



Living  
Like King

# You Smell Like a Dog









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- 5 "And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 "So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity. 7 "But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"



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- 9 Then he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who dwelt with them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, for they came over to him in great numbers from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

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- 12 Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;
- 15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; **and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.**

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- 17 But the high places were not removed from Israel.  
**Nevertheless the heart of Asa was loyal all his days.**



# 2 Chronicles 16

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

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- 2 Then Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-Hadad king of Syria... saying, <sup>3</sup> "Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. Here, I have sent you silver and gold; come, break your treaty with

# 2 Chronicles 16

- 7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. <sup>8</sup> "Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge

# 2 Chronicles 16

- 8b Yet, because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand. <sup>9</sup> For 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. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have

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- 10 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.



# 2 Chronicles 16

- 12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians.
- 13 So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

# Are You Living Like King Asa?

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**DO YOU HAVE A LOYAL,  
BUT FAITHLESS,  
HEART?**

# 2 Chronicles 17

- 1 ¶ Then Jehoshaphat his [Asa's] son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel.
- 3 Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, <sup>4</sup> but sought the God of his father, and walked in His

# 2 Chronicles 17

- 6 And his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD;
- 8 ...he sent Levites... and with them... the priests. <sup>9</sup> So they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of the LORD with them; they went throughout all the cities of

## 2 Chronicles 18

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- 1 Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab.



# 2 Chronicles 19

- 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD is upon you. <sup>3</sup> Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the

# 2 Chronicles 20

- 1 It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.
- 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

# 2 Chronicles 20

- 14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel...
- 15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours.

# 2 Chronicles 20

- 16 'Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup> You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD,... O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be

# 2 Chronicles 20

- 20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established: believe His

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- 26 And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah [Blessing], for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day.



## Are You Living Like King Jehoshaphat?

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Taking delight in the  
ways of the Lord,  
Teaching God's word,  
Trusting God completely.

# The Bible Says...

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- 2Ch 20:32 And he [Jehoshaphat] walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD.

# BUT!!!

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- Isn't there something inside you that longs to be more like Jehoshaphat than Asa?
- A heart loyal to God is GREAT!
- But don't you want one that fully trusts God, as well? (cf. *Mark 9:24*)