set out in disobedience; but the king of Israel would see that from God’s word there was no disguise or covering.

³³A certain man drew a bow unknowingly, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor.

He said to his servant who drove his chariot, “I am wounded; take me from here before I die.”

@He was not chased by captains; to the Syrians he was not known,

but a bow at random told the story,

“From the word of the Lord there is no disguise.”

³⁴The battle increased that day, and the king of Israel remained in his chariot and to the Syrians he set his face.

In the evening about the time of sundown, the shepherd of Israel’s life ebbed away.

He died.

@Israel is scattered without a shepherd, for they gathered without the Lord.

If you cast away God’s words, it will cast away your walls.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. When you make alliances with the devil and marriages with sin you expose your legacy to failure and your children to hell.
2. There are some battles that are not yours to fight, some partnerships you should stay away from, some company you must never be found in.
3. You can get people to say what you want to hear but you will never be able to get God to listen or to speak what you want Him to say.
4. You may deny the truth but you cannot deny reality. It is no good to hate the truth; truth is indifferent to your emotions.
5. Where deception puts you to sleep, reality will wake you up.
6. If you are willing to believe a lie, you will attract liars and lying spirits.
7. Be careful of friends who expose you to the fire of

the enemy while they take cover.

8. *Let God order your battles or you will cry out in battle for His deliverance.*
9. *There is no clothing, covering, cloak or disguise from the arrow of the word of God; Ahab died learning this.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Fire of the living God, fall upon every unholy relationship in my life and in the lives of my family, assigned against our destinies, and burn them to cinders, in the name of Jesus.
- Wisdom to know the battles you have not ordered and humility to stay away, fall upon my life today, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of itchy ears seeking to hear anything but the truth, I rebuke You in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.
- I love You Jesus, You are truth. Even if it hurts I will embrace truth to the end. Amen.
- Let the blood of Jesus fan away every lying deceptive satanic spirit from my environment, in the name of Jesus.

HE knew the right things, and he passed them on:

“Do not be impartial to anyone and fear the Lord your God.

Do this faithfully with a perfect heart; fear the Lord or receive His wrath.”

But should you love the ungodly?

Now, king, tell me, should you?

Or love those who hate the Lord?

Is it that he did not know this too?

2 CHRONICLES 19

¹Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in Jerusalem safely.

²And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him.

And he said to Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the ungodly or love those who hate the Lord? Therefore there is wrath on you from the Lord.

³“Nevertheless, there are good things found in you,

for you have removed the wooden images out of the land,

and have prepared your heart to seek God.”

⁴So Jehoshaphat dwelt in Jerusalem; and he went out among the people of the land, from Beersheba to Mount Ephraim; and he brought them back to the Lord God of their fathers.

⁵And he set judges throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, from city to city.

⁶And he taught the judges the way that was right, saying, “Take heed to what you do, for you do not judge for man but for the Lord who is with you in judgment.

⁷“Therefore now, let the fear of the Lord be on you. Be careful to do it, for there is no iniquity in God, nor impartiality, nor taking of bribes.”

⁸And in Jerusalem also he appointed some Levites and priests, and some chiefs of the

fathers in Israel,

for the judgment of the Lord, and to hear controversies, when they had returned to Jerusalem.

⁹He knew what was right, and so he charged them there, saying, “You shall do this faithfully with a perfect heart, always in Godly fear.

¹⁰“And any case that comes to you from your brethren who dwell in the cities, whether bloodshed or offenses against law, commandments, statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them so they do not trespass against the Lord, and so wrath does not come on you and on your brethren. Do this and you will not trespass.

¹¹“And note this: Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters pertaining to the Lord; and the ruler of the house of Judah is Zebadiah, son of Ishmael;

he shall represent all the king’s matters.

And the Levites shall be officers before you.

Behave courageously and know the Lord will be with the good.”

¹²Yes, Jehoshaphat the king of Judah knew the right and passed it on,

but in the matter of the king of Israel, he knew the right but did the wrong.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your return in safety does not mean you went out with surety or acted in wisdom; fall at the feet of grace and be thankful.*
2. *To help the ungodly is to oppose the wrath on them; to love those who hate the Lord is an act of hostility against the Lord. You cannot separate your witness from your business and your friendships.*
3. *Live at the place of deliberate and not at the place of nevertheless. Your passion for the Lord should be your resume not your excuse.*
4. *Do everything within your power and capacity to bring people to the Lord; you may have exhausted your willingness and passion but you will never have exhausted your ability and creativity.*
5. *Command your resources (human or money) in the way of the Lord, then deploy your resources to the work of the Lord.*
6. *Must be deliberate to teach your employees and designates the fear of the Lord so they properly represent your understanding of Him at all levels.*
7. *Your greatest position in life is not in the seat of a kingdom but in the heart of God; your greatest achievement is not earthly attainments but turning the heart of a people back to God. Make it your deliberate effort to reach sinners for God.*
8. *Use all your influence and resources to put people on the right path to serve the Lord; you may never rule a kingdom or have judges to appoint but start with your family. Impartiality and bribes are not in God, it should never be found in you.*
9. *Your circle of impact enlarges and spans the globe, if every person within your circle and their circles will tell it and pass the light on; do not wait*

for the other levels; be faithful at yours .

10. *Effective delegation makes management easy and reduces effort, confusion and anxiety. It enhances success.*
11. *Instruct your team well in the fear of the Lord, but lead them well by applying the instructions to your own walk.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Tender, loving, king and merciful God, I fall at the feet of grace and thank You for every time You have reached beyond my indiscretions to embrace my destiny. Amen.
- Most High God, I will not oppose You by ignoring the reality of my relationships and associations. Amen.
- Father, let the power to be consistent in my relationship with You be a garment I wear every moment of my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, give me the heart of a soul-winner and empower me to be effective, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I command my soul to be liberal towards the Lord and the work of the kingdom; I refuse to claim ownership but to acknowledge stewardship. Amen.

THE day the armies came,
Yes the day the armies came,
I watched every man intently
And listened just the same.
Then I heard the king call on God
And magnify His holy name,
Saying, "We do not know just what to do,
But our eyes are on You this day."
Then the prophet brought the answer,
And the king said, "Believe the Lord;
So shall you be established.
Believe his prophets; so shall you prosper."
Then I saw him put up the sword and shield,
And he led the charge with praise.
Yes, I learned something from Jehoshaphat
The day the armies came.

2 CHRONICLES 20

¹They came from Ammon and Moab, and other nations besides, to fight with Jehoshaphat;
²and Jehoshaphat was told, "A great multitude is coming against you to fight, from beyond the sea and Syria; they are now in Hazazon Tamar (which is Engedi)."
³And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord.
 And I learned that day, *the first thing to do is seek.*
 The king proclaimed a fast throughout Judah,
⁴so Judah gathered together to ask help of their God.
 They came to seek the Lord out of every city of Judah,
and it was brought home to me that day, that in times of national crisis the entire nation must awake.
⁵Then Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation

of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court. *And he evoked God's word in prayer; I remember his every word.*

⁶He said, "O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven above, and are You not the ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations?"

"Is there not might and power in Your hand, so none can withstand You?"

⁷"Are You not our God who, before Your people Israel, drove out the inhabitants of this land,

and gave it forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham?"

⁸"And in this land they dwell, and have built a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying,

⁹"If on us disaster comes:

sword, judgment, pestilence or famine, we will pray in Your presence in this house—for Your name is in this house—and cry to You in our troubles and You will hear and save."

¹⁰"Now behold, armies have come!

The children of Mount Seir, along with the people of Moab and Ammon.

You would not let Israel destroy them when they came out of Egypt,

but they turned from them and did not attack them,

¹¹now see, they have come to throw us out of the land You gave us to inherit.

This is how they reward us, O God.

¹²"O Lord, will You not judge them?"

For we have no might against this great multitude, nor do we know what to do, so Lord our eyes are upon You."

¹³And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their wives, children and little ones.

and I saw a king and an entire nation placed their hope in God.

¹⁴In the day the armies came, so too came the word of the Lord.

The Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahazial, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph,

in the midst of all the people assembled there.

¹⁵And he said, "Hear me all you people of Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you King Jehoshaphat!

This is what the Lord says to you,

"Do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed because of their great numbers,

for the battle is not yours—you may be outnumbered—but the battle is the Lord's.

¹⁶Tomorrow go down against them.

They will come up by the Cliff Ziz;

you will find them at the end of the brook, in front of Jeruel, the wilderness.

¹⁷You will have no need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves and just stand still.

Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem."

Stand still and watch the Lord display His skills.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord in worship.

And I learned lesson number two that day, in the way he received the word of the Lord with worship and with such humility and grace.

Everyone was worshipping!

19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to give joyous praise to the Lord God of Israel with voices loud and high, and their spirits were buoyant.

20 And early the next morning they rose up and went to the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went Jehoshaphat stood up and said,

“Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: believe the Lord your God, so shall you be established;

believe His prophets and you shall prosper.”

When he had consulted with the people— he set out to do the radical; he chose to believe the word and rearranged His battle formation to pursue it—

he positioned praisers and singers to lead the army,

those who would sing to the Lord and who would praise the beauty of holiness.

The day the armies came, was the day the order changed;

or rather order was abandoned, and they replaced their swords with praise, yes, the army looked deranged.

They went out before the army saying,

“Praise the Lord, for His mercies endure forever.”

Praise became their weapon of war.

22 When they began to sing, “Praise the Lord,” and chanted, “For His mercies endure always,”

I learned then the awesome power of faith-filled warfare praise;

for then the Lord set an ambush against the people of Moab, Ammon and Mount Seir, who had come up against Judah and they were all stricken.

For as Judah lifted their weapon of warfare, yes, they sounded praises with their mouths, these armies drew their weapons and went for each other's throat.

23 This is the way it happened: the people of Moab and Ammon joined forces against the people of Mount Seir, to destroy them altogether.

Then they decided they really did not like each other.

When they had finished destroying the people of Seir, they turned on each other and the army self-destructed.

24 When Judah came towards the tower overlooking the wilderness, they looked towards

the multitude.

They saw only dead bodies fallen to the earth. They were all dead, none of them escaped.

It was a fight for ascendancy among confederates, so no one fled, as they would before an enemy, so everyone ended up dead.

25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came up to take the spoils, they found on the dead bodies, riches in abundance, and precious jewels met their eyes.

They took them; it was so much to gather, that to do so it took Judah three days.

The day the armies came in numbers, they came with abundant wealth, which Judah graciously received.

26 They assembled in the Valley of Berachah on the fourth day; and they blessed the Lord there. *Recognition and thanksgiving was another lesson on display.* Therefore the place is named the Valley of Berachah to this day.

27 Then every man of Judah and Jerusalem returned, with Jehoshaphat.

It was a joyous journey back to Jerusalem as the triumphant army returned.

They rejoiced in what the Lord had done; He made them rejoice over their enemies.

28 They came to Jerusalem with stringed instruments, harps and trumpets to the house of the Lord.

29 And the fear of the Lord fell on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they heard how the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was quiet from then, for the Lord gave him rest all around.

31 Jehoshaphat was king over Judah.

He was thirty-five years old when he began to reign in Judah, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the path of his father Asa, he did not depart from it but he did what was right in the sight of the Lord.

33 However the high places were not removed; for even then the people had not prepared their hearts as yet to seek the God of their fathers.

34 The rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, are written in the book of Jehu, son of Hanani which is noted in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah, allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, whose wicked acts were well known.

36 He partnered with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and in Ezion-geber the ships were made.

37 And Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah

prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have partnered with Ahaziah, the Lord has broken your works." And the ships were wrecked so that to Tarshish they were not able to go.

@The many lessons I learned from Jehoshaphat the day the armies came, the attitude to face adversity, and the power of warfare-praise.

And how to receive the word of God; with faith and with praise; that is, with faith filled praise.

And I have also learnt one thing more:

I have seen how unholy relationships can hinder mighty works.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Your righteousness does not retire strong enemies or make them redundant, it incites and riles them and makes them indignant.
2. When you are in trouble seek God, when your knees are weak rest in God, when you don't know what to do, hear God.
3. When you come to God in faith know He is, proclaim who He is; if He is your confidence build His image with praise to build your confidence.
4. Know His ability and know that He is; know His heart and know that He will; know your history and know your position in Him.
5. When you have exhausted your own ability, retrofit in His; when you do not know what to do, be honest and turn your eyes to Him.
6. National crisis calls for national response; leave nothing and no one out.
7. Tragedy is averted when divine strategies are executed.
8. The best and only right way to receive a word from the Lord is by praise and thanksgiving.
9. Never wait until manifestation to praise God for His promises, faith places you in the victory and prompts praise and rejoicing in advance.
10. Fight your battle in prayer and the Lord will fight your battles on the battlefield.
11. Not every battle you fight you need to fight, some you claim. The absence of prayer will cause you to fight battles where angels were designated.
12. The simplicity of life and success resides in believing the Lord, believing His word and His prophets.
13. Lead your armies (your battles, your business, your family) out in praise and you will lead angels out by faith.
14. Where faith in God is absolute, traditional and standard approaches are obsolete; hearing Him is all you need.
15. Praises clarify your focus but confuse your enemy.
16. Enemy sword for enemy hearts; enemy spoils for the people of the Lord.
17. Faith orchestrated victory is so massive it drives fear into the hearts of every opposition; you have a big God, go for the big one.
18. Make alliances with the enemy of God and you destroy your reliance on God; business partnerships with the enemy of the Lord will lead to wrecked ships and great losses.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every spirit assigned against me and every

enemy incited against me because of my promotion in Christ, receive a divine rebuke now, in the name of Jesus.

- My Father God, I lay it all down at Your feet and pour out to You for You to pour into me. Amen.
- Most High God, professor of Heaven and the earth; God who put the stars in their courses and commanded the seas to its bounds; who humbled strong kings and elevated the weak; I am humbled to have You on my side in battle. Amen.
- My eyes are upon You O God; You took to the cross to redeem me from sin; how much more will You respond to my troubles; I look to You with confident expectation. Amen.
- My Father God, give me the strategies that will confuse and embarrass every opposition to my destiny, in the name of Jesus.

YOU have all that you desire; You are living as king, but there is no compassion in you—you slay the innocent.

"Incurable diseases!"

You heard it from the prophet's mouth. Bowels without compassion are bowels that will drop out!

2 CHRONICLES 21

¹Jehoshaphat the king died, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David.

Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

²These were the names of his brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat:

Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah;

all these were sons of Jehoshaphat, king of Israel.

³Their father gave them great gifts of gold, silver, precious things, and fortified cities in Judah;

but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, for he was his firstborn.

⁴And when he was established in the kingdom, he lost all compassion.

He strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword;

he also killed some of the leaders of Israel.

⁵Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king; he reigned for eight years in Jerusalem.

⁶And he walked in the rebellion of all the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab, for he had the daughter of Ahab as his wife; and he did evil in the Lord's sight.

Ungodly alliances had cost Jehoshaphat his sons.

⁷Yet the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that with David He made;

for He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons always.

⁸In his days Edom revolted against Judah and made themselves a king.

⁹And Jehoram went out with his captains and all his chariots with him.

He rose up by night and struck the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots.

¹⁰And Edom revolted against Judah's rule to this day.

At that time Libnah too revolted from under his rule for he had forsaken the Lord God of his fathers.

¹¹Moreover, in the mountains of Judah he built high places, and compelled Jerusalem to commit fornication with him there and led Judah astray.

¹²And Elijah the prophet sent him a letter, saying, "This is what the Lord God of your father David says,

'Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

¹³but have followed the ways of the kings of Israel,

and have caused Judah and the people of Jerusalem to play the prostitute, just like the prostitution of the house of Ahab, you have also killed your brothers of your father's house, who were more righteous than you are.

¹⁴Therefore the Lord will strike your people with a serious plague—your children, your wives and your goods.

¹⁵And you will be diseased in your bowels; day by day it will slowly go, until your bowels that lack compassion fall completely out."

¹⁶Moreover, the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians who were near the Ethiopians.

¹⁷They came up and invaded Judah, and they carried away all the wealth they found in the king's house, and they also took his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz his youngest son.

¹⁸After this the Lord struck him in his bowels with a disease which could not be cured.

¹⁹And in the process of time, two years he slowly suffered,

and after two painful years his intestines fell out because of this terrible sickness; so he died in excruciating pain.

And his people made no burning for him after the traditional burning of his fathers.

²⁰He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned in Jerusalem for eight years.

And when Jehoram died, this king without compassion went without being desired. They buried him in the City of David, but not in the sepulchers of the kings.

@For to fear the Lord and have compassion, is a heart and bowel thing!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your best intention for your children is expressed*

not only in what you present to them but what you protect them from.

2. *You raise up children for the sword if you expose them to the voice and influence of the thief and murderer; your friendships matter.*
3. *You cannot marry sin and not court disaster; Jezebel was not able to invade Judah but she influenced Judah at the highest level through an alliance by her daughter.*
4. *You live by your own righteousness, not by your relations to the righteous in your family.*
5. *Rebel against the Lord and your subjects will rebel against you; forsake the Lord and lose your power over nations.*
6. *You have everything of value if you leave everything and hold God dear; you lose everything you value if you hold everything and leave God out.*
7. *Reign by wickedness and judgment will rain down upon you.*
8. *Invite the favor of the Lord rather than incite the wrath of the Lord; fill the land with sin and you make yourself repulsive to God.*
9. *Compassion is a heart and bowel thing, it will cause your bowels to break out in joy; lack of compassion will cause your bowels to fall out.*
10. *When you give yourself to demonic activity you expose yourself to demonic attack.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Alpha and Omega, show me every habit and association that is deleterious to the destiny of my children and give me the resolve to break them now. Amen.
- I sound the alarm in the spirit to every believing parent and call them to consciousness of their entertainment choices and associations. Amen.
- Power to put principles above passion fall upon every believer contemplating marriage today, in the name of Jesus. Father God, deliver marriages that are currently in the clutches of the Jezebel spirit. Amen.
- Power to walk righteous and to live in freedom, envelop the youths of this generation. Amen.
- My Father, my God, I will live to please You; let Your every contemplation of me be good only, in the name of Jesus.

A CLOSE tie with the wicked, one who counsels every day; And deep inside a voice speaks, "Put ungodly counselors away!" But my will could not resist her; I followed her instructions; Step by step I took it, a path of destruction. I walked in ungodly counsel, while death walked after me; And my children too were slaughtered by the one who counseled me.

2 CHRONICLES 22

¹The people of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, the youngest son of Jehoram, king in his place, for the raiding band that came up with the Arabians had killed all his older sons; and so over Judah Ahaziah reigned.

²Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned for just one year.

His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri.

³He walked in his evil ways as the house of Ahab did, for his mother was his counselor to do many wicked things.

⁴He did evil in the Lord's sight, just as the house of Ahab, for they were his counselors after his father's death, to his own destruction.

⁵He also took their advice and went with Jehoram, the son of Ahab, Israel's king, to war, against Hazael, king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead, and the Syrians struck Joram; his end was not very far.

⁶He returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wound which at Ramah he received, and Azariah king of Judah visited him there at Jezreel.

⁷His destruction was forthcoming, appointed of the Lord.

His visit to Joram was God's appointment for his own downfall.

When he arrived he went to battle with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, who the Lord had anointed to cut off the entire house of Ahab.

⁸And while Jehu executed judgment on the house of Ahab, he found the princes of Judah, and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers who ministered to him, and he killed them.

⁹They then searched and caught Ahaziah in Samaria where he was hiding.

They brought him to Jehu, and when they had killed Judah's king, they buried him.

They had respect for Jehoshaphat, and so they buried him,

for they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat who sought the Lord with his entire heart." So the house of Ahaziah had no successor as king.

@Now the sting of ungodly alliances would bite Jehoshaphat's children, for in his time he broke a hedge,

although he sought the Lord with all his heart, and did not follow Ahab's wickedness.

¹⁰When Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother, heard that her son was dead, she rose up against all the royal seed of Judah and destroyed her grand children.

@Athaliah, Omri's granddaughter, destroyed her son's entire house.

She slew his children with the sword after causing his death with the counsel of her mouth.

¹¹But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of Jehoram, Ahaziah's sister, and the wife of Jehoiada the priest,

stole Joash the son of Ahaziah from among the king's sons who were being killed.

She put him and his nurse in a bedroom, so Athaliah did not kill him.

¹²For six years he was with them, hidden in the house of God, and for all these six years, Athaliah reigned

over the land.

The daughter of a king of Israel violating David's covenant of God!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You hate your generations when you love evil associations; the influence you expose your children to is the real legacy you leave to them (Jehoshaphat the great king made this grave mistake).*
2. *Anyone not submitted to God has one master, the master of evil, and no depth of wickedness is beyond them.*
3. *Guard your ears well; protect your circles; be careful who your advisers are; you may never listen to the devil but you may listen to his servants.*
4. *Make your bed with the wicked in life and you will make your graves with them in death.*
5. *Destroy righteousness and you dissolve your walls of protection and expose yourself to the attack of the enemy.*
6. *The thirst for power is destructive and has no compassion towards its own blood; it crushes anyone in the way of power.*
7. *The Jezebel spirit establishes her throne and the throne of her god Baalzebub in holy places reserved by divine designation.*
8. *The Jezebel spirit thirsts for power and stops at nothing to get it; compassion is not a factor to Jezebel; she devours and sacrifices her own children.*
9. *Never get comfortable in places or positions you have no authorization or divine backing for.*
10. *The word of God to David can never die or be slain; the root will be nurtured by God to spring up and take its rightful place whether it takes eight years or just three days.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of the living God, awaken my passion for the next generation by increasing my sensitivity to the examples and influences I expose them to. Amen.
- Let the spirit of presumption be driven from the hearts of believers; I call them to resolute decision now, in the name of Jesus.
- Lover of my soul, let every demonic advice filtered to me through trusted sources be revealed and dismissed, in the name of Jesus.
- Great and mighty God, give me the courage to break off and to put away every association that conflicts with my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
- Most righteous and holy God, I will embrace righteousness like life itself and will never let it go. Amen.

PREPARE for God's promise,
Let nothing be left undone;
For as long as the Lord lives,
The throne belongs to David's sons.
The environs are reserved.
Since you ask, Athaliah, here is the reason:
"Only one man's seed can take root here."
Do not go crying out for treason!

2 CHRONICLES 23

¹In the seventh year, Jehoiada strengthened himself for the work at hand,

and with the captains over hundreds he made a covenant:

Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri.

²And they went and gathered all the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and also the chiefs of the fathers of Israel, and to Jerusalem they came.

³And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, "See, the son of the king shall reign, as the Lord said of David's sons."

That woman Athaliah is out of place!

@Yes, he was pained at the wickedness of the former kings, but for Jehoiada the priest the only rebellion he would sanction was where the covenant was breached!

So he put things in order.

⁴He said, "This is what we do from here."

And he divided to them some duties;

it was time now to prepare.

"A third of you who enters on the Sabbath, priests and Levites, shall keep watch at the door.

⁵"A third shall be at the king's house, and a third at the Gate of Foundation.

And all the people shall be in the courts of the house of God.

⁶"Let no one enter the Lord's house except the priests and Levites who serve.

They alone shall enter, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the guard of the Lord.

⁷"And the Levites shall surround the king all around, every man with his weapon; and anyone who enters the house, let him be put to death.

And you shall be with the king when he comes in and goes out."

⁸So the Levites and all Judah did all that Jehoiada the priest commanded.

And each man took his men who were assigned duty on the Sabbath, with those who were coming off duty; for Jehoiada had not dismissed them.

⁹And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains over hundreds the spears, the bucklers and the shields, which had belonged to King David and were in the house of God still.

¹⁰Then he positioned all the people from the right side of the temple to the left, by the altar and by the temple all around the king.

¹¹They brought out the king's son, and they placed the crown on him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king.

Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and all the people shouted with one voice, "God save the king!"

¹²When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king,

she came to the people at the Lord's house, to investigate for herself.

¹³She saw the king standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the princes and trumpeters there by him;

she saw the singers with musical instruments, and all the people of Judah rejoicing and blowing trumpets then.

So Athaliah tore her clothes, and she cried,

"Treason! Treason!"

But she was never Judah's ruler; she should have known then the reason.

¹⁴And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were assigned there,

"Take her outside and kill anyone who follows her with the sword."

For the priest had said, "Do not kill her in the house of the Lord."

¹⁵So they took her and brought her by the road of the entrance of the Horse Gate into the king's house and they killed her there.

@For it was very clear, God's promises to David could not have been received by her.

¹⁶And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people and the king, that they should be the people of the Lord.

¹⁷And all the people went to the temple of Baal and broke down the abominable thing.

They broke the altars and the images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

They rid the land of the wickedness, and the idols of the queen.

¹⁸And Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the Lord,

to the priests, the Levites, whom David had ordained in the house of the Lord, to offer the burnt offerings of the Lord, as it is written in Moses' law,

with rejoicing and with singing as David commanded.

¹⁹And he set the keepers at the gates of the temple so that no unclean would enter in.

²⁰Then he took the captains of the hundreds, the nobles, the governors, and all the people of the land.

He brought the king from the house of the Lord;

and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.

²¹And all the people of the land rejoiced;

then the city was quiet and had rest;

for they had killed Athaliah with the sword and put away her idolatries.

@Now a seed of David, once more wore Judah's crown.

He was right for the environs, and his roots would go right down.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Careful planning and organization creates the atmosphere for the success of every vision.

2. Organize, strategize, mobilize to take back the nation out of the reins and the grip of the devil.
3. Protect the purposes and plans of God in your nation with extreme care and watch over it to fulfilment.
4. The devil will not easily let his grip of the kingdom go, the violent must take it by force.
5. Protect, nurture, preserve and position the children to take their rightful place of leadership in the kingdom.
6. The people of God must take their place in the house of God to prepare for the next move of God.
7. Advance the move of God with prayer and warfare.
8. People will recognize and celebrate the move of God when it occurs and is crowned (established).
9. Every demonic throne will be swept away when the hunger of the people enthrones the word of God in a nation.
10. When a righteous king reigns, the people will rejoice and celebrate.

PRAYER POINTS

- Power and resolve to plan well and to organize for good success, envelop leaders in the church today, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I speak divine surety to every strategy of the church designed to take the nation back for Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, raise up guardians of the righteous standards of God in this nation and empower them for good success, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, let believing parents be graced with the mindset and power to raise up Godly children for kingdom impact. Amen.
- Holy Father, let the spirit of aggression in prayer rise in the hearts of believers as they wrestle for the kingdom. Satan, loose your hold, by the power in the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father God, I rise in faith and in the Spirit and pull down every demonic throne in this nation. Let the name of Jesus be exalted. Amen.

**SET your eyes on God,
Do not set your eyes on man;
Or you will surely turn from Him when
death moves them on.
For when your eyes are fixed on man, their
image will make you appear strong;
And you will seek to honor them, despising
the right for the wrong.**

2 CHRONICLES 24

- ¹Joash was seven years of age when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.
- ²Joash did the things that were right in the sight of the Lord, but only as long as Jehoiada the priest lived; while the servant of God was present.
- ³And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he fathered sons and daughters.
- ⁴And after this Joash had his mind set on repairing the house of the Lord,
- ⁵so he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them,

“Go throughout the cities of Judah, and gather money from all Israel to repair the house of your God from year to year; ensure you do it quickly!”

However, the Levites did not hurry.

⁶And the king called Jehoiada, the chief priest to account, and said to him,

“Why have you not ensured the Levites bring the collections for the tabernacle from Judah and Jerusalem,

according to the instructions of Moses, the servant of God, and of the congregation of Israel?”

⁷For the sons of that wicked woman Athaliah had broken into the house of God, and had presented to the Baals all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord.

⁸Joash was seeing quite clearly, for Jehoiada mirrored the Lord.

⁹Then at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it outside, at the gate of the Lord's house.

¹⁰They proclaimed throughout Judah, and Jerusalem to bring in the Lord's collection that Moses the servant of God commanded of Israel in the wilderness.

¹¹Then all the leaders and all the people rejoiced, brought their offering, and put them into the chest.

¹²And so, at that time, when the Levites brought the chest to the king's officers, and they saw it had much money in it, the king's scribe and the officer of the high priest came and emptied the chest and returned it to its place.

They did this every day until they gathered a substantial amount of money.

¹³Then the king and Jehoiada gave it to the workers who were doing the work of the service of the house of the Lord;

and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the Lord's house, and workers in iron and bronze to restore the house of the Lord.

¹⁴So the workmen labored and completed the work.

They restored the Lord's house to its original state and strengthened it.

¹⁵When they were finished, they brought to the king and Jehoiada all the money that remained.

With it they made articles for the house of the Lord, articles for the use of ministry, spoons and vessels of gold and silver.

All the days of Jehoiada they offered burnt offering continually in the house of the Lord.

¹⁶But Jehoiada grew old and had seen many days, and he died.

He was one hundred and thirty years old at that time.

¹⁷They buried him among the kings in the City of David, for he had done good in Israel, both towards God and towards His house.

Your service towards God matters.

17After the death of Jehoiada, the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king.

The king needed another hero, and they offered themselves to him.

He paid attention to their counsel.

18And they forsook the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served images and idols.

The princes blocked his perfect view of God.

Because of their trespass, the Lord's wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem.

For though the king prepared his sight, he had not prepared his heart.

19Yet God sent prophets to the people to bring them again to the Lord;

and they testified against them, but no one gave attention to their word.

20Then the Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest,

and he stood up above the people, and to them he said this,

"This is what the Lord says, 'Why do you transgress the Lord's commandments and block your own prosperity; because you have forsaken the Lord, He has forsaken you also.'"

21So they conspired against him, and stoned him at the king's command, in the court of the house of the Lord.

22So Joash the king completely forgot the kindness Jehoiada his father had done to him, so he killed his son.

And as Zechariah died, he said, "The Lord look on it and repay!"

@For the king had found new heroes; his old mentor was now dead.

Like a lamb to the slaughter, he would go where he was led!

23And so, in the spring of the year the army of Syria came up against him, to Judah and Jerusalem

and they destroyed all the leaders, *his heroes*, from among the people,

and sent all the plunder to Damascus.

24It was a very small company of Syrians that came against Judah's multitude, but the Lord delivered up Judah's great army into their hand, *for they had the wrong attitude*; they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers.

So they executed judgment against Joash.

25And when the Syrians left him, (for they left him seriously wounded), his own servants plotted against him and killed him on his bed.

@Gone was Jehoiada, who mentored him in the book;

gone were the princes, the men to whom he looked.

They buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

26It was Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess, who plotted and killed him.

27Now concerning his sons, and the many oracles about him, and the repairing of the house of God, they are written in the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son replaced him as king.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Never peg your righteousness on another party's or it will die with them; pursue personal relationship with God.*
2. *The heart of the Lord is like a clock, to have it tick for you, tick for Him; set your heart on the things of the Lord and His heart will be set on you.*
3. *Do everything in your power while you are in power to exalt the house of the Lord.*
4. *The work of the Lord advances on the generosity of the people. Whether tithes or tax or levy or just a freewill offering, giving is glorious to the church.*
5. *Build with integrity to boast a strong and pleasing finish.*
6. *If it is consecrated to the Lord, it must be concentrated on the things of God.*
7. *A finished project does not absolve your responsibility for stewardship. Never divert the offering for other use.*
8. *See God and seek God rather than see man and seek God, or you will stop seeking God when the man is no longer visible.*
9. *When idolatry takes root in your heart it builds stubbornness and resistance and kills compassion.*
10. *When you forsake the Lord you cry for judgment and your strength dissolves.*
11. *Go hard, finish strong and be honored; start hard, finish weak and you will reek; forsake principles, lose your fire and you will die undesired.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Awesome and amazing God, let every King Uzziah or Jehoiada in the hearts of men die, so they may see You for themselves, high and lifted up. Amen.
- Father, my heart beats for You; my breath pants for You; my heart is set on You like a clock, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to redeem the time in this evil age, envelop the hearts of believers and overcome their thoughts. Amen.
- I have never heard of any other God who gave His Son to redeem His creation; such generosity demands my generous best; I command my soul to respond Lord. Amen.
- Father God, let the integrity of Your work in my life withstand the test of time. Amen. I will be a person of integrity.

REJOICE, for God has given victory; Your God has made you strong. Send back the ungodly, their gods will pull you down!

Edom's gods could not deliver them; Break the Edomites to pieces on stones; But why take up their gods, O you mighty, and go kissing them and bowing down? Say, with the gods of the defeated, Will you challenge the king of Israel this day?

Then know you shall be broken,

And shall look into your own disgrace.

2 CHRONICLES 25

¹Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign.

He reigned for twenty-nine years over Judah in Jerusalem.

His mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.

²He did what was right in the sight of the Lord but not with a perfect heart.

³When the kingdom was established, he killed his servants who had murdered his father the king.

⁴But he did not kill their children, but followed the Law of Moses, which read,

"The fathers shall not be executed for the children,

nor shall the children be executed for their fathers, but everyone shall die for his own sins."

⁵And Amaziah gathered the people of Judah together, and he placed over them captains over hundreds and of thousands, according to their fathers' houses throughout all Judah and Benjamin;

and he took a census of them from twenty years old and upwards.

He found three hundred thousand fit men, able to go to war,

who could handle spear and shield.

⁶He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver.

⁷But a man of God came to him, and said, "Let the king go alone; do not allow the army of Israel to go with you, for the Lord is not with Israel—not with any of the children of Ephraim. Send their armies home.

⁸"If you will go, do it and be strong!

But so that you know the sound, send back the ungodly or they will pull your army down!

Or God will make you fall before the enemy; for He has the power to destroy and to help."

Are you concerned about the silver?

God can give you much more wealth.

⁹Amaziah said to the man of God, "What shall we do about the hundred talents of silver I have given to the army of Israel?"

The man of God responded, "The Lord is able to give you much more than this."

¹⁰So Amaziah released the armies that came to him from Ephraim, and sent them home.

They were incensed with anger against Judah and they went back home very angry.

¹¹Then Amaziah strengthened himself, and led his people forth to war.

He killed ten thousand men of the people of Mt. Seir in the Valley of Salt.

¹²And the children of Judah took another ten thousand captives alive;

and they cast them down from the top of the rock,

so they were smashed to pieces as they died.

¹³But the soldiers that Amaziah dismissed, so that they would not go to battle with him, attacked the cities of Judah from Samaria to Beth-horon, and plundered them.

¹⁴And when Amaziah returned from slaughtering the Edomites,

he brought the gods of the people of Seir and made them his gods,

and he bowed to them and to them he burned incense.

Amaziah what are you setting up as your gods? Are those the useless gods you stood against?

¹⁵Because of this, the Lord was angry with Amaziah,

and he sent a prophet to him who said,

"Why have you sought the gods of the people which could not rescue their own people from you?"

¹⁶As he was speaking to Amaziah, the king said to him, "Are you the king's counselor? Stop now! Why should you be killed?"

Then the prophet refrained, and said,

"Because you have done this and have rejected my counsel, I know God has determined to destroy you."

¹⁷Then Amaziah the king of Judah sought advice and sent this challenge to Joash, son of Jehoahaz, Jehu's son, Israel's king, saying,

"Come, let us fight each other, face to face."

He had rejected his strength, and he would soon look into his own disgrace.

¹⁸Joash king of Israel responded to Amaziah with a proverb, saying:

"There was a thistle in Lebanon;

he sent to the cedar there, saying,

'Give your daughter to my son as his wife.'

But a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle down.

¹⁹"Yes, you say you have triumphed over the Edomites, and your heart lifts you up to boast.

"Why meddle with trouble to your own destruction? Stay at home;

why should you fall and all Judah with you?"

²⁰But Amaziah would not hear it, because of what God was about to do.

He would give them into their enemies' hand for they sought the gods of the Edomites.

Could the gods that failed Edom change their tune and help them now?

²¹So Joash the king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced each other for war at Beth-shemesh which belonged to Judah.

²²The battle between them raged.

Judah was defeated by Israel, and each man fled to his tent.

²³And Joash the king of Israel captured Amaziah the king of Judah at Beth-shemesh;

and he brought him to Jerusalem,

and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate—four hundred cubits of wall.

The gods of Edom failed once again.

²⁴And he took the gold and the silver, all the vessels found in the house of God with Obededom, the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and he returned to Samaria with all the bounty.

²⁵And Amaziah king of Judah lived for fifteen years after Joash the king of Israel died.

²⁶The rest of the acts of Amaziah, from beginning to end, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

²⁷After Amaziah turned from following the Lord they conspired against him in Jerusalem. The one who turned after idols now fled to Lachish for his life.

Even there these gods could not help him.

They sent after him in Lachish and struck him and he died.

²⁸They brought him back on horses, and with his fathers in the City of Judah they buried the king.

He forsook the God of his salvation to worship gods that could not save him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Go all out or get out altogether; do it with all your heart to show you really have a heart for doing it.*
2. *Sin may have general effect but personal consequences; it will not pass the sinner by or pass on from the sinner to others.*
3. *Hear the heart of God and depart from those who have the wrath of God resting on them.*
4. *Evil associations attract righteous judgment; if you travel in the same sinking boat with sinners ensure you can swim.*
5. *The boat of the wicked will not be delivered by the hand of God; get out while you have time.*
6. *The cost of obedience can never be compared with the price of disobedience. Let it go.*
7. *Cost is never a factor when considering obedience to Christ; He did not count the cost when He laid down His life.*
8. *Victory is always the end result of obedience, but disobedience is the end of victory; it causes confusion and death.*
9. *Not because God is with you on the battle-field means you will not have demons attacking your home; cover your home when you do battle in the spirit.*
10. *The enemy you invite and open your door to will do greater damage than the enemy you fight openly; if you cannot trust their heart and their relationship with God never engage them.*
11. *Do not be excited about grabbing God's attention unless it is for the right reasons; God will respond to everything He pays attention to.*
12. *Never be too ready to pick a fight if your heart is not ready before God and you are not His pick for divine help to fight for you.*
13. *Lose God and you lose your battles, your treasures, your dignity, your hope and your life.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, You placed it all in when You released Jesus to me, now I place it all in and release myself to You and to Jesus my Lord. Amen.

- Father, forgive me of all my sins; help my children to live righteous before You. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, judgment shall not find me in the boat of sinners; I will remove the wicked from my lot, in the name of Jesus.
- Righteous Father, I do not seek easy, I seek righteous; I am willing to pay the cost of pleasing You. Amen.
- I tremble before You Father; this shall be my victory position and my wisdom before You always. Amen.

MARVELOUSLY helped, by the Most Marvelous; but when the king was strong, his heart was lifted up. Build mighty towers and engines, Break down Gath and Ashdod's walls, But when you are approaching God's commandments, Read, observe and halt.

2 CHRONICLES 26

¹So all the people of Judah took Uzziah and made him king in his father Amaziah's place. At the time he became king he was sixteen years of age.

²He built Elath and restored it to Judah after the king died.

³So Uzziah became king when he was sixteen years old, and he reigned for fifty-two years in Jerusalem.

His mother's name was Jecholiah and she was from Jerusalem.

⁴He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord according to the first acts of Amaziah.

⁵Uzziah sought the Lord, and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who understood the visions of the Lord.

⁶He fought against the Philistines and broke down the wall of Gath;

he also broke down the wall of Jabneh and Ashdod's walls; and he built cities about Ashdod and among the Philistines.

⁷He was marvelously helped; the Lord was helping him.

The Lord helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians of Gur-baal, and against the Meunites; see all these nations fall.

⁸The Ammonites brought Uzziah presents, and his fame quickly spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he had amassed exceedingly much strength.

⁹He built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate.

He also built towers at the corner buttress of the wall, and fortified them; for the Lord had made him great.

¹⁰He also built towers in the desert, and he dug many wells, for the king had much cattle in the plains and

also in the low lands.

He had farmers and vinedressers in Carmel and in the mountains for the king loved farming.

¹¹Uzziah also had an army of mighty men who went to war by companies; according to their numbers as prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

¹²The total number of the chief officers of the mighty men totaled twenty-six hundred.

¹³Under their command was an army of three hundred and seven thousand, five hundred; they made war with mighty power for the king against the enemy.

¹⁴And Uzziah prepared for the entire army, armor, shields, spears, helmets, bows, and slings to cast stones.

¹⁵And cunning men invented engines to shoot arrows from Jerusalem's tower tops and also to shoot large stones.

So the fame of this king spread all around, far and wide, for he was marvelously helped until he became strong.

¹⁶But when he was strong his heart was exalted to his own destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord by entering the Lord's temple to burn incense on the altar of incense.

He ignored the signs, he ignored the law.

¹⁷And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the Lord—valiant men.

¹⁸They withstood Uzziah the king, saying, "It is not lawful for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord,

this is reserved for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to do so.

Get out of the sanctuary, for you have transgressed, the Lord God shall not honor you."

¹⁹Then Uzziah the king became very angry.

Now king what will you do?

He had a censer in his hand to burn incense.

While he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests, beside the incense altar.

Haughtiness and anger changed visibly to shame.

²⁰And when Azariah and all the priests saw he was leprous, they thrust him from that place. He himself also hurried to get out, for the Lord had struck him.

²¹Until the day he died King Uzziah was a leper, and he dwelt in a separate house, quarantined, because he was a leper.

He was cut off from the house of the Lord for *he ignored the warnings, he ignored the laws.*

Jotham his son was over the king's house, and he judged the people of the land.

²²The rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, are written by Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

²³So Uzziah died and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to

the kings,

for they said, "He is a leper!" And Jotham his son reigned after him.

@ Know, you can build a world around you, but when you near God's commands, there are signs at every corner; read, observe and halt.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You are not too young to be different, to make a difference, to become a distinction; you can stand out in your generation.
2. Do what is right, not in your own sight, not in the sight of your peers, nor in the sight of popular opinion, but in the sight of the Lord.
3. Seek the Lord above prosperity, for when you seek the Lord prosperity seeks you, but when you seek prosperity alone you stumble.
4. Marvel at the strength and the ways of the Lord and He will help you marvelously.
5. Do what you love and love what you do and your work will be a productive labor of love that gives you pleasure.
6. The excellence of the Lord is in you and is designated to be activated in His presence; you restrict yourself and limit your potential by the time you spend out of the Presence.
7. Embrace the spirit of distinction for creativity and innovation in every field and it will define you.
8. Think beyond your time and see your thoughts and innovations manifest in your time to effect changes in time.
9. Never get stuck with what others are doing and how they operate and you will not be limited to their measure of success or have your potential stuck in mediocrity.
10. Great exaltation is sustained by great humility; self-exaltation at the place of elevation will lead to embarrassment.
11. If you have God standing for you, wisdom departs when you turn and stand against Him.
12. Forsaking the Lord and ignoring His laws at the height of your blessing and elevation is like an aeroplane casting off its engines mid-flight.

PRAYER POINTS

- Gentle Father, place Your word in the hearts of the children and youths of this generation; make them zealous for You early. Amen.
- Most Holy God, let the demonic veil upon the hearts and minds of the youths of this generation be lifted now; let them play for Your eyes only. Amen.
- Father God, my greatest pleasure is seeking the treasures of Your heart; I will seek You early. Amen.
- Awesome God, I lay in Your presence and marvel at You daily; You are such an amazing God. Your works leave my mouth wide open in wonder and desire for more. Amen.
- Father, all I am is found in Your presence and that is where I will be found; I will get lost in Your presence daily and operate from the place and pleasurable proximity of Your shadow. Amen.
- Spirit of creativity and power for distinguishing innovations, be stirred in me now, in Jesus' name.

WHEN fear of God propels you to do that which is right, And in fear of God you serve Him, you will be a man of might. The king of Judah lived and feared, and fear built him up; But one must fear but not be too scared to enter the Lord's house.

2 CHRONICLES 27

¹Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign.

He reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; Jerushah, Zadok's daughter, was his mother's name.

²He did the right things in the Lord's sight, according to all Uzziah his father before him did,

(yet he never entered the Lord's temple).

And the people acted corruptly still.

³He built the Upper Gate of the Lord's house, and he built extensively on Ophel's walls.

⁴He built cities in Judah's mountains, and in the forest he built castles and towers.

⁵He fought and prevailed against the king of Ammon,

and the Ammonites gave him in that year: one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten kors of barley; and they paid this also in the second and third years.

⁶And Jotham became mighty, and was strengthened all his days, for he feared the Lord his God, and before Him he prepared his ways.

⁷The rest of the acts of Jotham, his wars and ways, are written in the books of the kings of Judah and of Israel.

⁸He was twenty-five years old when he became king and in Jerusalem he reigned sixteen years.

⁹So Jotham died and was buried in the City of David, and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

Serve the Lord and fear Him, and He will give you His might; but never be too scared to make His temple your delight.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Fear the Lord with awe and reverence; let it constrain you and direct your passion to His presence.*
2. *The fear of the Lord drives you closer to Him not further from Him; to fear with trembling incites love and passion that makes you bold and not afraid.*
3. *You have influence and potential for impact; it is not good enough for you to serve the Lord in isolation while the people around you are corrupt.*
4. *The fear of the Lord opens the door to the grace of the Lord and generates good success.*
5. *Fear the Lord and nations will fear you; serve the Lord and they will serve you; pay tribute to Him and they will pay tribute to you.*

6. *Prepare your ways before the Lord by deliberate effort and He will give you effortless success and great might.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Awesome and amazing God, I will serve You with passion and direct my ways in fear and awe of You. Amen.
- Spirit of the living God, agitate the righteous to personal witness and greater impact, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Most high God, I will live in fear of You; let my heavens be opened by fire as I embrace the platform of grace. Amen.
- Wisdom of the ages, I will expend all my energies in loving You daily and expend my time and resources in Your service so success will become effortless for me. Amen.
- Father God, give me victories without hands and wealth and resources without exertion; that is true success. Amen.

HE walked in the ways of the kings of Israel and brought himself much shame, And did abominations too revolting to be named.

He was smitten by all his enemies, yet this man never learned;

Instead he clung to their gods, saying "Help me; it is my turn."

Delivered to Israel, who were sinners just the like,

He was delivered and afflicted, and cast down on every side.

2 CHRONICLES 28

¹Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign.

He reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem; he did evil in the Lord's sight; he did not follow in David's way.

²He walked in the ways of the kings of Israel and made molded images for the Baals.

³He burned incense in the valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in fire, just as the sinful nations that the Lord cast out before Israel.

⁴He sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

⁵Therefore the Lord God delivered him to the king of Syria.

They defeated them and carried a great multitude of them away captives to Damascus. He was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel who defeated him with much bloodshed.

⁶For Pekah son of Remaliah killed one hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day.

They were all valiant men, they were defeated because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers, and from Him they turned away.

⁷And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam his chief officer, and Elkanan

who was second to the king, but he still would not learn.

@Israel, why are you taking Judah captive when you are captives to sin yourself? They are delivered into your hands, but not because of your righteousness.

⁸And Israel carried away two hundred thousand of their brethren, women, daughters and sons, and they took much spoil out of Judah, and brought it to Samaria.

⁹But a prophet of the Lord named Obed was there.

He went before the army that came to Samaria and said to them,

“The Lord God of your fathers was angry with Judah, so into your hand He delivered them, but you have killed them in a rage that reaches up to heaven.

¹⁰Now you propose to force them to be your male and female slaves, but do you really have the rights?

Are you also not guilty in the Lord your God’s sight?

¹¹“Now hear me; return the captives you have taken of your brethren, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is on you.”

¹²Then certain chief men of Ephraim, Azariah, Berechiah, Jehizkiah, and Amasa, stood up against the men who came from war,

¹³and said to them, “You shall not bring in the captives here; we have already offended the Lord.

Will you add more sins to our trespass, for our trespass is great, and the wrath of the Lord God against Israel is fierce?”

¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and spoils before the leaders and all the people.

¹⁵Then the men who were identified by name rose up and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed the naked among them.

They clothed them and gave them sandals and food to eat, and drink as well; and they anointed them and carried all the feeble ones on donkeys;

and so they brought them to their brethren at Jericho, the city of palm trees, then they returned to Samaria.

¹⁶And at that time Ahaz sent for help; he sent to the kings of Assyria to help him.

¹⁷For again the Edomites had come and attacked Judah, and carried away captives.

¹⁸The Philistines also invaded the low country and Judah to the south, and they took Beth-shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth and Sochoh with its villages, also Timnah and Gimzo with its villages, and they dwelt in them.

¹⁹For the Lord humbled Judah because of Ahaz the king, for Ahaz made Judah naked, for his transgressions against the Lord were many.

²⁰He sent to Assyria for help, Tiglath-Pileser the king of Assyria came to him and distressed him instead of helping him.

²¹For Ahaz took articles from the Lord’s house, and from the house of the king and leaders. He gave it to the king of Assyria, but he was no help to him.

²²And in the time of his distress, King Ahaz trespassed against the Lord even more; yes, this is that king Ahaz, *the king who refused to learn.*

²³He sacrificed to the gods of Damascus who defeated him, for he said,

“Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them so that they may help me.”

But they were his ruin and the ruin of all Israel too.

²⁴And Ahaz gathered the vessels of the house of God and shut up the doors of the Lord’s house;

and made altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem.

²⁵He also made high places in every different city of Judah to burn incense to other gods. And he provoked the Lord God of his fathers to anger.

²⁶Now the rest of his acts and all his ways are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

²⁷And Ahaz died and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, but not in the sepulcher of the kings; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Worship the Lord with abandon and never abandon His worship.*
2. *Dedicate your children to the Lord instead of offering them as sacrifice to demons.*
3. *Be carried away with the worship of the Lord rather than be carried away into bondage because of the worship of idols.*
4. *Sin is bondage and its wage is death. The practical reality must never be lost in today’s age.*
5. *Search your heart and present your qualification to judge; strip yourself and remove your quickness to judge.*
6. *You expose your sin when you judge others; if you cannot withstand judgment release all the captives in your heart; forgive.*
7. *You add sin to sin when you exact from sinners the exact things you deserve; if you cannot stand up, stand down.*
8. *There is only one correct way to treat sinners; clothe them; cover their shame; minister to them; anoint them and lead them to salvation.*
9. *Get low before the Lord and He will lift you high; ride high in pride and stubbornness and the Lord will bring you low.*
10. *If God does not help you, who can? You pay for your own distress when you pay respect to other gods.*
11. *Legislate your immorality and you will weaken your defenses, lose your help and give away your wealth.*
12. *It is best to look to the God you have turned*

from than to turn to the gods of nations you are turned over to; when you lose battles you should win, the problem is with you not with your God.

13. *When the house of God in a nation is shut up and demonic altars proliferate; then the heavens above the nation will be shut up and confusion and distress will rain.*

PRAYER POINTS

- O how I love Your presence, O Lord; my worship shall never be missing from Your throne as long as I live, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Loving Father, I call forth deliberate and responsible parents among believers who will understand the platform they have for impact within their households. Amen.
- Great and mighty God, let the cloud of distraction carrying this generation away into demonic bondage, be lifted by the fire of God, in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful Father, raise up trumpeters in this generation who will sound the alarm with the cry, "Awake! Awake! Arise! Repent! Urgent! Danger! Death! Wake up! Awake!" Amen.
- Most Holy God, I am not qualified to be the judge of any person but I am qualified to love them to victory and to help them rise above their failure; I will live responsibly before You always. Amen.

A BREATH of fresh air is noticed when it comes

On the heels of air filled with sin and stench that is continuous.

The difference you will notice, and say, "It has dawned on me."

Or say, as all of Judah, "It happened suddenly."

When King Hezekiah took office, he made his intentions clear;

He would not embrace sin; he came to clean the air.

Yes, he brought with him to office a breath of clean, fresh air.

2 CHRONICLES 29

¹Hezekiah began to reign in Jerusalem at the age of twenty-five years, and he reigned for twenty-nine years.

His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

²He did the right things in the Lord's sight, just as David his father.

³He opened the doors of the Lord's house and repaired them in the first month of his reign, and immediately it happened, fresh air was flowing in.

⁴He then brought in the priests and the Levites and had them gather in the East Square.

⁵And he said to them, "Listen to me Levites, sanctify yourself and the house of the Lord God of your fathers,

and carry the filthy things out of the holy place; it reeks in the air.

⁶"Our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the Lord's sight; they have forsaken Him, and turned their

faces from His dwelling place, and have turned their backs on Him.

⁷"They have also closed the door of the porch, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or burnt offerings in the holy place to God.

⁸"Therefore the wrath of the Lord came on Judah and on Jerusalem, and He has delivered them to trouble, to jeering, and to astonishment, as you can see for yourselves.

⁹"Our fathers have fallen by the sword because of the stench of sin that is prevalent; also our sons, our daughters, and wives are in captivity.

¹⁰"Now it is my heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, so He will turn away His fierce wrath from us.

¹¹"So my sons, do not be negligent; the Lord has chosen you to stand before Him, and so you may minister to Him, and burn the sweet incense."

¹²So these Levites arose: Mahath and Joel of the Kohathites; Kish and Azariah of Merari; and Joah, Eden of the Gershonites,

¹³of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah.

¹⁴Jeiel and Shimei of the sons of Heman, and Shemaiah and Uzziel of the sons of Jeduthun.

¹⁵They gathered their brethren and were sanctified, and as the king had commanded by the Lord's word, they began to cleanse the house of the Lord.

¹⁶The priests went into the inner part of the Lord's house to take the debris out.

All the uncleanness they discovered, they brought into the temple courts.

And the Levites took it away and carried it to the Brook Kidron.

¹⁷On the first day of the first month was the day that they began;

and on the eighth day of the same month they reached the porch of the Levites.

And they took eight days to sanctify the house of the Lord. So, on the sixteenth day of the first month they completed the work.

¹⁸Then they went and told King Hezekiah, saying, "We have cleansed the house of the Lord, the altar of burnt offerings and the table of showbread with all their vessels."

¹⁹"And all the vessels that Ahaz threw away in his transgressions when he reigned, we have prepared and sanctified, and they are before the altar of the Lord, right back in their place."

²⁰Then King Hezekiah rose up early, and together with the rulers of the city he went up to the house of the Lord.

²¹And they brought with them seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats,

to be used for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for all of Judah.

Then he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the Lord's altar *so fresh air could flow back in.*

²²So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar. They also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

²³And they brought the goats for the sin offering, and the king and all the people assembled laid their hands on them.

²⁴And the priests killed them and placed their blood on the altar as a sin offering to atone for all Israel;

for this was the king's commandment, that the burnt and sin offering be made for all Israel.

²⁵And he positioned the Levites in the Lord's house with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, as commanded by David, Gad the seer, and Nathan the prophet, for this is what the Lord had commanded by His prophets.

²⁶The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

²⁷Then Hezekiah commanded that they offer the burnt offering on the altar.

Then they sang the song of the Lord when the burnt offering began, with trumpets, the instruments of David the king; *and one could breathe in the worship as singing filled the air.*

²⁸So all the assembly worshipped as the singers sang and the trumpets sounded; and this continued for the entire duration of the offering.

²⁹When they had finished, the king and all Judah who were there bowed down and worshipped.

³⁰And Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praises to the Lord with the words of David and Asaph.

For too long the cries of battle and defeat is what they heard.

Now they sang His praises with gladness, and in worship they bowed their heads.

³¹Then Hezekiah said, "Now that you are consecrated, come near; bring your sacrifices, and your thank offerings into the house of the Lord."

So the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offering, and as many as had a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

³²The people offered in total seventy bullocks, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; these were all for the Lord's burnt offering.

³³The consecrated things were six hundred bulls, and three thousand sheep.

³⁴But the priests were too few; they could not handle all the burnt offering; so the Levites helped them until the work was

finished and the other priests had sanctified themselves;

for the Levites were more upright in heart than the priests. *Judah was in desperate need of fresh air.*

³⁵They offered burnt offerings in abundance, with the fat of the peace offering and the drink offerings with every burnt offering.

So the service of the house of the Lord was fully commissioned.

³⁶So Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced that God had prepared the hearts of the people, for everything took place without notice.

With the stench of sin prevailing, some said, "It dawned on me,"

The atmosphere had changed, and it happened suddenly.

³⁶*Go on, say it, you feel it; it is happening everywhere.*

You know your country needs it, a breath of clean fresh air.

In the recesses of intercession many hearts are being drawn.

The Spirit of God is working, and suddenly it will dawn.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Let the world know that as long as you live, the house of the Lord will be open for business; you live to present God to the people.
2. Ministry is only possible from a cleansed house; minister to the house before you minister to people in and from the house (your body).
3. When you excuse the Lord from your daily life, the Lord will excuse Himself from your strifes or rather He will include Himself in turning you over to your trouble.
4. Sin will leave debris in your life and in your souls that must be removed to effectively serve the Lord; the house needs deliverance in order to be an instrument of deliverance.
5. If you are out of place you do not have to stay there; cleanse and sanctify yourself and return to your place of consecrated service to the Lord and for the Lord.
6. Cleanse your house constantly with the blood of Jesus; the sacrifice is made but the blood must be constantly applied.
7. It is about His service which is about your worship; when you apply the blood to the old lifestyle worship defines the renewed.
8. Consecration before offering because the Lord is more interested in you than in your offering; offering without consecration will result in the offering being accepted and you rejected.
9. Bring your sacrifices to recognize His; bring your thank offering to recognize Him; bring your burnt offering to represent your new life on fire for Him.
10. The people administer love to God when they offer to the Lord willingly and with such an abundant heart that it pressures the administration of the house.
11. Maintain your position and your place of consecration even when nothing seems to be going right; be ready for a move of God rather than be lost when God moves.
12. Hunger and preparation invites you to a sudden move of God which will shock you into joy and

celebration that resonates.

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father my God, O how I love Your house; it is the place of worship and refuge for all people; I will give my energy to You Lord. Amen.
- Holy Father, let every defiling thing blocking worship in the church and in the hearts and lives of believers be driven out by the blood of the Lamb who perished for our cleansing. Amen.
- My Father, my God, without You I cannot live; my life is sustained by Your presence just as my body by Your breath. Amen.
- Most high God, deliver the lives of believers from every demonic hold; let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse every sinful residue and wash every memory of sin away. Amen.
- Holy Father, I step away from sin and step into a lifestyle of worship, let worship define me and praise clothe and decorate me. Amen.

It is because He is merciful and should be magnified

That we encourage everyone to wash, and to be sanctified.

It is because He is gracious that we spread it all around,

From outside our borders, “Come quickly and bow down!

Come receive your pardon; fellowship in the Lord’s house.”

With your burdens lifted, with great joy you will go out.

2 CHRONICLES 30

¹Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah; he also wrote to Ephraim and Manasseh, saying, “Come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem. Come let us keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel.”

²For the king had consulted with the leaders and all the people and they agreed to keep the Passover in the second month.

³They could not keep it at the set time for the priests had not consecrated themselves sufficiently, nor had the people gathered together at Jerusalem.

⁴This thing pleased the king and also all the people.

⁵So they decided to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, for everyone to come to keep the Passover at Jerusalem.

For they had not done this for a long time, in the matter stipulated.

⁶So the messengers went through all Judah and Israel with letters from the king and his leaders;

and they spoke just what the King told them to.

He had an *evangelistic message*, “Children of Israel repent! Return to the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel.

Turn to Him, and He will turn back to you,

He will return to you who remain, who have escaped from the hand of the king of Assyria. ⁷“Do not be like your fathers and brethren who transgressed against the Lord God of your fathers,

so that He gave them up to desolation as you can see.

⁸“Do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers had been all along, but yield yourself to God and to His sanctuary, come!

Come enter His house which He has forever sanctified.

Come and serve the Lord your God, that He will turn His fierce wrath away from you.

⁹“If you turn to the Lord, then your brethren and your children will have compassion from their captors and they will return to this land. The Lord our God is gracious and merciful, that is why we say

if you return to Him, He will not turn His face away.”

¹⁰So the messengers went from city to city throughout Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun.

They laughed them to scorn and mocked them.

¹¹However some of Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

The workers of the Lord did not labor in vain.

¹²And the hand of God was on Judah to bind their hearts together as one, to obey the king and the leaders as the Lord commanded done.

¹³And a great congregation assembled in Jerusalem,

to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month as was set.

¹⁴They rose up and took away the altars in Jerusalem, and the altars of incense, and cast them into the Brook Kidron.

¹⁵Then on the fourteenth day of that second month they killed the Passover lambs.

The priests and Levites were ashamed and sanctified themselves and brought the burnt offerings to the house of the Lord.

¹⁶They stood at their post according to their custom, according to Moses’ Law.

The priests sprinkled the blood that the Levites provided.

¹⁷There were many in the congregation who were not sanctified,

therefore the Levites had the duty to kill the Passover lamb for everyone who was unclean, to sanctify them to the Lord.

¹⁸For a multitude of people, from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not sanctified themselves,

yet they ate the Passover contrary to the law. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “O good Lord, pardon every man,

¹⁹“who has prepared his heart to seek the Lord God of their fathers,

although he is not cleansed in the stipulated manner of the purification.”

²⁰And the Lord heard Hezekiah, and He healed the people.

²¹For seven days the children of Israel who were there at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread, seven days of gladness; day by day the Levites praised the Lord.

²²The king spoke encouragingly to the Levites, who taught the people the good knowledge of the Lord.

They ate throughout the seven days of feast, offering peace offerings and making confession to their God.

²³For seven days they kept it, but after seven days were done, all the assembly took counsel, and kept it another seven days with joy.

²⁴And Hezekiah, king of Judah, gave to the congregation, one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the leaders gave one thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep.

And a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

²⁵The entire congregation of Judah rejoiced, along with the priests and the Levites, with all the people from Israel, the sojourners who lived in Israel and Judah.

²⁶There was great joy in Jerusalem, for this that was done;

for there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem since the days of Solomon, David's son.

²⁷The priests and the Levites rose up and blessed the people and they heard them; and their prayers went up to the Lord in His holy dwelling place in the heavens.

©Blessed on the mountains are the feet of those who spread good news!

So go beyond your borders, go tell it everywhere; it is because of His mercies that we urge all men to fear.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *When you have the truth do not keep it to yourself; send it, spread it; invite as many as will come.*
2. *You may have a good reason but not a good enough excuse; make it happen. Compassion commands passionate proclamation of the gospel.*
3. *They may not care how much you know until you show how much you care; the gospel is personal; make the message about them.*
4. *Do not frighten them with their sinfulness; meet them with forgiveness and His purity.*
5. *You cannot see them defeated, destroyed and headed for destruction, and not reach out.*
6. *The message of hope and salvation is an urgent message; communicate it with urgency and communicate the urgency of it.*
7. *The faith it takes to respond to the call will unlock the faith released at Calvary to initiate the call. Pride resists the gospel; humility resists the devil and responds to God.*
8. *They may laugh at you and ridicule you because*

they don't know how much they need you; never let this distract you, Christ died for those who killed Him.

9. *There is no sacrifice too great to bring a nation to worship. When you understand the value of worship to a people you will give everything to make it happen.*
10. *When it comes to the presence of the Lord bask in it, find joy in it, rejoice in it. Never be anxious to leave out of it, go above and beyond sacrifice and command time to stand still.*
11. *Some altars must be removed, torn down and cast away for your altar of worship to be restored and erected.*
12. *Some altars must be burnt with fire for your prayer altar to be burning with fresh fire.*
13. *When you regard your anointing and assignment in the body of Christ you will always be ready for service.*
14. *The heart of a true servant will never allow another to take their place because they are not prepared. Prestige in service is when prestige is service.*
15. *If it is about the Lord it is about the people. You cannot worship and bless the Lord without a prompting to bless the people.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Eternal Father, let the passion for evangelism burn in the spirits of believers like the fire shut up in the bones of Jeremiah. Amen.
- By the Holy Ghost and fire, I stir up compassion in the hearts of believers, for the hurting and for those in the path of death, especially for close associates and relatives. Amen.
- Merciful Father, let the traction of the gospel accelerate on the wings of compassion and genuine love and care for sinners, in the name of Jesus.
- Teach us Holy Father, how to show Your heart of forgiveness and love to sinners rather than to communicate our contempt for their condition, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, let every hardness in the hearts of sinners melt at the warmth of Your love and inclusivity of the gospel, in the name of Jesus.

**WITH all the heart and prosper,
Do it with all the heart;
This is what Hezekiah did, in every work of the Lord.**

**To hear the priests say, “Master,
Since the people’s hearts have changed
There is meat enough for workers, and we have remains.”**

**Should the house of God be lacking,
Or a serving worker starve?**

No, this will never happen

If men serve God with all their hearts.

2 CHRONICLES 31

¹When the Passover was finished, the people went to Judah's towns, and broke the sacred pillars in pieces, and cut all the wooden images down. They destroyed the high places and altars out of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh,

until they had utterly destroyed them; then they all returned to their own homes and possessions.

²Hezekiah assigned the priests and Levites to their duties, each man according to his service, to offer burnt and peace offering and to minister giving thanks and praise in the gates of the Lord's dwelling place.

³And he assigned a portion of his own possessions,

for the evening and morning, burnt offering, and for the burnt offering on the Sabbaths, and for the New Moons and set feasts, as the Law of the Lord stipulated.

⁴In addition he commanded the people living in Jerusalem

to bring in the portion due to the priest, *all the tithes and the offerings*

so that the priests and Levites may devote themselves to the Law of the Lord.

⁵As soon as the command was received, the children of Israel tithed abundantly the firstfruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the increase of the field.

They brought in the abundant tithes of everything.

⁶And the people of Israel living in the cities of Judah, brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things consecrated to the Lord, they laid in heaps.

⁷They began laying the heaps in the third month of the year,

and in the seventh month they were finished.

⁸And when Hezekiah and the leaders saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord and His people Israel.

⁹And Hezekiah inquired of the priests and Levites concerning the heaps.

¹⁰And Azariah, who was the chief priest, from the house of Zadok answered him and said, "Since the people began to bring their offering into the Lord's house,

we have enough to eat and much more, plenty left over;

for the Lord has poured out His blessings on His people,

and that which is left is this great store."

@When you set your heart to give,

And you initiate it and start to give,

You will never lack the resources to give

For the Lord will pour out His blessings on you and bless your hands to give.

¹¹Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare rooms in the house of the Lord, and they built these.

¹²And they brought in the tithes and offerings, and the things dedicated faithfully.

Cononiah the Levite was in charge of these and his brother Shimei was his assistant.

¹³Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jozabad, Jerimoth, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiiah were overseers,

under the supervision of Cononiah and

Shimei.

This was set in order by the king and Azariah the ruler of the Lord's house.

¹⁴Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper at the East Gate, was set over the Lord's freewill offerings, to distribute the offerings of the Lord and the most holy things.

¹⁵Those assigned to him were Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah and Shecaniah,

his assistants in the cities of the priests, to distribute to their brethren their allotment, according to their duties; to the small and to the great.

¹⁶Besides their males from three years old upward, written in the genealogy;

they gave to everyone who entered the Lord's house their daily portion for the work of his duty assigned;

¹⁷and to the priests who were recorded in the genealogy according to their father's house, and to the Levites from twenty years old and up according to their assignment by their divisions;

¹⁸and everyone written in the genealogy—their little ones, their daughters and sons, their wives, the entire company of them—for they sanctified themselves in holiness in their faithfulness.

¹⁹They also assigned portions for the sons of Aaron the priest, who were in the fields of the cities.

There were men in every city, expressed by name,

to distribute these portions to every male among the priests,

and to every Levite listed by genealogies.

²⁰Hezekiah did this throughout all Judah.

He did what was good and right and true before the Lord his God.

²¹*With all his heart and prosper.*

He did it with all his heart.

Every work he began in the service of the house of God,

in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God,

he did it with all his heart and so he prospered.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You cannot mandate or force change; introduce the love of God and it will mobilize change.
2. You may break their altars but you cannot break their resolve. The experience of a move of God will cause them to remove the false altars from their hearts and from the land.
3. No sacrifice is too great to see the house of God in a nation established and the work of God progressing and prospering.
4. Devote your valuables to ensure the ministers are not neglected and the value of their ministry not marginalized.
5. If you understand the importance of the house of God, the ministers and their ministry to a nation, you will sacrifice to sustain it.

6. *God commands your move to initiate His move; His requirements are awaiting your response for Him to open up the heavens.*
7. *When you understand God you understand His presence in a nation is not optional, you will also understand the spirit of the tithes and that provision for His house is not optional.*
8. *Set your heart to be a blessing to the house; and you set yourself and your house up for abundant blessing that will fill you and cause the house to overflow.*
9. *There is a principle in going into business and employment with the heart of a sender; God blesses you and your business to bless the house through you.*
10. *Organize for increase and success; go hard after God and understand in the spirit that success is running, coming hard after you.*
11. *Hezekiah's recipe for prosperity: seek God, give it everything, work wholeheartedly; no retaining, no restraining, no restricting, no resisting.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Father, Your love has the power to command change and transformation; we are agents of change because we are conduits of Your love. Amen.
- King of hearts, only You have the power to change hearts and transform lives, give believers in this generation the right approach to ministry as the situation warrants. Amen.
- Omnipotent Father, help believers in this age to embrace the supernatural and to walk in the demonstration of it, in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful Father, place the love for the house of God and the work of the cross in the hearts of the people of this generation and let it inspire great sacrifices, in the name of Jesus.
- Great and mighty God, place the welfare of ministers in the hearts of believers and especially in the hearts of those they minister to; command generosity toward them. Amen.

KNOW the strength that gives you victory,

**Know the arm with which you fight,
And you will see your enemies
Humbled in their pride.**

**Know the God who lifts you up
And places you high above,
And if your heart is lifted up,
Humble it and know your God.**

2 CHRONICLES 32

¹After these things were established, Sennacherib the Assyrian king came. He encamped against the fortified cities of Judah, with the intention to defeat them.

²And when Hezekiah realized that Sennacherib had come with the intention to fight with Jerusalem,

³he consulted with his leaders and officers to stop the flow of water to the fountains outside the city; and they assisted him.

⁴And he gathered the people together, and they stopped the fountains and brooks that flowed through the land, saying, "Why should the king of Assyria come and

find an abundant supply of water to drink?"
⁵And he strengthened himself and rebuilt the wall that was broken down.

He raised it up to the towers, and built another wall outside; and he repaired Millo in the City of David, and made weapons and shields abundantly.

⁶He then set captains of war over the people, and gathered them in the square of the city, and spoke to them words of comfort, saying,

⁷"Know the strength that gives you victories; and be courageous and strong; do not be afraid or dismayed because of the king of Assyria, or the multitude he brings along;

Assyria comes with a multitude, but there is more with us than with him;

⁸"with an arm of flesh he fights us, but with us is the Lord our God to help us win."

And the people felt confident because of the words of Hezekiah the king.

⁹And Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem—but he himself laid siege at Lachish with his army—

to Hezekiah and to everyone in Judah and Jerusalem, saying,

¹⁰ "This is what Sennacherib king of Assyria says,

"Do you know what you trust in, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem?"

¹¹Do not let Hezekiah persuade you, to remain and die by famine and by thirst, saying, "The Lord our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria".

What strength is there that can deliver out of my hand?

¹²Did not this Hezekiah take away his high places and his altars, saying to you all, "You shall worship and burn incense before one altar alone?"

¹³Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were their gods of any of these nations able to deliver or rescue their people out of my hand?

¹⁴Who among the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from me at this time?

¹⁵Therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you on this thing; there was no god able to deliver from us; do not put your faith in him.

No god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver from our hand, how much less the Lord your God, that He should deliver you?"

¹⁶And his servants also spoke against the Lord God and His servant Hezekiah.

But the king knew the strength he had.

¹⁷He also wrote letters to defy the God of Israel,

to speak against Him, saying, "The gods of the other nations have not been able to deliver their people from my hands, and the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from me either."

¹⁸And they called out aloud in the Jews' language, to the people on Jerusalem's wall, to trouble and to frighten them, so they might take the city.

¹⁹They compared the God of Jerusalem, to the gods of the people of the earth, made by men.

²⁰Because of this King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven.

²¹Know the strength you have for battle, and He will help you in your cause: the Lord sent an angel who cut down all of their mighty men, and also every leader and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria.

The king returned to Assyria, humbled and very ashamed.

He would never again forget the mighty God of Israel's name.

And as he bowed himself in worship in the house of his own god, the humiliated king of Assyria was struck and killed by some of his own sons.

²²So the Lord saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of the Assyrian king,

and from the hand of all the others, and the Lord guided them on every side.

²³And many brought gifts to the Lord at Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that the king was magnified in the sight of all nations from then.

²⁴In those days King Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the Lord; and He answered him and gave him a sign.

²⁵But Hezekiah did not deal with God according to all His benefits to him, for his heart was lifted up in pride.

Know He is the God who can exalt you, and He can also put you down.

Because of this there was wrath assigned to him and to the people in Jerusalem and Judah all around.

²⁶Then Hezekiah humbled himself from the pride in his heart, and all Jerusalem did the same, therefore the wrath of the Lord did not come on them in Hezekiah's days.

²⁷And Hezekiah had great riches and honor. He made treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of pleasant jewels.

²⁸He had storehouses for the increase of oil and wine and grain, and stalls for all kinds of livestock, and folds for flocks.

²⁹Moreover, he provided cities for himself, and

possessions of flocks and herds in abundance, for he knew his God, and the Lord had given him plenty possession.

³⁰It was this Hezekiah who stopped the water-course of Upper Gihon and brought it down by tunnel to the west side of the City of David, Zion.

And in all his works Hezekiah prospered.

³¹However, in the business of the ambassadors who came from the leaders of Babylon, to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land,

he did not seek God's heart;

for God left him in order to test him, so that He might know what was in his heart.

³²Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and the goodness he performed, they are written in the visions of Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

³³And Hezekiah died and they buried him in the sepulchers of the sons of David; in the best among them; and at his death, all Judah and the people of Jerusalem honored him.

And Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

@For if you know the strength that gives you victory, you will be honored in life and death; but if with pride you are lifted up, know your God and humble yourself.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It is foolish to knowingly supply an enemy who you know will harm you; cut off everything in your control that encourages them.*
2. *Do not wait until you are attacked to fortify yourself; be watchful in prayer and in the word; repair every broken hedge; rebuild every broken wall.*
3. *Be ever ready, fully armed with the word, positioned in prayer; the war for your soul is on.*
4. *The opposition is not the disposition or proposition of your strength; God is; maintain your position, the arm of flesh has no place in a battle with God.*
5. *The enemy will speak words to weaken you; they will fight you in the fields of fear on the platform of surrender; speak to yourself words of strength to nullify them and to build your confidence for victory.*
6. *Place your battle in the hands of the Lord and you place the might and boasts of the enemy in context.*
7. *Ignorance causes men to revile God and to compare Him with their gods and their gold; reality will wake them to wisdom at the feet of fear.*
8. *Grapple with God and not with words or with the mountains you face; one angel of the Lord from His hosts of billions settles the truth and registers this mystery in time and history.*
9. *Different problems, same source; God is a protector, deliverer, provider, helper and also a healer.*
10. *Expansion and heights are sustained by foundation and depth; God will expand and establish you in might and in works but you must humble yourself.*
11. *God will give you greatness and expansion but*

will step away and leave you to see if you will ascribe the greatness to Him or get lost in personal glory.

PRAYER POINTS

- Righteous Father, let every enemy of my life and my destiny drawing power and supply from me, be exposed and disenfranchised, in the name of Jesus.
- Wisdom to be watchful against the attack of the enemy, envelop believers today, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I reject every lie of the enemy seeking to define my strength without factoring You, in the name of Jesus.
- I refuse to surrender to the spirit of fear or to wilt under words directed to weaken me, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, I boast in You; You are a great God; I surrender to You only. I place my battles in Your hands, in the name of Jesus.

EXCEEDINGLY evil, above all the rest. Setting up idols in the house of God; embracing witchcrafts and unrighteousness.

Say, when God afflicts you because His anger burns,

I ask of you this question, "Will you ever learn?"

Will you learn from your errors? Will you forsake your pride?

Will you learn from your fathers, or cling to sin and die?

Will you repair God's altar, and once more let the peace offering burn?

Do not let your necks be hardened! Won't you? O will you ever learn?

2 CHRONICLES 33

¹Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; he reigned for fifty-five years in Jerusalem, and evil marred his name.

²He did evil in the sight of the Lord, just like the abominations of the sinful nations whom the Lord had driven out before Israel.

³He rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had broken down.

He constructed altars for the Baals, and he made wooden images.

He also worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

⁴He built altars in the Lord's house of which the Lord spoke saying,

"My name shall be in Jerusalem forever."

⁵And he built altars in the two courts of the temple for all the host of heaven.

⁶He made his children pass through fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom.

He observed times and used enchantment, witchcraft, sorcery and consulted mediums and familiar spirits.

⁷He even set a carved image, the idol he himself made, in the house of the Lord, of which God spoke to David and Solomon his

son,

"In this house and in Jerusalem, I have chosen to forever put My name, ⁸and I will never again remove the foot of Israel from the land I have appointed for your fathers, as long as they keep My commandments according to the whole law and the statutes and ordinances by the hand of Moses."

⁹So Manasseh made Judah and the people of Jerusalem do more evil than the people the Lord destroyed before Israel.

¹⁰And the Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen, nor amend their ways.

¹¹So the Lord brought the captain of the army of the king of Assyria against them;

he took Manasseh with thorns, bound him with fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.

¹²And when he was in affliction, he sought the Lord his God,

and humbled himself very much before the God of his fathers,

¹³and he prayed and made supplication to Him,

and the Lord heard him and brought him to Jerusalem again.

Then Manasseh knew the Lord was God, *by correction he had learned,*

for he had refused instructions which is always the better turn.

¹⁴After this he built a wall outside the City of David on Gihon's west side, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; it surrounded Ophel; and he raised it very high.

He learnt there was no security though he built very high walls, and in all the fortified cities of Judah he put captains of war.

For though the horses and riders are ready for battle, safety is in the Lord.

¹⁵So he took away out of the Lord's house the strange gods and the idols, and all the altars he had built in the mount of the Lord's house and in Jerusalem; and from the city he cast them out.

¹⁶And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and on it he sacrificed peace and thank offerings; and he commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel.

¹⁷Yet the people still sacrificed on the high places, but to the Lord their God alone.

There was something yet to learn, for all high places must come down.

¹⁸The rest of the acts of Manasseh, and the prayer that to God he prayed, and the words spoken to him in the name of the Lord by the seers, are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

¹⁹Also his prayer, and how God was entreated, and all his sins and trespasses,

and the places where he built the high places and set up the wooden and carved images, before he was humbled, they are written among the sayings of the prophets.

²⁰So Manasseh died and they buried him in his own house, and Amon his son reigned in his place.

²¹Amon was twenty-two years when he became king.

He reigned for two years in Jerusalem.

²²And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, in the manner of Manasseh his father before him; *he did not look and learn from him.*

He sacrificed to all the carved images that Manasseh his father had made and he served them.

²³He did not humble himself before the Lord, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; instead Amon trespassed more and more.

²⁴Then his servants conspired against him and killed him in his own house.

He would not learn from his errors, and forsake the way of pride.

He would not learn from his father so for his sins he died.

²⁵The people of the land executed King Amon's conspirators and set Josiah his son on his throne.

Profound lessons from your fathers, King Josiah, but I know you will quickly learn.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *An angry child but with great responsibility will defy his father's standards and invite judgment; spend time to love and to mentor them or you will waste time; build them to build a lasting legacy.*
2. *If you do not take time to build your children they will break down the standards you have carefully built and rebuild demonic standards you have zealously broken down.*
3. *Defy the Lord, defile His house and His standards and nothing excuses you or excludes you from His judgment.*
4. *Great and precious promises require great care to observe the conditions; ignorance is no excuse, arrogance is a trap.*
5. *If you will not listen to His voice you will listen to the voice of your affliction; humble yourself or be humbled by thorns and fetters.*
6. *Sin is bondage, not just bondage waiting to happen; repent and the gracious God will hear and answer you.*
7. *Pray for a personal experience of God and serve Him zealously; it is better, less costly and less painful to learn by instructions rather than by correction.*
8. *When you know the truth, follow the truth; repent, rebuild, restore and reverse all the damages you have done; alter your attitude and rebuild your altar of praise and prayer.*
9. *The truth of the Lord and His word is so plain, so obvious, so irrefutable, yet successive generations stare it in the face and seek to outdo the previous generation in transgressions.*
10. *If you will not be reprovved you will be disgracefully removed; headstrong leads to headlong.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Father, let every child that has been hurt by their fathers intentionally or otherwise, receive the power to forgive by a picture of You, our loving, caring, heavenly Father. Amen.
- I speak to the spirit of fathers now and I say, 'Be stirred to diligently mentor your children in the way of God,' in the name of Jesus.
- Almighty God, let every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of You be humbled and crash now, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of humility and wisdom envelop my life. Most High God, it is precious to me to be called by Your name. Amen.
- Speak to me Father, I will hear You. Give me the spirit of Abraham to respond to You with immediacy at all times. Amen.

**TENDER hearts will love His house.
Tender hearts will pray.**

Tender hearts will listen and put every evil thing away.

**Kings, princes and all peoples,
If you have departed from God's law,
God's mercy will embrace you, if you embrace Him with tender hearts.**

**A child, but filled with passion;
He went beyond the boundaries of Judah,
For God can use you to touch the nations,
If you present Him your tender heart.**

2 CHRONICLES 34

¹Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign;

and he reigned over Judah in Jerusalem for thirty-one years.

²He walked in the ways of his father David, doing what was right in the Lord's sight. He did not turn aside to the left hand or to the right.

³In the eighth year of his reign, his tender heart was filled with light. He began to seek the God of his father David, and to pursue the right.

And in the twelfth year of his reign, he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the wooden images, the carved images, and the molten images and the high places.

⁴And they broke down the altars of the Baals in the watchful presence of the king, and he cut down the incense altars which were above them; and he broke into pieces the wooden images, the carved images, and the molten images, and ground them to dust.

He scattered the dust on the graves of those who sacrificed to them.

⁵And he burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and this tender-hearted servant cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

⁶He did this too in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon,

as far as Naphtali and all over with axes. ⁷When he had broken down the altars and the wooden images, and had ground the carved

images to powder,
and cut down the idols and altars in all of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

⁸In the eighteenth year of his reign, after he had purged the temple and the land, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor, and Joah the recorder to repair the house of God.

⁹When they came to Hilkiyah the high priest, they delivered the money into the house of God,

which the Levites at the doors had gathered from Manasseh, Ephraim, and those left in Israel,

from all Judah and Benjamin all about, and which they had brought back to Jerusalem.

¹⁰They gave the money to the men who had oversight of the Lord's house, and they gave it to workmen who worked in the house of the Lord, to repair and to restore.

¹¹They gave it to the craftsmen and builders to buy timber and cut stone; and to re-floor the house which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

¹²The men did the work dedicatedly. The names of the overseers were: Jahath and Obadiah the Levites of the sons of Merari, Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites.

They chose others of the Levites who were skilled with musical instruments,

¹³over the bearers of burden, and as overseers of all the workmen.

Some of the Levites were appointed scribes, gatekeepers and officers.

¹⁴And when they had brought out the money that was placed in the house, Hilkiyah the priest found the Book the Law given by Moses.

¹⁵Then Hilkiyah said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord."

And Hilkiyah placed the book in Shaphan's hand.

¹⁶Then Shaphan brought the book to the king, and reported to him, saying,

"We have done all that you charged us to do.

¹⁷"They have gathered the money found in the Lord's house and delivered it to the overseers and workmen."

¹⁸Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book."

And Shaphan read it before the king.

And the king did not need a second look.

@For tender hearts will bow down when they hear the Law being read,

and in mourning and deep contrition fear before the Lord their God.

¹⁹When the king heard the words of the Law, he ripped his clothes.

²⁰The king commanded Hilkiyah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah,

Shaphan the scribe, and Asiah one of his servants, saying,

²¹"Go inquire of the Lord for me, and for those remaining in Israel and Judah, regarding the words of the book we found, see what must be done.

For the wrath of God that is poured on us is great.

For our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord to perform what is written in this book."

²²And as the king commanded, Hilkiyah and the men appointed went.

They came to the prophetess Huldah, wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, son of Hasrah who kept the wardrobe.

She dwelt in the college in Jerusalem.

They spoke to her according to the king's word.

²³She said to them, "This is what the Lord God of Israel says,

'Go tell the man who sent you,

²⁴"Thus says the Lord; I will bring disaster on this place, and on all its inhabitants; all the curses written in the book which they read before the king of Judah,

²⁵because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, and have provoked Me to anger with the works of their hands.

Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place and shall not be quenched."

²⁶"But as for the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the Lord

tender hearts will have My help;

speak to him these words,

²⁷"Because your heart was tender,

and before God you humbled yourself,

when you heard His words pronounced

against this place and its inhabitants,

and you tore your clothes and before Me you wept

I have heard you also.'

God will hear your cry of tenderness.

²⁸"Therefore I will gather you to your fathers; and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace;

neither shall you see all the disaster I will

bring on this place and on its inhabitants with your eyes."

So they brought the king word again.

²⁹The king then gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

@Tender hearts will seek the Lord and will find refuge in His house.

Tender hearts will seek to have the nation turn around.

³⁰King Josiah went up to the house of the Lord with all the men of Judah and Jerusalem, the priests and Levites, and all the people old and young.

And in their ear-shot he read the Book of the Covenant which was found in the Lord's house.

For he knew that any heart at all can be made

tender by the word.

³¹And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to keep His testimonies and His statutes with all his soul and heart; to perform the words of the covenant written in the book.

³²He caused all who were present in Judah and Benjamin to make a commitment. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did as was stipulated in the covenant of the Lord their God.

A heart that is good and tender is a heart that hates sin.

³³So Josiah removed all the abominations from all the country of the people of Israel, and he made all who remained in Israel to serve the Lord their God diligently. They did not depart from serving the Lord God of their fathers all the days of Josiah.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You may not be responsible for your birth but you are responsible for your walk while here in the earth; find the truth early and follow the truth wholeheartedly.*
2. *You will have wisdom beyond your years if your wisdom is founded in the fear of the Lord; eight years is not too young to be passionate.*
3. *To build a life that honors the Lord, seek and destroy every altar in your life that grieves and dishonors Him.*
4. *Let your zeal for the Lord be known in your nation but extend your reach to the nations around; evangelize.*
5. *The house of the Lord is vital to the spiritual life of a nation; to sustain a move invest in the house.*
6. *Hungry for God means tender for and to His word; to hear it, to meditate on it; to memorize it; to mobilize it, to memorialize it, to pain because of it, and to respond.*
7. *Judgment may not be present but it is imminent; the word of the Lord is a self-fulfilling arrow that pierces time to settle its assignment.*
8. *Your response to the word will determine its response to you; tender for God and for the word will result in the word being tender for you and protective of you.*
9. *You may not be able to save your world from judgment and destruction, but you can save many from eternal death.*
10. *Commit every person within your scope of influence and reach to the word of the Lord and to faithful commitment to Him.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, help me to walk before You with a perfect heart, in the name of Jesus.
- I prophesy to the four winds of the earth and release upon the children of this generation the spirit of distinction in the ways of the Lord. Amen.
- Let the fire of the living God burn up every evil altar erected by me or against me affecting my life and my walk; let my prayer altar receive fresh fire now, in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful Father, let the weight of the gospel burn in the hearts of believers and let it increase to international and inter-generational impact, in

the name of Jesus.

- Father God, place the love for Your house and the passion to invest their lives and resources in it, in the heart of believers, in the name of Jesus.
- I hunger and thirst for You O Lord; O how I love Your word. I celebrate every precept and every line. Amen.

NO Passover like this, he followed the Lord's words. No king like Josiah, who did just as he had heard.

Lament, you singing women; lament, you singing men!

Lament, you Jeremiah, and all Judah lament,

For the death of a great king in stark contrast occurred;

For in this one thing only, he did not follow the Lord's word.

2 CHRONICLES 35

¹Josiah kept a Passover to the Lord in Jerusalem.

On the fourteenth day of the first month, the Passover lambs were killed.

²He set the priests in their assigned duties, and encouraged them in the service of the Lord's house,

³and said to the Levites who taught Israel, who were holy to the Lord,

"Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon the son of David, king of Israel built; it shall not be a burden on your shoulders anymore.

now serve the Lord your God and His people Israel.

⁴"Prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, according to your divisions, as David king of Israel, and Solomon his son had ordained,

⁵and by the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren, stand in the holy place after the division of the families of the Levites.

⁶"Then kill the Passover offerings, sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, according to the word of the Lord given by Moses."

⁷So Josiah gave to the people from the flock, lambs and goat kids, for all who were present, as their Passover offerings:

thirty thousand in number, in addition to three thousand bulls; these were of the king's assets.

⁸The leaders also gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites for the Passover offerings:

Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the temple, gave to the priests:

two thousand six hundred from the flock, and three hundred bulls,

⁹and Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah, Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites,

gave to the Levites five thousand from the flocks and five hundred bulls.

¹⁰So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Levites in their divisions, as the king commanded.

¹¹And they killed the Passover offerings; and the priest sprinkled the blood while the Levites slew the animals.

¹²Then they removed the burnt offerings that they may give according to the divisions of families of the people,

¹³and they roasted the Passover offerings with fire according to the ordinance; but they boiled the other holy offerings in pots, in caldrons and in pans, and divided them to all people hastily.

¹⁴Then they prepared portions for themselves, and for the priests, for the priests, the sons of Aaron were kept busy offering burnt offering and fat until night; so the Levites prepared for themselves and the priests.

¹⁵And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their positions, just as David commanded, and Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun the king's seer also.

The Levites prepared also for the gatekeepers who were at the gate, so they did not have to leave their position.

¹⁶And all the service of the Lord was prepared that same day, to keep the Passover and to burn the offering on the altar of the Lord, just as King Josiah commanded.

¹⁷And the children of Israel present there kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

¹⁸There was no Passover like it kept in Israel since the days of Samuel; and no king in Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, Judah and all Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁹The Passover was kept in the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign.

²⁰And after this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates, and Josiah went out against him.

²¹But he sent ambassadors to say, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I do not come against you today, but against the house that I war with, for God commanded that I make haste. Keep away from meddling with God who is with me here, so He does not destroy you."

But King Josiah lost his tender ear.

²²Josiah did not turn away from him, but he went up to battle in disguise; he did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, so he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.

²³The archers shot King Josiah, and he said to his servants, "I am seriously wounded, take me away."

²⁴His servants took him out of the chariot and put him in the second chariot he had, and brought him to Jerusalem.

He died and was buried in one of his father's tombs.

They loved him, yes, they loved him, and when their beloved died,

it was a day of mourning; all Judah and Jerusalem cried.

²⁵Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah. And to this day all the singing men and singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations.

It became a culture in Israel; and they are written in the Lamentations.

²⁶Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and all his goodness, according to the book of the Law of the Lord,

²⁷and his deeds from beginning to end, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and of Israel.

He had a tender heart towards God, and he was loved by all as well.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Now that the weight of service is no longer on your shoulders; serve the Lord passionately and serve His people.
2. There is a place for every person in service; worship rises when the people of God are functioning in their ordained place of service.
3. Zeal for the Lord prompts generosity to the Lord and to His cause; to hate evil is to love and to promote righteousness.
4. If you are going to serve the Lord, serve with passion, serve with distinction but serve with relevance according to His laws and dictates.
5. Ministry is work but it is worth; it is a labor of love and a labor for lives which makes it fulfilling and rewarding.
6. Passion redefines experience and rewrites standards; serve the Lord like no one else before you ever had.
7. Although God may not endorse a nation and its sins, He will command the nation and its king in order to fulfil His purposes and His will.
8. Never invalidate the word of God because of the source; proximity gives you greater access; seek Him in all your way.
9. Never let your passion about anything remove your tenderness towards hearing God; never assume God is in it because you are in it; hear Him.
10. Love God with passion and they will love you passionately; seek Him fervently and they will miss you; promote the songs of the Lord and they will sing about you.
11. Your death may be unfortunate but ensure your life was deliberate; no one knows the hour but everyone can redeem the time and maximize this hour.

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, I will serve You with passion and love and serve Your people, in the name of Jesus.
- Good Father, help every believer to find their place in Your kingdom and to function with

- excellence and enthusiasm. Amen.
- Most high God, let zeal for You and for Your house consume me just like King Josiah and my Lord Jesus. Amen.
 - When it comes to You Father my name is passionate, when it comes to Your service I will do it with passion; when it comes to Your word and Your leading my name is instructed; let Your word instruct my passion O Lord. Amen.
 - Most Holy God, You are so awesome; I embrace the work of the ministry because I have the heart of Jesus and the love for the people in my heart. Amen.

OFTEN reproved—many messengers came—

But they hardened their necks; there was no remedy for them.

Suddenly cut off, the temple was destroyed just as God had forewarned, because it was defiled.

How often have you heard it?

If you are often reproved, and you harden your necks, you will be removed.

How often have you heard it?

The temple is the Lord's; if you defile the temple, it will be destroyed!

Suddenly and without remedy.

How many times has it reached your ears? You shall be cut off suddenly, and there shall be no escape.

2 CHRONICLES 36

¹And the people made Jehoahaz the son of Josiah king in his father's place.

²Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned for three months in Jerusalem.

³Then Necho the king of Egypt removed him at Jerusalem; and condemned the land to a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.

⁴And the king of Egypt made the brother of Jehoahaz, Eliakim, king over Judah and Jerusalem, and he changed his name to Jehoiakim.

And Necho carried his brother Jehoahaz off to Egypt.

⁵Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king.

He reigned eleven years in Jerusalem and he did evil in the Lord's sight.

⁶And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Judah at that time.

@How often have you heard it?

Don't you know the sound?

He bound him with fetters to carry him to Babylon.

⁷Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some of the vessels of the house of God to Babylon, and he placed them in the temple of his gods at Babylon.

⁸The rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, the abominations that he did,

and the faults found against him are written in the books of the kings of Israel and Judah.

And Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

⁹Jehoiachin began to reign at the age of eight. And he reigned in Jerusalem for three months and ten days.

And he did evil in the Lord's sight.

¹⁰And at the beginning of the new year, Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon,

with the good vessels from the Lord's house.

By now you know the sound.

He made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah in his place.

¹¹Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king,

and he reigned in Jerusalem for eleven years.

¹²He did evil in the Lord's sight, and Jeremiah spoke the word from the Lord's mouth to him, yet he did not humble himself.

¹³And he rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; but he was stiff-necked and he hardened his heart against turning to the Lord his God.

¹⁴And all the chief priests and the people transgressed very much, after the abominations of the sinful nations; and they polluted the Lord's house which He had sanctified to Himself.

¹⁵And the Lord God of their fathers sent messengers to them, rising early and sending them,

because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.

¹⁶But they mocked at the messengers of God, despised His words, and rejected His prophets,

until the wrath of the Lord rose up against His people; until there was no remedy.

How often have you heard it?

¹⁷And He brought the king of the Chaldeans against them,

and they killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary.

They had no compassion for young men or virgins, or the old or those who stooped with age; he treated them all alike.

¹⁸And he took all the articles from the house of God, large and small, the treasures from the house of the Lord and the houses of the king and his leaders;

he carried them all to Babylon.

¹⁹Then they burned the house of God, broke down the walls of Jerusalem, burned all the palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious things.

²⁰And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon.

There they became his servants, and servants of his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia began,

²¹so the word of the Lord by Jeremiah be fulfilled, until the land enjoyed her rest.

As long as the land was desolate, it kept the Sabbaths to fulfil seventy years.

²²And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of God be fulfilled as Jeremiah prophesied, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia,

and he made a proclamation in all his kingdom and wrote it down, saying,

²³“Thus says Cyrus: The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? May the Lord his God be with him and let him go up!”

²⁴*How many times have you heard it?*

If you are often reprov'd

and you harden your necks,

your necks will be rem_____!

One more time, but by now you know this;

your body is the Lord's.

If you defile His temple,

the temple He will dest____!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Life may take you where you had no plans to go and treat you in ways you were never prepared for, but it does not absolve you living, nor does it absolve you from your duty to God.*
2. *Your bad experience does not invalidate your God upbringing; your life, your choice; your judgment, no choice.*
3. *Hear the warning of the Lord and His prophets; the cry 'judgment is coming' and the call to repent should never be taken lightly.*
4. *The king and government are the greatest evangelists in a nation, but a people that know their God will never relinquish standards because the governing authority has.*
5. *There is no nation or government bigger than God; you invite wrath when you despise the word of God and reject the warnings of the church.*

6. *If you live a life of sin, bondage has you, bondage is coming for you, bondage will take you.*
7. *A hardened neck is easy to break, a hardened heart will be shattered. Our bodies are His temple; He fulfilled His promise to Solomon to destroy the defiled; be warned.*
8. *Your values are in the wrong place if it is placed in your valuables and not in God; your valuables can be taken in a day and your freedom in a moment but no one can steal your treasures in the Kingdom and your freedom in Christ.*
9. *If you will not keep the sabbaths in the land, the land will enjoy its sabbath without you in it. If you will not serve the Lord in the land, the land will serve the Lord without you and the rocks will cry out.*
10. *The kingdoms are the Lord's; He sets up and He pulls down. The hearts of kings are in His hands and He turns them at will wherever He wills.*
11. *The Lord maintains an interest in building His temple in the earth; if you refuse to build it, the Lord will remove you and command sinners to do it.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, wherever I am, and whatever state I am in, I will serve You; my love for You is irrefutable. Amen.
- Most High God, You accept no excuse and I give none; nothing shall block my praise, my prayers or my single-hearted service to You. Amen.
- Let the blood of Jesus fan away the blindness in the eyes of this generation and the blockage in their ears and hearts to the reality of the second coming of Christ. Amen.
- I speak to the government of this nation, and I call them to their knees before the throne of God. Let revival fire sweep our government, in the name of Jesus.
- Omnipotent Father, visit the nations of this world and turn their hearts to Your laws; let every spirit defying the laws of God in government receive a divine rebuke today, in the name of Jesus.