



— LINEAGE OF THE KING —

Abijah was the father of Asa Matthew 1:7

Lesson 10

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. How were you warned through the lives of Rehoboam and Abijah?
2. Is it possible to be in the lineage of Christ, do good deeds, live morally, enjoy God's blessing, and still not fully rely on God? King Asa was warned of this very real danger by the prophet Azariah. *The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you* (2 Chronicles 15:2). Though Asa was a good king, he had a propensity to rely on other things beside God. Such is the folly of all of us. The hymn writer Robert Robinson aptly described this inclination in his hymn, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*:

*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

Use the selections below to remark on the highs and lows of King Asa's reign:

- a. 2 Chronicles 14:2-6, 11
 - b. 2 Chronicles 15:1-4
 - c. 2 Chronicles 15:16-18
 - d. 2 Chronicles 16:7-10, 12
3. Knowing the propensity of your heart to *wander*, ask God to thoroughly knit your heart to His.

*The LORD is with you while you are with Him.
If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.*
2 Chronicles 15:2

SECOND DAY: Read 2 Chronicles 14

1. *Abijah begot Asa* (Matthew 1:7). From 2 Chronicles 14:1-2 what was noteworthy about Asa's reign?
 - a. According to the following verses, what did Asa do that *was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God*:
 - (1) verse 3
 - (2) verse 4
 - (3) verse 5
 - (4) verse 6
 - (a) What resulted from Asa's actions?
 - (b) Share something you find interesting about Asa's actions.
2. Use 2 Chronicles 14:7-8 to comment on what Asa did next.
3. Describe the threat *Zerah the Ethiopian* posed. 2 Chronicles 14:9
 - a. How did Asa respond? 2 Chronicles 14:10-11a
4. From his prayer in 2 Chronicles 14:11, what did Asa recognize about:
 - a. God
 - b. their need
 - (1) Why do you think this was necessary to acknowledge?
5. Use 2 Chronicles 14:12-15 to summarize how the Lord responded.
 - a. What do you find most striking about this victory?
6. How does this account encourage you in your own struggles?

THIRD DAY: Read 2 Chronicles 15:1-9

1. In 2 Chronicles 15:1 *the Spirit of God came upon Azariah*. Use 2 Chronicles 15:2 to record the promise and warning he gave.
 - a. Link this with James 4:8 and share your thoughts.

2. According to 2 Chronicles 15:3, what three things had been lacking in Israel?
 - a. Why do you think all three are necessary for spiritual health?

3. What happened:
 - a. *in their trouble* (verse 4)

 - b. *in those times* (verses 5-6)
 - (1) What do you note about God's intervention in these verses?

4. In light of these things, what was God's exhortation to King Asa? 2 Chronicles 15:7
 - a. Why do you think Asa needed to hear this word?

 - b. Why do you need to hear this word?

5. How did Asa respond when he *heard these words*? 2 Chronicles 15:8
 - a. How does this speak to you concerning the Word of God? See also Jeremiah 23:29.

 - b. Share a time that you *took courage* after hearing the Word of God.

6. What do you find noteworthy about the result of Asa's actions in 2 Chronicles 15:9?
 - a. What does this convey to you about the presence of the LORD?

FOURTH DAY: Read 2 Chronicles 15:10–19

1. Asa had *gathered* Judah, Benjamin, and *great numbers from Israel* to Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 15:9–10). What did they do? 2 Chronicles 15:11

2. From 2 Chronicles 15:12–13, what stands out to you about:
 - a. their attitude

 - b. the consequences they chose

 - c. their actions

3. Comment on the zeal with which Judah made their *oath*. 2 Chronicles 15:14–15

4. What were the results of the people's *oath*? 2 Chronicles 15:15
 - a. Link this with Jeremiah 29:12–14a. What do you see?
 - (1) How does this encourage you?

5. What further reforms did King Asa make? 2 Chronicles 15:16
 - a. Why might this have been difficult for him?
 - (1) Why do you think it was essential for Asa to do this? See also Matthew 10:37.

6. From 2 Chronicles 15:17–18 highlight the negative and positive aspects of Asa's reign.

7. Why does your covenant with God through Jesus cause you to rejoice?

FIFTH DAY: Read 2 Chronicles 16

1. What happened *in the thirty-sixth year* of Asa's reign? 2 Chronicles 16:1

2. Describe and comment on Asa's solution to this problem from 2 Chronicles 16:2-3.

3. Summarize the result of Asa's actions. 2 Chronicles 16:4-6

4. In spite of the apparent success of Asa's decision, *Hanani the seer came to Asa* with a rebuke from the LORD. Use 2 Chronicles 16:7-8 to answer the following questions about Hanani's message:
 - a. Who had Asa *relied* on? 2 Chronicles 16:7
 - (1) What was wrong with Asa's actions?

 - (2) *Therefore* what had happened?

 - b. What did Hanani remind Asa of in 2 Chronicles 16:8?
 - (1) Why is it important to remember God's past work for us?

5. What truth do you learn about God in 2 Chronicles 16:9?
 - a. What is God looking for?

 - b. What does God desire to do?
 - (1) How does this truth speak to you?

 - c. What would be the consequence of Asa's failure? 2 Chronicles 16:9b

6. Remark on Asa's response to the *seer*. 2 Chronicles 16:10
 - a. Compare this with David's response to God's Word in 2 Samuel 12:13a and share your thoughts.

7. Read 2 Chronicles 16:11-14. What stands out to you from the rest of Asa's reign?
 - a. What lesson do you glean from the final days of Asa?

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Although Asa's reign did not end well, his overall legacy was that he *did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did his father David* (1 Kings 15:11). Cite some of the things Asa did *right*.
 - a. Where do you think Asa went wrong?

2. For the first thirty-six years of his reign, Asa *relied* on the LORD. However, in his last five years he did not rely on the LORD. How is this a warning to you?

*The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth,
to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*
2 Chronicles 16:9