

Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 27

This must be one of the shortest chapters God ordained to include in this Book from His inspired word. There's not much to read... so let's be diligent in noticing that which God set forth in it for our instruction!

We are living through momentous days. Everywhere, satanic tyranny seems to have gained the upper hand. Our secular humanistic culture has run its course. 'Multicultural' (polytheistic) nations have capitulated to a cabal of global elites Hell-bent on destroying everything to make way for their envisioned dystopia. Over decades, if not centuries, they've been slowly undermining everything that smacked of Biblical principles. Today, the true followers of Jesus Christ languish in churches administered by spineless evangelically-fish who dare not address cultural ills because they have never bothered to cultivate a Biblical theology of 'all things'. But Jesus is Lord, and He will yet usurp the false shepherds of His Bride. As Doug Wilson beautifully summarised, the big picture of Scripture is this: 'Slay the dragon; rescue the Princess.' However, right now, the dragon has countless hordes happily doing his bidding while salivating over the rope-bound woman who seems forlorn and helpless.

Back to Chapter 27 of 2 Chronicles. What key instruction has God left us here for our edification? What are we to do, given the hour? What strategy might we conceivably pursue to overturn the tables? Do you see it? Did you notice it?

We learn very little about this righteous king (v2) other than the fact that he rebuilt sections of Jerusalem (vs 3&4), rebuffed an Ammonite raid and grew rich through consequential tributes over succeeding years (v5). But here's what we discover in verse 6 – this was his secret MO (*modus operandi*):

Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God.

God simply wants us to live out each day of our lives with integrity and honesty before Him. We are to keep short accounts with Him, to speak frequently, intimately and truthfully before Him notwithstanding our sins! A bruised reed He will not break (it may be damaged, but it isn't dead); a smoking flax He will not quench (it can yet be re-lit)! We must recognise that He is our source of strength and power; we must suppress EVERY autonomous instinct to live without Him. We must cease imagining we can sustain ourselves as captains of our own destiny. The psalmist captures this spirit of total dependence on God frequently:

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me." (Ps 139:7-10)

In verses 19ff the Psalmist invokes God's great power against his enemies. He identifies himself with God's own cause – the destruction & overthrow of the wicked. So may we; nay, so *must* we!

"Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies." (vs 19-22)

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- *King Jotham, 'prepared his ways before the Lord' (v6). What did that involve?*
- *Is this principle only true of OT kings? Might it be true of us too?*
- *Why, must we suppose is the Church today so 'unmighty' (i.e. so impotent)?*
- *Is your Christianity real? Do you live, moment by moment, in the light of His presence? How much does pride still get in your way? If perhaps you've slain the ghost of worldly pride, have you slain SPIRITUAL pride?*
- *Does the Word of God constrain your EVERY thought (2Cor 10:4-6)?*