

TRUSTING THE LORD IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS

A. The Context

1. After experiencing a crushing _____ because of an unholy alliance with the wicked King Ahab, King Jehoshaphat _____ and _____ to turn Judah to the Lord. (2 Chron. 18-19)

2. The problem was that Jehoshaphat did not heed God's _____ but acted according to his own _____.

* Are we sensitive to the will of God?

B. The Test (2 Chron. 20:1-2)

1. The Lord allowed a trial in the form of an _____ for King Jehoshaphat and Judah.

2. Unlike the previous operation, Jehoshaphat was _____ right from the start, he was _____, there was no _____, and he was doing the _____ when this test occurred.

* What can we learn from this?

C. The Response (2 Chron. 20:3-13)

1. The Kings initial response was _____. (2 Chron. 20:3)

* What is fear?

* Can Christians experience fear?

2. In response to the normal reaction of fear, King Jehoshaphat and Judah sought help from _____. (2 Chron. 20:3-4)

* Where can a Christian find help?

3. The content of King Jehoshaphat's prayer... (2 Chron. 20:5-12)

4. Then they _____! (2 Chron. 20:13)

* Do we wait for the Lord's answer to your prayer?

D. The Divine Answer (2 Chron. 20:14-21)

1. God began His answer by _____ the assembly and their leader King Jehoshaphat. (2 Chron. 20:14-15)

2. God _____ their fear but did not _____ them for being afraid. (2 Chron. 20:15-17)

* The issue isn't are you fearful but how do you respond to your fear?

3. God graciously gave them a _____ to not be fearful, this battle was the _____ (2 Chron. 20:15-17)

4. Their response was that they _____ the Lord. (2 Chron. 20:18-21)

E. The Walk (2 Chron. 20:20-30)

1. They were walking a _____ march...while in the _____ of the trial. (2 Chron. 20:20-23)

* Faith enables the believer's soul to treat the future as _____ and the invisible as _____.

2. The Lord _____ them with exceedingly abundantly more than they asked or thought.

F. The Warning (2 Chron. 20:31-37)

1. King Jehoshaphat did _____ to follow God's will but chose to do his _____ thing and it ended badly.

2. Past success does not guarantee future _____ nor does past failures guarantee future _____.

* Watchout! Will our success draw us away from the Lord?