

The Second Book of KINGS

THERE are some who seek devils,
when trials cross their path!
There are some who seek the prophet,
and must feel the prophet's wrath.
There is a way to seek God;
Find your help this way alone,
And know without exception
All other ways bring destruction.

2 KINGS I

¹Moab rebelled against Israel after Ahab died.
@There are some who seek devils; Ahaziah was one of them.

²And Ahaziah fell through a lattice from an upstairs room in Samaria and was injured. He sent messengers with these instructions, "Go inquire of Baal-zebul, Ekron's god, whether I will recover from this injury."

@God responds to evil; He is acting as we speak; there is a message for everyone, who after devils seek.

³The Angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite,

"Arise now, go meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is there no God in Israel why the king sends to inquire of Baal-zebul, the god of Ekron?'"

⁴"Therefore, this is what the Lord says: 'You shall not come down from the bed that you are on, you will surely die.'" And Elijah left.

⁵When the messengers returned to the king, he asked them, "Why have you turned back?"

⁶And they said to him, "A man came to meet us, and he said,

'Return and say to the king who sent you, "This is what the Lord says: 'Is there no God in Israel why you send to inquire of Baal-zebul, Ekron's god?'"

Because of this you shall not come down from the bed you are on, but you shall surely die.'"

⁷Then he said to them, "Tell me about this man who spoke these words; what does he look like?"

⁸And they replied, "He is a hairy man with a leather belt around his waist."

And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

⁹The king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men.

@It was a display of power and force, not just an ordinary errand.

They went up to him and found him sitting on top of a hill.

@There are some who seek the prophet, but be careful of your approach.

He spoke to Elijah, and said, "Man of God, the king says, 'Come down!'"

¹⁰Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty,

"If I am a man of God, let fire now come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men."

And fire came down from heaven and consumed them all.

@There are some who seek the prophet, who will not heed this altar call.

¹¹And the king sent another fifty to him with his fifty men.

And he answered and said to him, "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down quickly.'"

¹²And Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire now come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men."

And fire came down from heaven and consumed all of them.

¹³Again the king sent another captain of fifty with his fifty men.

@The king would never learn.

But the captain understood clearly, so he came bowing down.

The third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged for his life, saying,

"Man of God, please let my life and the life of this fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.

¹⁴Fire came down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifty with their soldiers,

but let my life be precious in your sight now."

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord said to Elijah, "Go down with this man; do not be afraid of him." So he went down with him to the king.

¹⁶And he spoke to him, saying, "This is what the Lord says,

'Why have you sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebul, Ekron's god?'"

Is there really no God in Israel to inquire of His word?"

Because of this you shall not come down from the bed you are on; you shall surely die."

@If you seek answers from demons, it will be your destruction.

¹⁷So Ahaziah died as the prophet Elijah had spoken by the word of the Lord.

He had no son and therefore Jehoram reigned as king in his place, in the second year of Jehoram, son of Jo-

hoshaphat, king of Judah.

¹⁸The rest of the acts of Ahaziah, that he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

@You who seek help through witchcraft, find your help in only One, and know without exception all other pathways lead to destruction.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You fall never to rise again when you fall into the arms of falsehood and you reject the hand of truth.
2. Taking your situation to Satan via witches or demonic consultation for solution will exacerbate them and frustrate you.
3. Faithlessness is failure driven by fear or sin. God will meet you at your point of faith or faithlessness and respond as your action deserves.
4. There is a God among you, with you, and in you and it leaves you no excuse; if you fail to respond to Him He will respond to your failure.
5. Never take the man of God lightly; his God is a consuming fire who commands the respect wisdom demands.
6. You may come with fire power and authority from your king but when you are dealing with the higher power it is best to fear and step away; He is a consuming fire.
7. Learn from the examples of others and save yourselves; come before God with humility and surrender.
8. With God you are not moved by power or show of force, but when God commands your move nothing restrains you.
9. Resign yourself to the word of God since it will never rest or resign but is self-fulfilling.
10. The word to you by the prophet or from the prophet will only profit if you believe and change.
11. A word from God is a word from God; the instrument of delivery does not change the source or the effect.

PRAYER POINTS

- Every spirit of falsehood operating in my environment to entrap me, I reject you now, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I would rather die than to turn to demons to resolve my problems, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I present my resolute faith in You for positive responses from heaven. Amen. I fan away every spirit of faithlessness in me, by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- I acknowledge You Father; direct my path. Holy Spirit I live with the consciousness of Your presence in me; help me never to grieve You. Amen.
- O Lord God of Elijah, let every spirit seeking to destroy the lives of ministers of the gospel, receive the judgment fire of God now, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**I SAW him smite the waters;
I want to smite the waters, too?
I saw the Spirit on him;
Want his Spirit, no, times two?
My eyes will not leave him; how I want it,
now I have his mantle on.**

I saw him go to glory, but I will take the glory on.

Yes, he may be gone to glory, but you will see glory is not gone.

2 KINGS 2

¹He was with him in Gilgal, when Elijah was to go; the Lord would take him into heaven by a whirlwind, and he knew.

²He said, "Remain here, I beg of you; the Lord has sent me away; He has sent me into Bethel." And Elisha said, "Master, no way. As the Lord and my soul live, I will not leave."

³They went down to Bethel, and then prophets came to him; "Do you know that the Lord will take your master this day?"

"I know it; hold your peace," he turned to them and said.

⁴Elijah said, "Remain here, I beg of you; I go to Jericho."

"As the Lord and my soul lives, I will not leave." Elisha answered, "No!"

So they went to Jericho

⁵and there the prophets came and said, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your head?"

Elijah, your master, the Lord will take away this day."

"I know it; hold your peace,"

Elisha turned to them and said.

⁶Elijah said, "Remain here, I beg of you; the Lord has sent me to Jordan!"

"As the Lord and my soul live, your servant will surely come."

⁷Elisha saw fifty of the prophets, as they took a far-off view;

but he was right there with his master; there was something that he knew.

⁸Elijah smote the waters with his mantle, it divided.

And as on dry ground they both went over, He thought, "Something to be tried!"

⁹Then Elijah said, "Ask what I may give you!"

@And Elisha's day suddenly shone;

he was chasing the anointing and his time had finally come.

I love what you have my master but Elijah, I desire two,

"A double portion of the Spirit that I know is upon you!"

¹⁰He said, "You have asked a hard thing!"

Do you ask hard things of God?

@If you have the vision,

you will receive it of the Lord!

"If you see me when I am taken, you will have that which you asked."

¹¹A chariot of fire with horses of fire took Elijah as they talked!

¹²Elisha saw it! Yes, he saw it! He saw it and he cried,

“Chariots of Israel, chariots of Israel!
My father, my father!
Chariots and the horsemen!”
He ripped his clothes in two pieces;
¹³he saw the mantle on the ground;
*@Elijah was gone up to God’s glory
but he must take God’s glory on!
He stood by Jordan’s river,
A bittersweet taste in his mouth;
Bitter for he missed his master,
Sweet from the vision and the shout.*
¹⁴He smote the waters with his mantle;
“Where is the Lord, Elijah’s God?” he said,
*@As the raging floods divided,
he felt glory on his head!*
¹⁵All the prophets who were gazing
came to him and bowed their heads;
*@They were satisfied to spectate from far off,
but Elisha wanted center-spread.*
“He has the spirit of Elijah!” they acknowl-
edged.
Hard pursuit had brought release;
¹⁶“Let strong men search for Elijah.”
*They would pursue their disbelief;
though they had prophesied that God Himself
was doing this.*
“Perhaps the Spirit took him
and cast him on a mountain top.
Or maybe he is in some valley!”
Elisha said, “Don’t send, will you please stop?”
¹⁷He was ashamed by their insistence,
so he said, “Send!” and so they sought.
They searched for three days and did not find
him;
¹⁸He said, “Didn’t I tell you, you ought not?”
*He is gone up to glory,
but glory is at hand.*
¹⁹Then the men of the city said,
“We have a bad situation;
the water here is no good
and this is a barren land.”
²⁰Elisha said, “Bring me a cruse of salt.”
²¹He then cast it into the spring.
“The Lord has healed this water;
no more death or barrenness!”
*@If someone will seek Him with vigor,
then the nation will be blessed!*
²²So the water remained healed from then;
²³and Elisha went up from there that day.
And at Bethel little children came and mocked
him.
“Go up you baldhead man,” said they.
*@You can play with an old man,
but the anointing holds no slack.
You cannot play with the anointing!
Won’t you hold those children back?*
²⁴He cursed them in the Lord’s name,
and two female bears came from the woods.
They tore forty-two children.
None could help them if they would.
²⁵He went from Carmel to Samaria
*@With God’s work before his eyes.
He came back with God’s glory
by ardent pursuit of these rights.*

*He had seen God’s mighty power,
but there were things he had to learn;
How to handle the anointing,
so the glory would be God’s alone.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Passionate, persistent pursuit of the anointing yields promotion.
2. The inner voice that persuades you to greatness must be louder than the external voices that dissuade you since this may include your own spiritual leaders, peers and pillars of faith.
3. Put to silence every voice that tells you, you cannot, you should not, you must not, or you will not.
4. Not because they have a word from God means they have the word from God to you; not because they hear God means they hear your destiny or they are here representing your destiny.
5. The place you stop in your pursuit of destiny is the place that stops you in your realization of destiny.
6. Never let others persuade you to stop at their place of comfort, pursue to your place of accomplishment; tell them to be silent.
7. How can they speak to your destiny when all they know is your history, not the mystery driving you forward?
8. Pursue to the place of no return; let your faith reach forward to new heights even when Jordan is closed behind you.
9. You go all out with faith when you put all in; it is the time when your destiny will get everything out of God.
10. The majority of people of faith are willing to stand afar and gaze at what God is doing; yet there are those wanting nothing less than to be at the heart and center of it.
11. The majority of believers follow signs, yet there are those who want nothing less than to ensure the signs follow them as Jesus instructed.
12. It is only in the moment that abnormal opportunity arises to propel you into destiny; live in the moment. Windows are not permanent they are momentary.
13. Keep persisting, keep pursuing, keep seeking, never lose focus and never lose sight of your goal.
14. Respect what your mentors have but pursue what they will tell you they I have no power to give, only God can. See the carriers as conduits, seek the Source.
15. When you understand that the needs of your generation are greater than your predecessors you will ask for a double portion and you will embrace the anointing for greater works.
16. When you get lost in passion and in zeal for God on earth you will lose yourself to God and in the end He will take you to Himself.
17. You have it then put it to use; you have the same anointing that raised Jesus from the dead, raise the dead; if you have the anointing that parted the waters, part waters.
18. It is best to accept what God says and what He is doing than to seek to prove it wrong; let the prophets tell you, it does not profit to reject the voice of prophecy, especially the ones you yourself received and insisted on.
19. The anointing you carry does not wait on the right conditions, it changes the conditions and makes it right whatever the condition.
20. They may look small or simple or unusual

but their anointing is not; do not play with the anointed or take their anointing casually.

21. *The anointing is infinite power that can only be managed by love.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Anointing for the supernatural, envelope my life now, in the name of Jesus; I will embrace everything purchased for me in the cross of Calvary. Amen.
- Father, I am fully committed to Your call and nothing shall stop me. Amen.
- Let every voice speaking from hell against my destiny, even through my mentors, be put to silence, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, increase Your anointing on my life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Power to set new trends, break new barriers of faith, anointing for end times impact, be my portion today, in the name of Jesus.

GIVE me water in the valley, for I thirst!
Give to me the blood of Moab, though I
ask for water first.

Let me pull down their cities

And cast stones on all their good land.

In a time when my hand fails me,

Let them feel the hand of God.

**We will have no mercy on them; we will
tear... oh, no, but wait.**

**When they sacrifice their firstborn, then
we know they are desperate.**

2 KINGS 3

¹Jehoram son of Ahab, reigned in Samaria; he reigned for twelve years. His reign began in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat.

²He did evil in the Lord's sight, for though he put Baal's image out,

³from the sins of Jeroboam he never turned himself about.

⁴One hundred thousand lambs, Mesha the king of Moab gave to Israel, plus one hundred thousand rams with the wool.

⁵But when Ahab died, Moab rebelled.

⁶Jehoram went out from Samaria and numbered all Israel at that time.

⁷Then he sent to Jehoshaphat saying, "Moab has rebelled; will you go with me to fight?"

"I will! My people are as your people; my horses as your horses," he said.

⁸"Which way shall we go up?" He answered, "Through the wilderness of Edom."

⁹The kings of Israel, Edom, Judah, all three kings went up.

They went seven days journey, but there was no water for the host.

¹⁰Jehoram said, "The Lord has called these kings together to give us into Moab's hand."

¹¹"Is there a prophet of the Lord here," said Jehoshaphat, "that by him we may inquire of God?"

One of the king's servants answered,

"Elisha is in the land; he is the son of Shaphat, who poured water on Elijah's hands."

¹²"I know him; God's word is with him!" This king Jehoshaphat said.

So they went down to him, the kings of Judah, of Edom and of Israel.

¹³"What have I to do with you, Jehoram?" the prophet Elisha said;

"Go to your father's prophets and the prophets of your mother, Jezebel."

The king of Israel said, "No, not so."

①We want water in the valley for we thirst.

Baal's prophets cannot deliver.

When men are desperate they put God first.

The Lord has called these three kings together to deliver them into Moab's hand.

¹⁴And Elisha said, "As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand,

if I did not regard Jehoshaphat's presence, who is Judah's king,

I would not look your way or see you even.

¹⁵But now, bring to me a minstrel."

God's hand came on him as they played;

¹⁶he said, "Make the valley full of ditches;

¹⁷you shall see neither wind nor rain,

yet you will see a valley full of water; to provide drink for man, cattle and beast.

¹⁸When the Lord delivers Moab to you, you will see that this is but the least.

¹⁹"Smite every fenced city; cut every good tree down,

stop every well, for God commands it! Mar every good land with stones."

²⁰And so in the morning during the meat offering,

by the way of Edom water came;

it filled all the country,

and there was not one drop of rain.

²¹Moab heard the kings had come up, so they gathered all to fight,

²²and came early in the morning when the sun was shining bright.

The sun shone on the water, and it appeared to the Moabites as red as blood.

²³They said, "Surely the kings have slain each other; to the spoils now Moab up."

²⁴They came to the camp of Israel, and they saw they were deceived;

they fled and Israel struck them!

They were not dead as they believed.

²⁵They struck them into their country, and beat the cities down;

they stopped the wells, felled every good tree and filled every good land with stones.

In Kir-hareseth only, Israel left the stones untouched,

but the slingers went up and struck it, so that for all the land of Moab it was tough.

The battle was sore, and Mesha king of Moab made an attempt to break through then.

²⁶When he saw he could not do this, even with seven hundred sword bearing men,

²⁷he took his eldest son, the one who in his

place should reign,
and offered him for a burnt offering on a wall
that day.
And against Israel there was great indignation,
so they departed from him and returned to
their own land.

*@Would you have water in the valleys; do you
thirst?*

*Though there is no rain in the land, would you
have the great springs burst?*

*Want to pull down every stronghold,
reaching nations? Then go!*

There is room for desperation,

so press in, for then you'll know

*living waters from your bellies, as the prophet
spoke about.*

*When His blood fills every valley, then victory is
assured.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. It is no consolation if your evil is not as bad as the evil of others since judgment has no distinction, it is just as punishing.
2. When you take what you have not earned because of your power to intimidate you are a bully and a thief; this was the unfortunate reality of nations exacting tributes in ancient times.
3. To fight with and for the ungodly ratifies their unholy lifestyle but to be one with them promotes it.
4. To fail to plan and to make adequate preparation is to plan to fail and to prepare for defeat; when this happens it is you who have courted defeat, it is not the Lord's doing.
5. Set your heart to seek the Lord before you set out or you will continue to make crisis call on Him.
6. Crisis will reveal the real character of your gods and their prophets; they are useless and cannot profit.
7. If you can only call on your gods in good times then by doing so you are in essence calling on bad times and courting evil days with your worship.
8. Let kings and all powers know you have no obligation to help, converse with or respect any presence that has no respect for the Presence you represent.
9. Your righteousness in the presence of the wrong crowd is deprived the atmosphere you need to hear God.
10. Prophecy flows in the atmosphere of anointed music and intense worship; expect to hear God every time you are at this place.
11. Divine strategy mystifies every weapon of war and confuses the most powerful enemy.
12. The God of exceedingly abundantly more will serve up a combo that will satisfy your need and defeat your enemies in one move.
13. Extend your faith by digging ditches for water in the desert even when there is no rain and heaven will extend miracles to you from your dry and hopeless situations.
14. When you fight with man you know their limitations, when you fight God you test His unlimited power; complacency will defeat you if you do not know Him.
15. The water and sun strategy, added to the march around the wall and shout strategy, added to the rocks and fire from heaven and the wall falling on the enemy strategies, added to

the Red Sea, added to all the rest, makes God a fearsome opponent; never fight Him.

16. *Desperate times call for desperate measures; understand the times and get desperate; God will respond.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of excuse that evokes comparison, I command you to quit competing with the truth of the word, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the spirit of theft and bullying that clothes itself in culture be evoked from our business communities, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of holiness that demands separation, keep me conscious and alert to my associations, in the name of Jesus.
- Wisdom of the living God direct my every move, in the name of Jesus; I refuse to court failure by reckless or inadequate planning. Amen.
- My Father my God, help me to be consistent in my faith and to walk by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- I will dwell where Christ is rather than resort to Him in crisis. Amen.

**GOD cares for the worker who has just
Gone pot of oil;**

**He cares for the prophet and He will give
him his desire.**

**He cares for His servants who feed the
prophet's mouth;**

**And He cares for your pottage and will take
the danger out.**

**He will multiply your basket yet more and
more, so do not fear;**

**He gives you priests and prophets to reas-
sure you that He cares.**

2 KINGS 4

¹A widow, the former wife of one of the prophets came to Elisha, and said,
"My husband is dead; he feared the Lord; you know this;

now the creditor is here to take my two sons as bondmen."

²*@God cares for the concerns of all those in His service and those who toil.*

²"What do you have in your house?" he asked. She said, "Nothing but one pot of oil."

³He said, "Borrow empty vessels of your neighbors; do not borrow a few.

⁴When you get back in, shut the door on your sons and on you.

"Pour the oil into all those vessels and set aside those that are full."

⁵So she went from him and shut the door on herself and on her sons.

They brought the vessels to her and she poured out that day,

⁶and when there were no more vessels, only then did the oil restrain;
it stopped flowing then.

⁷She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debts;

⁸*@And know the Lord cares when you can live well from the rest."*

He cares for the woman who does a good deed, And when the prophet is passing, gives him a room to rest in and food to eat.

8So did this great woman of Shumen, to Elisha very often; she constrained him to eat a meal every time he passed.

9She said to her husband, "I perceive this is a holy man of God who passes by continually; let us build him a room on the wall.

10"Let us set a bed and table there for him, a stool and a candlestick;

11and so when he comes to us, in this room he shall turn in."

12And Elisha said to Gehazi his servant, "Call to me this Shunammite."

13And when she stood before him, he said, "Speak to her in this way;

"You have been mindful of us with much care; what is to be done for you?

Would you be spoken for to the king or captain of the host?"

She said, "I dwell among my own people."

14And he said, "How then do we show you God's care?"

Gehazi answered, "Master, she has no child, and her husband is old and grey."

@To know that your labor of love is not in vain, and to know you are appreciated by God and also by men, is to know how much He cares.

15Elisha said to her then, "You shall embrace a son next year about this time."

16But she protested saying, "No my lord, man of God, to your handmaid do not lie."

@But God cares for the prophet, and He honors his words, so let what he tells you be as precious as pure gold.

17The woman conceived and she bore a male child as Elisha had said, "According to the time of life."

18One day, when the child was grown he went out to his father and the reapers in the field.

19And he cried to his father, "My head! Oh, my head aches."

He said, "Carry him to his mother; her care let him receive."

20She nursed him until noon and there he died on her knees.

21She laid him then on the bed of the man of God; she shut the door on him and went out, purposeful but sad.

22She called her husband and said, "Send me one of the young men and an ass; I have an errand to tend to, and I must do this fast.

To the man of God I go."

23He said, "Is it well, it is not sabbath or new moon!"

She heard her husband's concern, but she said, "It is well; *meaning it shall be well soon.*"

24She said to the servant, "Do not slack your riding for me unless I bid that this be done."

25She came to the man of God to mount Carmel, and from a distance he saw her come. He said to Gehazi, "Behold the Shunammite;

26"run to her and say,

"Is everything well with you and with your husband and with your child this day?"

She responded, "All is well."

27But when she came to the man of God in the hill,

she caught him by the feet; and Gehazi came near to thrust her away from him.

He said, "Let her alone; she is vexed to the soul,

and the Lord has hid it from me, this thing He has not shown."

@He cared for this woman who had given so cheerfully;

28She said, "Did I desire a son? Did I not say, 'do not deceive me!'"

29He said to Gehazi, "Gird up your loins and take my staff and go;

salute no man and do not answer them if they should salute you.

This is no time for social; lay my staff on the child's face.

30The mother said, "As the Lord and my soul lives, I will not leave you this day."

@Nothing but personal assurance for the matter at hand.

31So he rose up and followed her, and before them Gehazi passed on.

He laid the staff on the child's face, but no voice or response came.

So he went again to meet him and to tell him, "The child is not awakened."

32When Elisha came into the house, the dead child laid on his bed.

33He went in therefore, and shut the door on the two of them;

he prayed to the Lord and lay upon the child,

34and placed his mouth on his mouth and his eye on his eye.

He stretched on the child, and the flesh became warm;

35he returned, and to and fro in the house he walked.

He went again and stretched on him, and the child sneezed seven times.

God cared for the prophet's intercession, and the child opened his eyes.

36He said to Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite," and when to him she had come,

37he said, "Take your son," and she fell at his feet and bowed.

And she took her son and went out,

38and to Gilgal once more Elisha came.

There was a famine in the land, and the sons of the prophets sat before him that day.

He showed he cared for them, as to his servant he said,

"Set the great pot on and boil stew now for all of them."

³⁹And one went into the field to gather herbs, and he found a wild vine; he emptied his lap full of wild gourds into the pot, not knowing the danger at that time.

⁴⁰They poured out for the men to eat, and one cried out and said, "Behold! Oh, man of God, there is death in the pot."

They could not eat of it,
⁴¹but he said, "Bring meal."

And he cast it into the pot and said, "Pour out that the people may eat."

There was no harm in the pot after this.

God cares for your giving; He will multiply your gifts to Him.

⁴²From Baal-shalisha a man came, and brought Elisha first-fruits and bread, twenty loaves of barley and grain in the husk, and the prophet Elisha said, "Give to the people to eat," *he cared that they were fed.*

⁴³But the server said, "What? Should I set this before a hundred men?"

He said once more, "Give to the people that they may eat!"

For this says the Lord, "They shall eat of it and have some left."

⁴⁴And he set it before them, and they ate of it and left some remaining, according to the word the man of God had said; *for indeed the Lord cares.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You may never know the personal crisis through which your leaders minister, continue to pray for them and to minister to them.*
2. *Everyone has a deposit of oil, a measure of the anointing; the power for expansion, distinction and provision.*
3. *God will use what you have to bless you, if you will put what you have to use.*
4. *Get into your secret place and close the door on you to stir up the anointing and uncover the well; private place for public glory.*
5. *The anointing will flow when you have the heart and the mind to flow with the anointing, to go; you must find vessels to pour into.*
6. *The anointing you have in your vessel must be poured into others to keep flowing; the anointing will stop flowing when you stop pouring.*
7. *Make room for the anointed and the anointing will create doors for you into the impossible.*
8. *The presence of the anointing or the anointed does not mean you will not attract the attack of the enemy; the greater the anointing the greater the targeting.*
9. *Not because your situation seems dead means it is buried; the God who gives life is able to bring dead situations back to life.*
10. *Sometimes you may have to leave the closest friends out of your problem or they may delay, divert or distract your audacious faith; the woman did not tell her husband about his own dead son.*
11. *The sensitivity of your mission may require intense focus.*
12. *Never replace the messenger with the message; never replace the Source with the blessing.*
13. *Pour your anointing into dead situations and*

they will come alive.

14. *Give it everything; go full stretch.*
15. *You have the salt in you to remove the poison cooking in the evil cauldrons of this world.*
16. *When you submit your provision to the Lord's use, it will be a blessing to the kingdom, to the people and to you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, we speak grace for personal breakthrough to every leader and minister in the church, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, help me to recognize the full potential of Your deposit in me, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, I place great value on every talent You have invested in me and I make this commitment to maximize them for the kingdom. Amen.
- Power for personal discipline in prayer and devotion envelope believers and make them a distinction, in the name of Jesus.
- Son of God who died, I will go, I will run, I will speak; I will be an active and flowing repository of Your anointing. Amen.

IT is not found in you, or you would not have been leprous.

It is not found in Syria, or you would not have gone down from there.

It is not found in the palace, you make the king afraid.

It is not found in the prophet; but in the God of Israel.

It was not found in you, or you would not be searching still;

You may never find it unless you submit your stubborn will.

It is found in God; it is located where He sits,

You will stop searching if your pride will take a dip.

See there is water! Why do you not take a dip?

2 KINGS 5

¹Namaan was the captain of the Syrian army, an honorable man and great in the eyes of his master, for by him the Lord had delivered Syria in battle.

He was also a mighty man of valor, *respected in his world;*

but he was a leper; *things were not as they once were.*

@It was not found in Syria; Naaman could not be healed.

It was not found in Naaman; he was losing his appeal.

²The Syrians had gone out on raids and brought back a young woman from the land of Israel. She was maid to Naaman's wife.

³She said to her mistress, "If only my master would go to the prophet in Samaria; he would heal him of his leprosy."

⁴And Naaman went in and told his master, "This is what the maid from Israel says."

⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go, and I will

send a letter to the king of Israel.”

He took ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes with him and went.

⁶And he brought the letter with him to the king of Israel, which read, “Be advised, when this letter comes to you, I have sent Naaman my servant for you to heal him of his leprosy.”

@It is not found in the palace; you make the king afraid.

⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes, and said,

“Am I God to kill and revive, that this man sends someone to me to heal him of leprosy? See how he seeks a quarrel with me!”

⁸But when Elisha, the man of God, heard how the king had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “O king, why did you tear your clothes?”

@There is only one place that true healing can be found.

Please let him come to me and he shall see that there is a prophet in Israel.”

⁹So Naaman went with his horses and chariot.

@He took great pride in them;

It was not found in horses or he would certainly be well.

There he stood at the door of Elisha’s house.

¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him.

@There was no partiality or undue respect; the glory and honor belongs to God.

He said, “Go and wash in the Jordan river, seven times to dip, then your flesh will be healed, you shall be clean after this.”

¹¹But Naaman became very angry and went away; *he thought he knew how it was found.*

He said, “I thought the prophet would come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and lift his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.”

@Well Naaman, if you know the answer, why are you still not well?

¹²He said, “Are not rivers Abanah and Pharpar of Damascus, better than the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean.”

@No it is not in the waters, but faith in God on high. So he turned away in anger and in furious passionate pride.

¹³Then his servants came near to him and said, “My father, please turn around.

@It was not found in Syria, and in you it is not found.

If the prophet had bid you to do some great thing, would you not have done this thing? How much more the much more simple, to wash and be made clean?”

@Oh, that all men may know this! It is only found in Him;

you can stop searching if your pride will take a dip.

¹⁴So he went as the man of God instructed,

and dipped in the Jordan seven times; and he was clean, and his flesh was healed and was restored like the flesh of a little child.

¹⁵He returned to the prophet with all his servants, and he came and stood before him and said,

“Now I know there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please receive a gift from the hand of your servant.”

¹⁶And Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will not take a gift.” *In gifts it is not found.*

@It is found in God’s grace that is not earned; it is found in turning from your wrong!

¹⁷So Naaman said, “Then let me give your servant two mules-loads of earth, for I will no longer sacrifice to other gods, but to the Lord alone.

¹⁸“But may the Lord pardon me in this thing; when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship,

and he leans on my hand and I bow down there—

may the Lord pardon your servant when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon.”

@He came because of his leprosy, and found cleansing for his soul.

¹⁹And Elisha said to him, “Go in peace.”

So he departed and was gone a short distance on his way,

@But there was a servant with the prophet who was about to lose his way!

²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the prophet, said, “My master has spared Naaman the Syrian, and has not taken any of what he brought from him,

but I will run after the treasures; as the Lord lives, I will run after him and take something.”

²¹So Gehazi pursued Naaman.

When Naaman saw him coming, he got down from his chariot to greet him, and said, “Is all well?”

²²And he said, “All is well.

My master has sent me, saying, ‘Surprisingly just now, two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from Mount Ephraim.

Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.”

²³So Naaman said, “You asked for one talent of silver; take two talents in two bags.”

What Naaman needed was not found in silver or gold.

He gave him two talents of silver in two bags, with the changes of clothes.

and he handed them to his servants who carried them in front of him.

²⁴When he came to the tower, Gehazi took it from them and hid them in his house. Then he dismissed the men and they left.

@He found himself some riches but lost the source he had.

He found a treasure of silver, but lost the favor of

his God.

²⁵When he went in and stood before Elisha, he said to him, "Gehazi, where are you coming from?"

And he said, "Your servant went nowhere."

²⁶Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man came down from his chariot to greet you?

Is this the time to receive money and garments, olive fields, vineyards, sheep, ox or male and female servants?

@There is a time for receiving, but this was not the time.

He ran after the cleansed who from leprosy was healed?

He ran after the treasures, but found its leprous disease.

²⁷"Because you did this, the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever."

And he departed from the presence of Elisha, a leper white as snow.

@For him there would be no cleansing, but you can be free of sin.

See there is water! What hinders you? Why not take a dip?

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Exceptional before men, does not make you an exception from the leprosy of sin; all your accolades and achievements must bow to the reality of your defilement.
2. Never ignore the voice that points the way to your cleansing; it is superior counsel even if it is the voice of your inferior.
3. The source of power you need may not be sitting in the seat of power you seek; the greatest of men cannot remedy your spiritual state or cleanse you; seek God.
4. It confuses and grieves you when they seek of you what you cannot give; it confuses them when you refuse to give them what the kingdom invested in you.
5. People must know there is a true believer and kingdom ambassador in your city; put your King on display continually.
6. Your position, your pomp, your possession, yet your place is at the feet of the word and in subjection to it; you may impress you but you only impress God and those who truly represent Him by your humility and obedience.
7. If you have the solution, you do not need an answer; if you can cleanse yourself you do not need Jesus; why set out if you have it settled?
8. Humble yourself to the word of the Lord and receive the exaltation of His promises.
9. It is normal to want to do something great to prove your self-righteousness but it is easier to simply accept that greatest thing in life is a gift already paid on the Cross and packaged in the word.
10. Your victory is in your obedience to Jesus, the only true and living Word of God; His blood cleanses from every sin.
11. Let your pride go under for your life to be lifted up. Submersion spells submission; death, burial and resurrection.
12. When you know the truth, make the adjustment to walk in truth even in your prison or world of

falsehood.

13. If you run after sin and its rewards, its leprosy will run you down and award you.
14. Never steal the Lord's glory to satisfy your greed; never divert the eyes of sinners from God to their own self-righteousness and abilities.
15. Never risk losing a soul because of personal greed for treasures; it makes your ministry leprous.
16. If it can be bought it is cheap; if it cannot be purchased it is priceless. (Such is salvation.)
17. You hide your sin in plain sight when you pretend righteousness before man; God is ever present, all-knowing and He is able to judge the leprosy of the heart.
18. Discernment will help ministers to understand the spirits and people operating in their environment and occupying their space.

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, I confess my sins before You; I refuse to present my works above my righteousness, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to rise above pride and to share the word in every forum, especially among people of influence, envelop believers today, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, I take all my issues to the foot of the cross. Today I receive divine solutions for all areas of need in my life. Amen.
- My Father my God, I position myself to be an instrument You can use to bring divine solutions to men, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Let every haughty spirit assigned to prevent people from receiving their breakthroughs, receive a divine rebuke this minute, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

DISCERNMENT and perception,
Let it come to everyone!
There are mountains full of chariots
just awaiting your command.
When you see iron swimming,
the air is charged; go on, rejoice.
But when humans eat their children,
let it open up your eyes.
A new wind is blowing;
Don't you feel its pull on you?
Discernment and perception;
Means your spirit is in tune.

2 KINGS 6

¹The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "This place where we live with you is too small for us.

²"Let us go to Jordan, and let each of us take a beam from there and make a new dwelling place."

And he told them to go.

³And one of them said, "Please come with your servants." And he answered, "I will go."

⁴So he went with them. When they came to Jordan they began to cut down trees.

⁵As one was cutting a beam, the iron head of the axe fell into the water.

@Discernment and perception, says that in the Lord there is hope.

So he cried out to Elisha, saying, "Behold,

master; it is borrowed!"

⁶And Elisha said to him, "Where did it fall? And he showed the man of God the place it fell.

And he cut off a stick and threw it in the water there, and the iron floated to the surface.

⁷And he said, "Retrieve it now." So he stretched out his hand and took it.

⁸After this, the king of Syria made war with Israel,

and he took counsel with his servants, saying, "In such a place I will have my camp."

⁹And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Be careful not to pass this place, for the Syrians are come down there."

¹⁰And the king of Israel sent a man to the place the man of God warned him about; and he saved himself there, not once or twice.

¹¹And this distressed the heart of the king of Syria; and he was greatly disturbed by this thing.

Discernment and perception had constantly outwitted him!

He called his servants and said to them, "Why do you not tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

¹²And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king,

but Elisha the prophet in Israel tells the king of Israel the words you speak in your bedroom."

¹³So he said, "Go spy and see where he is that I may send and get him."

And they told him, "He is in Dothan."

¹⁴Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there.

They came by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵And when the servant of the man of God rose early and went out,

he saw the army surrounding the city with horses and chariots.

And his servant said to him, "Behold, my master! What shall we do?"

But in impossible situations discernment and perception will deliver you!

¹⁶Elisha said, "Do not be afraid for those with us are more than those with them."

¹⁷And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, open his eyes, I pray, that he may see."

And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw;

Amazing! the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

¹⁸And when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people with blindness."

And they were all struck blind according to the word of Elisha; *but his servant could see.*

¹⁹And Elisha said to them then, "This is not the way, nor the city, follow me and I will take you to the man you seek."

But he led them into Samaria.

²⁰When they had entered Samaria, Elisha prayed, saying,

"Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they

may see."

And the Lord opened their eyes and they saw. *And what a fright they received, for they were in Samaria!*

²¹And when the king of Israel saw them, *he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them? Shall I strike them?"*

²²But Elisha said, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill your captives with your sword and your bow?"

Give them food and water that they may eat and drink and go."

²³He prepared them a great feast; they ate and drank that day and he sent them away.

So they returned to their master and the bands of Syrian raiders did not come back into the land of Israel.

²⁴After this, Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and up he went and besieged Samaria.

²⁵And there was a great famine in Samaria; and the siege continued until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five shekels of silver.

²⁶And, as the king of Israel passed by on a wall,

a woman cried out to him, and said, "Help, my lord, O king!"

²⁷And he said, "If the Lord does not help you, how can I help you, from the threshing-floor or from the wine-press?"

²⁸Then the king said to her, "What is the problem?"

And she responded, "This woman said to me, 'Give me your son, that we may eat him today; and we will eat my son tomorrow.'

²⁹"So we boiled my son and ate him.

And I said to her the next day,

'Give your son that we may eat him,' but she has hidden him away."

³⁰*The words of the woman stunned the king.*

When he heard it he ripped his clothes, and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and underneath his clothes he had sackcloth on his body.

³¹Then he said, "God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!"

³²And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were there with him.

And the king sent a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, to the elders he said,

"Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent someone to take away my head?"

When the messenger comes, shut the door and hold him fast; is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

³³While he was still instructing them, the messenger was seen, coming down to him.

Then the king said, "This predicament is from the Lord;

why should I wait on the Lord any more?"

@But by discernment and perception, hope can be restored!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It is good to have your mentor with you but it is better to rise up and operate in their spirit and best to do so with an increased anointing.*
2. *Faith will suspend the natural law of gravity and cause everything to gravitate towards spiritual truths.*
3. *The spirit of discernment and revelation will give you insuperable battle strategies and reduce your enemies to confusion.*
4. *Your God is omnipresent and all knowing; be conscious of this and it can work for you, ignore this and it will work against you.*
5. *Surrounded by your enemies surrounded by your angels; outnumbered by your enemies who are outnumbered and out-powered by your angels.*
6. *The angels of the Lord surround all those who fear Him; this is your spiritual reality. Faith your spiritual reality and it will become your spiritual realization; fear reverses your spiritually reality and leaves you perpetually blind.*
7. *Your enemies come at you because they are spiritually blind; lead them to the truth; love them to change and to good fruits.*
8. *Your desperate situation is not beyond the God who changes all situations; get desperate before Him.*
9. *You are under demonic delusion and your world under demonic siege when it causes you to sacrifice your children for any reason.*
10. *It is best to be angry with sin than with God since all your problems stem from sin.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank You Father for everyone You have placed in my life to bring me to this moment but I will recognize and embrace my high calling in You. Amen.
- My Father my God, take me to the place where Your word is my only law, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Awesome and amazing God, give me the wisdom to outsmart, outthink and out-manoeuvre the opposition in battle or in business, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- All knowing God, I live before You in fear, knowing that Your big eye sees and Your sharp ear hears my bedroom talk and my private thoughts. I position myself to be on the receiving end of Your divine secrets. Amen.
- I choose to fear You Lord with distinction and to bask in the safety and presence of the company of angels encamping all around me. Amen.

AT the point of desperation when nothing can be lost,

If God says it just believe it; would you rather pay the cost?

He has already fought your battles while you sit there trembling;

His might will be discovered; desperation gives faith wings.

Yes, when you step out of your boundaries, you will see His word, His ways; and you will find tables prepared, when you move in faith.

2 KINGS 7

¹God has already done it.

Elisha said, "Hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Lord says, Tomorrow at about this time, one measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel,

and two measures of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria."

²But the officer on whose arm the king leaned, could not receive this word from God; he answered the man of God and said, "If the Lord would make windows in heaven, this thing might be possible?"

And Elisha said, "You shall see it with your eye, but you shall not eat of it."

³Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate;

and they said to each other, "Why do we sit here and wait for death?" *They were very desperate.*

⁴"If we should go into the city, there is famine in the city, and we shall die there.

We will also die if we just sit here.

Come therefore, let us surrender to the Syrian army, if they keep us alive, we live; if they kill us, we will simply die, just the same."

⁵So they rose up at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians;

then, to their surprise, when they came to the edge of the camp no one was there.

⁶For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians hear the noise as of chariots and of horses; it was the noise of a great army.

They said to each other, "The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and of the Egyptians to fight us!"

⁷And so they got up and fled at dusk, leaving everything as they were in the camp—their tents, horses and donkeys—as they ran for their lives.

⁸When the lepers came to the edge of the camp,

they went into a tent and ate and drank, and they carried silver, gold and garments from it and went and hid them;

they went and raided another tent likewise.

⁹Then they said to each other, "This is selfish we are not doing the right thing.

This day is a day of deliverance, and we are quiet.

If we remain silent until morning, something bad will happen to us.

Let us go and report it to the king."

¹⁰So they came back to the city to tell the king about it all.

They told it to the gatekeepers saying,

"We went to the camp of the Syrians and nobody was there, just the horses and donkeys tied, and tents left as they were."

¹¹So the gatekeepers went and told it to the king.

¹²And the king rose up in the night and to his servants he said,

“Let me show you the wisdom of the crown. The Syrians know we are hungry, therefore they have gone from the camp to hide in the field, for they say, ‘When they come out of the city, we will catch them alive, then we will enter the city.’ Isn’t the king of Israel wise!

¹³And one of his servants answered, and said, “Let us send some men; let them take five of the horses left in the city; they can only be consumed, at worse, like the rest of the people who are left in the city. Let us send them and see.”

¹⁴And so they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them to the Syrian camp, saying, “Go and see.”

¹⁵They went after the host of the Syrians to Jordan, and the roadway was full of clothing and weapons the Syrian had thrown away in their hurry.

@They could see the mighty victory that was by God’s design.

So they returned and reported to the king their findings.

¹⁶Then the people went out and stripped the tents of the Syrians.

Therefore a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley were sold for a shekel, just as the Lord had spoken.

¹⁷The king had appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to oversee the gate, but the people trampled him in the gate and he died,

just as the man of God had prophesied, when the king had gone to inquire of him.

¹⁸The events unfolded just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, “Two measures of barley shall be sold for a shekel, tomorrow about this time in Samaria’s gates.”

¹⁹The officer had answered the man of God, saying,

“Only if the Lord would make windows in heaven, such a thing could happen.” And he had said, “You shall see it with your eyes but shall not taste it.”

²⁰And this is exactly what happened to him. The people trampled him to death in the gate.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. God can open windows in heaven when every door is closed on earth.
2. It does not matter how deep you fall, or how difficult it gets, God can change it in a minute or turn it around by this time tomorrow.
3. Always be expectant of your twenty-four hour turnaround.
4. Your limitation of God does not limit God but limits your ability to experience the goodness and breakthrough of God.
5. The fear you express is your spiritual reality coming on your express.
6. Desperate situations call for desperate measures; if all you have to lose in this life is this life, you

have nothing to lose if you invest your life and everything you have, in eternity.

7. Divine strategies mesmerize men.
8. God ‘drives away’ without hands and makes ‘stumbling weak’ of the ‘stubborn strong’.
9. Divine confusion and divine madness are two important weapons in God’s arsenal; deploy them.
10. Never gather the blessing designed for a nation or a people for personal well-being, comfort or gratification; it will bring a curse upon you.
11. Never use kingdom resources to crown yourself while the souls of men cry for relief.
12. The wealth of the wicked is laid up ‘just’ for you; they will bring it to your door and run away leaving it behind.
13. Just a spin from heaven shifts the axis of the blades pointed at you; when they come to take away yours but instead leave all theirs for you, know heaven is spinning things in your favor.
14. It is real, God has moved and is moving on your behalf: believe it, receive it, bask in it; Say, “Look what the Lord has done!”
15. If you never believed it in the first place, why try to control it in the end? You may be trampled under the effect of its awesome reality.
16. The truth of the word always tramples unbelief on its way to fulfillment.

PRAYER POINTS

- I look to You Jesus, You are the Door; I refuse to be limited by closed doors or the restrictions or limitations of man, in the name of Jesus.
- I prophesy divine turnaround to believers under siege. By the power in the blood of Jesus, receive your twenty-four hour breakthrough. By this time tomorrow it changes. Amen.
- My Father my God, I believe; help my unbelief, in the name of Jesus. Faith for the supernatural be my portion from this moment on. Amen.
- Father God, send strong delusion into every diabolical gathering against the church and believers; let every opposition to the church self-destruct today, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Let divine confusion and divine madness pursue and overtake my strong enemies today, in the name of Jesus.

**WHY weep, my lord, why weep?
The prophet wept very sore
To see his countenance troubled,
Until he could take no more.
He wept for all the evil
that his countrymen would taste.
He wept for all the wickedness
that would proceed from the state.
Why weep my lord, why weep?
Why weep, you men of God?
When you take a look around you,
Why weep? But then, why not?**

2 KINGS 8

¹Why weep? “There will be a famine; for seven years it will last.” Elisha told this to the woman, whose son he had restored to life. “You and your household go, stay at any suitable place you can, for this is of the Lord, it is called by the Lord God.”

²So the woman left and did as the man of God had said to her.

She went with all her household to the land of the Philistines, and lived there for seven years.

³At the end of seven years the woman returned from the country of the Philistines; then she went to the king to appeal to have her house and land restored to her.

⁴At that time the king was speaking to Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, he said, "Tell me, all the great things Elisha has done."

⁵As he was telling the king how he brought the dead back to life, in came the woman and her son who was the one revived, to appeal to the king for her land and her house.

And Gehazi said, "My king, this is the woman and her son whom Elisha restored."

⁶The king asked her about it, and when he heard her own account, he appointed her an officer and instructed him to restore everything that was hers; and all the proceeds of the fruits of her land from the time she left seven years before.

⁷And Elisha came to Damascus, and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick. He was told that Elisha the man of God was there.

⁸Then the king sent Hazael with a present, saying, "Go meet with Elisha, and let him inquire of the Lord for me.

saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"

⁹Hazael went to meet with Elisha and he brought him a present of every good thing of Damascus, forty loaded camels, he came and stood by him and said, "Ben-hadad, the king of Syria has sent me to ask you if he shall recover of his disease."

¹⁰Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall surely recover'; but will he live, the answer is no. *Something else will kill him!*"

He faltered with breaking voice.

¹¹The face of the man of God was unsettled; he was about to cry!

The man of God wept there with tears that could bring one shame;

¹²and Hazael said to him, "Why are you weeping my lord?"

He tried but no words came.

Then he said, "Hazael I know the evil that you will do to Israel;

you will burn their strongholds with fire,

and kill their young men with the sword;

you will dash their children and rip their pregnant women likewise."

¹³And Hazael said, "Am I a dog that I should do this thing?"

And Elisha said, "The Lord has shown me that you will be Syria's king."

¹⁴So Hazael returned from Elisha and came to his master.

He asked him, "What did Elisha say?"

He said, "He told me you will certainly recover,"

But it will not go that way.

¹⁵In the morning of the next day Hazael dipped a thick cloth in water, and spread it over Ben-hadad's face.

The king died by murder, and Hazael reigned in his place.

@Weep on, all God's people;

weep because of zeal and love.

Weep for Jehoram king of Judah.

¹⁶It was in the fifth year of Joram, the son of Ahab, king of Israel,

that Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat began to reign as Judah's king.

¹⁷He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for just eight years.

¹⁸He did evil before the Lord, just as the household of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel was his wife.

@Jehoshaphat formed an alliance that would change his children's life.

¹⁹Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah, for the sake of His covenant with David alone; for he promised him to give succession forever, to him and to his sons.

²⁰But in his days Edom revolted, and set up their own king on their throne.

²¹So Joram went over to Zair with all his chariots and in the night he attacked the Edomites,

for they had surrounded him and his captains;

and all the troops retreated hastily to their tents.

²²And Edom revolted against Judah to this day. At that time Libnah also rebelled.

²³The rest of the acts of Joram, everything he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

²⁴And Joram died just as his fathers, and he was buried with them in the City of David.

And Ahaziah his son replaced him as king.

²⁵Ahaziah the son of Jehoram began to reign in Judah in the twelfth year of Joram, Ahab's son, who was the king of Israel,

@Weep, O virgin daughters! Weep, O men of God!

²⁶Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king,

and he reigned for just one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri, Israel's king.

²⁷He followed the path of the house of Ahab and did evil in the sight of the Lord,

for he was the son-in-law of Ahab's house.

²⁸He went with Joram the son of Ahab to fight Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead; there the Syrians wounded Joram.

²⁹King Joram returned to Jezreel to recover from the wound he received in battle at

Ramah, fighting against the Syrians and Hazael their king.
And Ahaziah, Jehoram's son, the king of Judah went to visit Joram, Ahab's son, in Jezreel because Joram was sick.

@While for every unholy union, men of God constantly weeps.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Follow the word of the Lord and it will preserve you and everything you have; the word is a place of safety and security that will never let you go if you never let it go.
2. Divine timing is precision that cannot be explained and perfection that cannot be anticipated.
3. Complete obedience to the instructions of the Lord, leads to complete victory and complete restoration of anything lost in the process.
4. When you have the word of God in you, you are relevant wherever you go and in any forum.
5. Your recovery and progress may be hinged on your discovery of the weaknesses you lean on; discernment defeats friendly enemies.
6. Not everyone who inquires about your health wants you to recover.
7. Friendly opposition is most dangerous; they are close enough to stifle your breath while they speak your strength.
8. Leave a good legacy for your children to include positive associations, or the good legacy you leave will be destroyed and defeated by the associations you embraced.
9. If your strength is not in God, your strength is weak and your days are weeks; or rather numbered.
10. Be careful who you associate with and allow to influence you; they will take you to their destination and restrict you to their limitations.
11. The Lord is not with you, not because He forsook you but because you forsook Him. He is the only standard to live by.

PRAYER POINTS

- Speak to me Father; Your word is most precious to me. I run into Your word for safety from every storm in my life. Amen.
- My Father my God, Your wisdom never ceases to amaze me. Let every anxiety in me be humbled at the feet of divine timing, in the name of Jesus.
- Most adorable God, my commitment is to follow the instructions of Your word, even when it makes no sense to me. Amen.
- Most High God, let the blood of Jesus fan away every friendly but deceptive spirit having access to me by relationship, in the name of Jesus.
- Awesome and amazing Father, I take counsel from Your mouth only; every channel of demonic counsel having proximity to my ears, be silenced by the blood of Jesus. Amen.

**MAKE your bed with devils,
And join with them in love;
Your end has been appointed;
The dogs will lick your blood.
Your own people will turn against you,
And pricks will fill your path.
Make your bed with devils,**

but there comes the day of wrath!

2 KINGS 9

¹Elisha the prophet said to one of the sons of the prophets,
"Prepare yourself; take this flask of oil and go; I am sending you to Ramoth-gilead."
²"When you arrive there seek for Jehu; he is the son of Jehoshaphat, Nimshi's son. Take him from among his companions into an inner room."
³"Then pour this flask of oil on his head and say to him,
"This is what the Lord says,
"I have anointed you Israel's king."
After this open the door and flee; do not delay."
⁴So the young man, who was of the prophets, went down to Ramoth-gilead.
⁵When he arrived, the captains of the army were sitting together,
and he said, "I have a message for you, O captain."
Jehu said, "For which one of us?" And he said, "For you."
⁶And he rose up and went into the house. Then he poured the oil on his head, and said to him,
"This is the word of the Lord God of Israel. I have anointed you king over Israel, over the people of the Lord."
⁷You shall strike the house of Ahab your master,
that the blood of My servants the prophets I may avenge,
and the blood of all the Lord's servants at the hand of Jezebel.
It may seem long in coming but the pause does not mean the end.
⁸For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Abab all the males in the land of Israel, both bond and free.
⁹And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.
¹⁰On the plot of land at Jezreel, dogs shall eat Jezebel,
and there shall be none to bury her."
And the prophet opened the door and fled.
¹¹Then Jehu came out to his master's servants, and one of them said, "My lord is all well?
Why did this mad fellow come to you?"
And he said, "Do you know the man and his manner of speech?"
¹²And they said, "It is false, but tell us."
And he told it to them, saying, "He said, 'Thus says the Lord, "I have anointed you king over Israel."'"
¹³Then each of them made haste and took off their clothing,
and placed them under him on top of the steps;
and they blew trumpets, and chanted, "Jehu

is king!"

¹⁴So Jehu conspired against Joram. Joram at that time was defending Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, against Hazael the king of Syria.

¹⁵But Joram the king had returned to Jezreel to be healed, for the Syrians had wounded him when he fought with Hazael.

And Jehu said, "If this is what you desire, let no one escape from the city to tell it in Jezreel."

¹⁶And Jehu rode to Jezreel in a chariot, for Joram was resting there; and Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see him.

¹⁷From his vantage of the tower of Jezreel, a watchman looked and saw the band with Jehu as he came.

There stood the city's watchman.

And he said, "I see a company of men coming."

And Joram said, "Send a horseman to meet them, and let him say, 'Is it in peace?'"

¹⁸So the horseman went and asked Jehu, "The king of Israel says, 'Is it in peace?'"

Jehu said, "Why do you concern yourself about peace? Come and join me!"

So the watchman reported,

"The messenger went to them but he is not returning."

¹⁹So they sent a second horseman, who came and said, "The king says: 'Is it in peace?'"

And Jehu replied, "Why do you concern yourself with peace? Come and join me."

²⁰So the watchman told them, saying, "He went up to them and is not returning; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously, O king!"

²¹Then Joram said, "Prepare my chariot."

So they prepared his chariot.

And Joram king of Israel, and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot.

They went to meet Jehu and met him in the land belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite.

²²When Joram saw Jehu, he said, "Is it in peace, Jehu?" And Jehu answered, "What peace, as long as the harlotry and witchcraft of your mother Jezebel are so many?"

²³Then Joram said to Ahaziah king of Judah as he turned and fled,

"Treachery! There is treachery, O Ahaziah!"

²⁴And Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sank in his chariot.

²⁵And Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, "Take him up and throw him in the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for remember that when we were riding together with Ahab his father, the Lord had laid this burden on him, saying:

²⁶Surely I have seen the blood of Naboth and

the blood of his sons,' says the Lord, 'and I will require it in this plot.'

Now therefore, throw him on this plot of ground according to the word of the Lord!"

²⁷"When Ahaziah king of Judah saw this, he fled by the road of the garden house.

So Jehu pursued him and, said, "Shoot him in his chariot also."

Unholy union will destroy you.

They shot him at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam.

And he fled to Megiddo and there he died.

²⁸His servants carried him in his chariots to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David.

²⁹Ahaziah had become king of Judah in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab.

³⁰When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard it;

and she painted her face, and adorned her head, and she looked through a window in contempt.

³¹And as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "Had Zimri peace who murdered his master?"

³²Then Jehu looked up to the window and said, "Who is on my side?"

Two or three eunuchs looked out at him.

³³And he said to them, "Throw the wicked woman down."

So they threw her from the window, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses.

@The one who courted devils and controlled men, and whatever she wanted she took,

Was passed by with the horses, and they trampled her underfoot.

³⁴And after Jehu had drunken and eaten, he said, "Go bury this cursed woman now, for indeed she is a king's daughter."

³⁵So they went to bury her, but they found nothing more of Jezebel than her skull, her feet, and the palms of her hand.

³⁶When they came back and told Jehu, he said,

"This is the word the Lord had spoken by Elijah, saying,

'On that plot of land at Jezreel dogs shall eat Jezebel's flesh;

and her carcass shall be as refuse on the face of the field, in that place, so that they shall not identify Jezebel.'

@Make your bed with devils, and join with them in love; your end has been appointed: dogs shall lick your blood.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. The word of the Lord will find you wherever you are for your designated appointment and assignment.
2. The anointing has an assignment with your name written on it; the word will activate that assignment.
3. Wickedness has its expiry date; don't be fooled by

the normalcy of the world, respond to the efficacy of the word.

4. *If you make your bed with the wicked in life, you will be bedded and buried with them in judgment.*
5. *Pursue and execute the will of the Lord with the zeal of the Lord every day you breathe the breath of the Lord.*
6. *Idolatry, witchcraft, wickedness or bloodshed cannot bring you peace but will shred you to pieces.*
7. *The land is a potent witness that has the ear of heaven; it records everything you have done in it, on it, against it, or for it.*
8. *Live for righteousness or live for death, for the wages of sin is death.*
9. *If you embrace the Jezebel spirit the support you manipulate will cast you out the window to be trodden under foot and to be eaten by the dogs.*
10. *When you refuse God and cast His word to the dogs you will be the refuse the dogs will have for supper.*
11. *The word that witnessed against Jezebel has a witness and a writing of judgment against every sinful activity; it will come and not pass.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, release a word from heaven today that will move my life forward and open doors to my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
- Anointing to unlock destinies and bring relevance to lives, fall upon believers now, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the spirit of delusion that causes the wicked to embrace false hope and expectations, be driven away by the light of the word, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the zeal for the Lord and the things of the kingdom of the Lord, enter into the hearts of believers today, in the name of Jesus.
- Mighty God, let every spirit of Jezebel operating among believers, be driven out, trampled underfoot and cast to the dogs, in the name of Jesus.

THE wisdom of the zealous brings a delightful new appeal;

There is nothing quite like it, like wisdom mixed with zeal.

He said, "Choose you a king." What a challenge!

"Priests of Baal, come worship your delight!"

I know someone may say this, "Serves them both just right."

The wisdom of the zealous brings new hope to life,

But wisdom without the fear of God is not considered wise.

2 KINGS 10

¹Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria, and Jehu wanted seventy heads.

But he wanted the rulers of Jezreel, and the ones who raised Ahab's children to do it, so he wrote to them and said,

²"As soon as you get this letter, since you have your master's sons with you, and you have chariots and horses, weapons,

and a fortified city also,

³choose the best of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and with your new king fight for your master's house."

⁴But they were very afraid, and they said, "Two kings could not stand up to him; how can we stand?"

⁵And all the rulers who were over the city, and those who were set over Ahab's house, and the elders, and those who raised the sons, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants; what you tell us to do we will do.

We will not make us any king; do what you think is good and right."

⁶Then he wrote to them this letter; it was the second time.

"If you are mine then do my bidding; listen to my voice.

Bring the heads of your master's sons and come to me at Jezreel, tomorrow at this time."

The sons of the king were with the great men of the city who were raising them.

⁷When the letter came, they took the seventy sons of Joram and killed them, then they brought their heads in baskets to Jehu, as he had commanded them.

⁸Then someone brought the message to the king, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons here."

He said, "Lay the heads in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning."

⁹In the morning he went out and stood before all the people, and said,

"You are righteous. I conspired against your master and killed him, but tell me who killed all these men?"

¹⁰"Know that not one word the Lord has spoken concerning the house of Ahab shall loosely fall;

for the Lord has performed all He spoke by His servant Elijah."

There! Jehu expressed it; this was wisdom mixed with zeal.

¹¹And Jehu killed all who were left of the house of Ahab;

all his great men and his relatives and his priests,

until there was no one remaining of them.

¹²Then he went down to Samaria and sat by Beth-Eked which was on the way,

¹³Jehu met the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah and said, "Who are you?"

They replied, "We are Ahaziah's brothers and we are here to greet the sons of the king, and of the queen's mother."

¹⁴He said, "Take them alive." So they took them all alive,

and he killed all forty-two men at the well of Beth-eked; he left none remaining of them.

¹⁵When he left there he met Jehonadab the son of Recab coming to meet him; he saluted him and said to him, "Is your heart right with me as my heart is to you?"

And Jehonadab answered, "It is like yours," Then Jehu said, "If it is, give me your hand," and he took him up into his chariot.

16 Then he said, "Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord."

So he took him up and had him ride in his chariot.

17 When he came to Samaria, he killed all who remained of Ahab in Samaria, until he had totally destroyed them, according to the word the Lord spoke to Elijah.

18 While zeal was consuming him and his passion was very high, he gathered all the people and mused, "Now I shall be wise."

"Ahab served Baal a little, but I will serve him much.

19 "Now gather all the prophets of Baal to me, all his priests, his worshippers and all such. Let no one be missing, for we are going to sacrifice to Baal real big;

anyone who is missing, he shall not live."

Jehu was very deceptive; to destroy the worshippers of Baal was his intent.

20 And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn gathering for Baal." And they proclaimed it then.

21 So Jehu sent throughout all Israel, and all the worshippers of Baal came; there was no one missing among them.

They came into the temple of Baal until the temple was full from end to end.

22 And Jehu instructed the person responsible to bring garments for all the worshippers of Baal.

So he gave garments to them all.

23 Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Recab went into the temple of Baal,

and to the worshippers he said,

"Search and see that no servant of the Lord is among you, but only Baal worshippers."

24 They went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings.

In the height of Baal's worship, while they offered sacrifice,

he appointed eighty men to slaughter them, saying, "If any of these men escape, anyone who let them escape, his life shall be for their life."

25 It happened, as soon as they had finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to his captains and guards,

"Go in and kill them all, let no one escape!"

So they killed them with the sword, then the guards and officers threw them out, and went into the inner room of the Baal's house.

26 And they brought the images out of the house of Baal and burned them.

27 Then they broke down the pillars of Baal and tore down the house and made it a dump heap to this day.

28 So Jehu destroyed Baal from the land of Israel.

29 But Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel

to sin;

he followed the golden calves in Bethel and in Dan.

@Wisdom mixed with zeal will receive a sure reward;

30 The Lord said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in doing what is right in My sight, and have executed My judgment on the house of Ahab, your sons will sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation."

@The wisdom of the zealous brings new hope to life, but wisdom without the fear of God is not considered wise.

31 But Jehu did not follow the statutes of the Lord God of Israel with all of his heart.

He followed the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin.

32 And the Lord began to cut off portions of Israel in those days;

Hazael the king of Syria defeated them throughout all Israel,

33 from Jordan on the east: all the land of Gilead—Gad, Reuben and Manasse—from Aroer which is by River Arnon, to include Gilead and Bashan.

34 The rest of the acts of Jehu, all he did, and all his might,

are written in book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

35 And Jehu died, and he was buried in Samaria when he died.

And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place.

Jehu ruled Israel for twenty-eight years.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. Wisdom mixed with zeal for the Lord is the wisdom of God; wisdom propelled by the world and self-righteousness is demonic wisdom.*
- 2. Betrayal of trust is the greatest trap; it will cause you to snare yourselves trying to save and preserve yourself.*
- 3. Loyalty and integrity are absolute; if you change for fear or rewards you will attract the law of judgment.*
- 4. Never be comfortable or caught away with sinners or you may be caught up in their judgment. You can be sure they will be judged, you cannot be sure of the time.*
- 5. Demonstrate your zeal for the Lord and put it on display before others; but demonstrate your wisdom by fearing the Lord every day.*
- 6. The worship of Satan is a trap for the pitiful, waiting to bring them down to the pit with Satan their master.*
- 7. Not everyone who endures your deviant demonic worship enjoys it, or is excited by it; never be fooled, it is nauseating to many.*
- 8. The abomination must be removed from the land but the contamination must be contained from your heart; fear the Lord and do His bidding and never let either go.*
- 9. You may not worship the devil their way but it does not justify you if you worship the devil your way; demonic worship in any way and disobedience to the word of God attracts one judgment.*

10. *The signs of judgment and the wrath of God on you should never be ignored, it is an indication of terror approaching.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Demonic wisdom operating among the people of God, be crushed by the power of the word, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Let every disloyal person and betrayer operating among believers and especially the persecuted church, fall into their own trap today, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, I refuse to oppose You or show disregard by consorting with sinners and people who live to hate and oppose You, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Fear of the living God that compels restraint, fall upon church leaders, ministers and all those who are anointed and appointed to execute Your will in this evil age, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, let the trumpet of heaven echo in every coven and public and secret worship of Satan and let it cause fear and trembling and a great turning around, in name of Jesus. Amen.

**WHEN there is a wall of evil
Where you turn in every way,
And darkness grips the throne,
And her own grandchildren she slays,
You cry but you feel helpless,
For weakness fill your knees;
Know God remembers covenants
And is preserving Him a seed.**

2 KINGS 11

¹When Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother realized that her son was dead, she destroyed all the royal successors.
²But Jehosheba, the daughter of Joram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Joash, King Ahaziah's son, and hid him with his nurse in a room from Athaliah, so that she would not murder him with the others.
³And she hid him in the house of the Lord for six years, while over the land Athaliah reigned.
⁴In the seventh year of her reign, Jehoiada sent for the captains of hundreds; the guards and escorts; and brought them to him into the house of the Lord. And he made a covenant with them there, and took an oath from them; then he showed them the king's son.
⁵And there he commanded, "This is the thing that you shall do: a third of you who do duty on the Sabbath shall keep watch over the king's house,
⁶"a third shall be at the gate of Sur, and a third will be at the gate behind the guards. You shall keep watch over the king's house so that it is not destroyed.
⁷"The two divisions of you who go off duty on

the Sabbath shall watch the house of the Lord and the king.

⁸You shall surround the king completely, every man with his weapons in hand; any one who comes beyond the boundaries, put him to death.

You are assigned to be with the king when he goes out and comes in."

⁹So the captains did just as Jehoiada the priest instructed them to do.

Each of them took his men who were on duty on the Sabbath day, with those who were off duty,

and they came to Jehoiada the priest, for God was preserving him a seed.

¹⁰And the priest gave the captains of hundreds the spears and shields which belonged to King David, that were found in the Lord's temple.

¹¹Then the guards stood, each with their weapons in hand surrounding the king, from one corner of the temple to the next, by the altar and the house.

¹²And he brought the king's son out, put the crown on his head, and gave him the Testimony; then they made him king and anointed him, and clapped their hands and shouted, "God save the king!"

¹³When Athaliah heard the shouting of the guards and of all Israel, she came to the people in the temple.

¹⁴She looked and saw the king; he was standing by a pillar according to the custom;

and the leaders were by the king with the trumpeters who blew the trumpets. And all the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets.

"Treason, this is treason!" Athaliah cried as she ripped her clothes.

©Treason! Was this treason?

Or was it just the Lord at work?

¹⁵Then Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds and the officers, and said,

"Take her outside under guard, and kill anyone who follows her with the sword."

For the priest had said,

"Do not kill her in the Lord's house!"

¹⁶So they seized her and took her the way of the horses' entrance to the king's house, and they killed her there.

©And no one felt her pain or shed a tear on the day the wicked queen was slain.

¹⁷And Jehoiada made a covenant with the people, the king and the Lord, that they should be the Lord's people.

And he made it between the king and the people also.

¹⁸So all the people of the land went to the temple of Baal and they demolished it.

They broke down Baal's altar, and completely wrecked its altar and images,

and killed Mattan, the priest of Baal before the altars.

And the priest set officers over the house of the Lord.

¹⁹Then he took the captains of hundreds, the guards, and all the people of the land; and they brought the king from the house of the Lord and took the path of the gate of the guards to the king's house.

And he came into the king's house and sat down on the throne.

²⁰There was great rejoicing; all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had killed Athaliah in the king's house.

@There was a wall of darkness, for evil gripped the throne;

now rejoice! Rejoice O Judah, for Athaliah is cast down!

²¹Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign;

@As God had promised David,

He preserved him an offspring to rule that day.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. When you destroy your own blood for power, power will destroy you and demand your blood.
2. Sinful alliance will cost you in ways you will never live to count and your children may never recover from. (Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab cost him everything.)
3. Sinful alliance is willing compliance with the devil; it gives him an open door to your authority, your posterity and your legacy.
4. The decisions you make today have a resonating impact on your generations; live responsibly, not for the now only, but for the present-future.
5. To exalt yourself to a throne or position God has not appointed or anointed you for will exhaust you in a spit of disgrace.
6. Seize authority and get comfortable and disaster sees you as a sure and comfortable target.
7. Protect the anointing and the anointed and organize for kingdom advancement God's way and with God's order.
8. The people of God must organize and unite against wickedness and evil imposing itself in the body of Christ.
9. Sin will get comfortable among the people of God on the highest seat unless we rise with indignation and drive it out.
10. The wind that blows you into power will blow you out of power and extinguish the power in you if it is the wind of violence and treason.
11. Your cry of treason is without reason, but rather treasonable if you are an imposter crying against the rightful authority.
12. Every wicked evil thing that defiles the house of God should be removed; every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God must be brought down to its own grave.
13. Cleanse the land of evil and wickedness and the earth will rejoice, heaven will endorse you and the land will prosper.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every power hungry, blood-thirsty Athaliah spirit raging against the people of God, fall into

their own pit now, in the name of Jesus.

- My Father my God, I place all my friends before You for scrutiny and approval. Let the blood of Jesus Christ fan away every demonic plantation in my life designated against my children, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father, I will make the tough decision to choose my friends well and trim my circle to preserve Your call on my life. Amen.
- Most high God, let every spirit of deception prompting men to usurp authority, be humbled by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Every power sitting on thrones that belong to the children of God be toppled and disgraced now, in the name of Jesus.
- Most high God, let believers unite against wickedness and corruption seeking a foothold in the church, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**HE followed the Lord whole-heartedly,
He did many righteous things,**

**He followed the Lord completely,
But just as long as Jehoiada the priest lived.**

But follow the Lord always, and your treasure will remain;

Follow the Lord always, and you will live and not be slain.

Repair the temple breaches, and do only what is right,

And follow the Lord whole-heartedly, every new day of your life!

2 KINGS 12

¹In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign;

he reigned for forty years in Jerusalem.

Zibiah of Beersheba was his mother's name.

²Jehoash followed the Lord whole-heartedly and all that was right in God's sight he did;

he followed the Lord whole-heartedly all the days Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

³Yet the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in them.

⁴And Jehoash commanded the priests, "Take all the money that is brought into the house of the Lord;

the money of the things dedicated, and every gift that a man purposes from his heart.

⁵Let the priests take it, and repair the damages to the temple, anywhere disrepair is found."

⁶However the disrepair to the temple were still not repaired in the twenty-third year of Jehoash's reign,

⁷so King Jehoash called Jehoiada and all the other priests, and to them he said, "Why have you not repaired the temple?"

Therefore, take no more money for other purposes, but deliver it to repair the house."

⁸And the priests consented to neither receive any more funds from the people, nor to repair the damages to the house of the Lord.

⁹And Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and in the lid he bore a hole, and he placed it beside the altar, on the right side as one enters the Lord's house.

And the priest who kept the door placed in it all the money that was brought into the house of the Lord.

¹⁰And whenever they saw there was much money in the chest, the king's scribes and the high priest came and counted the money and bagged it up.

¹¹Then they gave the money as they had apportioned to the workers who had oversight of the Lord's house;

and they paid it to the carpenter and builders who were working on the Lord's house,

¹²and to masons and those who carved the stone,

and for purchasing timber and cut stone, to repair the damage of the house of the Lord, and for all that was paid to repair the temple.

¹³However no vessels of silver, trimmers, articles of gold or silver, were made from the money collected.

¹⁴Instead they gave it to the workmen who repaired the house of the Lord with it.

¹⁵The overseers who paid the workmen were honest and faithful, so they did not have to audit them.

¹⁶The trespass offerings, and the sin offering belonged to the priests; it was not brought into the house of the Lord.

¹⁷Hazael king of Syria went up and defeated Gath of the Philistines, and after this he turned in the direction of Jerusalem.

¹⁸Then Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things dedicated by his fathers Jehoshaphat, Jehoram and Ahaziah, Judah's kings, and the things he himself had dedicated, and all the gold that was left in the treasuries of the Lord's house,

and he sent them to Hazael king of Syria; and so he went away from Jerusalem.

¹⁹The rest of the acts of Joash, and everything he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of Judah's kings?

@Follow the Lord wholly, never to depart. Forsake every false worship.

Serve the Lord always with your entire heart.

²⁰His servants conspired and murdered him; in the house of Millo, which from Silla descends.

²¹Jozachar the son of Shimeath and Jehozabad the son of Shomer killed him, and they buried him in the City of David. And in his place Amaziah his son reigned.

@Jehoash served the Lord whole-heartedly for as long as Jehoiada lived; but it was in the place of idol worship that his servants murdered him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Be appreciative for positive influences in your life but be adamant about personal relationship with God or you will depart from God when the influence dies.*
2. *Influence must reinforce personal relationship with God not replace it; it must point you to personal fervor for God not to serving God as a favor to your advisors.*
3. *When the heart of the governing authority is on the house of God, the hands of the governance of the house of God should act expeditiously to maximize the window.*
4. *Never kill the zeal for God of the leaders of your nation by dragging your feet at their intervention; if the people of God are not fervent it will demotivate goodwill and give room to detractors.*
5. *When you place your heart on the house of God, He places His heart on your house to establish it and cause it to perpetuate.*
6. *The work of God in the earth rises on dedication, commitment, structure, organization and accountability.*
7. *Integrity must direct the administration of kingdom resources; it will never divert it for personal reasons.*
8. *When your heart is no longer dedicated to God, you will be depleted with no help from God.*
9. *When you give away your strength who is your peace, you will give away your wealth to procure safety and purchase peace.*
10. *Live at the throne of grace or die at the throne of demons.*
11. *You may have a reason but you can never have the rights to defy authority and to put your hand on the Lord's anointed.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Most High God, I refuse to look away from You to the people You put in my life to bless me, in the name of Jesus.
- Power for a positive steadfast relationship with the living God that cannot be diverted or distracted be my portion today, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, set the hearts of kings and government on the house and the work of God in their nation for good, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I stir up the power of diplomacy and urgency among church leaders to leverage government relationships for kingdom expansion, in the name of Jesus.
- Great and loving God, let the power to structure and to manage for growth and advancement envelop every church now, in the name of Jesus.
- We call forth faithful and dedicated workers into the vineyard of the Lord today; let our churches and ministries be blessed with workers of integrity. Amen.

**EVEN in death there is victory,
But there is no victory in sin.
God gives to you a war;
Do not be content with just a win.
Strike my brothers and sisters,
But the war is not won
Until all the flocks are gathered,
Yeah, until Shiloh comes.**

2 KINGS 13

¹In the twenty-third year of Joash son of Aha-
ziah, king of Judah,
over Israel, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began
to reign;

he reigned in Samaria for seventeen years.

²He did evil in the sight of the Lord, walking
after the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat
who led Israel to sin.

He did not step away from them.

³The Lord was very angry with Israel and he
turned them over to Hazael king of Syria, and
Ben-hadad his son, all their days.

There is no victory in sin.

⁴And Jehoahaz pleaded with the Lord, and the
Lord listened to him;

for He saw the great oppression, how the Syr-
ians oppressed them.

⁵The Lord gave Israel a deliverer, so they were
delivered from under Syria's hand;
and the children of Israel lived in their own
homes as before, in their own land.

⁶But they still did not depart from the sins of
Jeroboam, who led Israel into sin;
they walked in them and retained the wooden
image in Samaria.

There may be relief, but there is no victory in sin.

⁷The Lord left of the army of Jehoahaz, just
ten chariots, ten thousand soldiers, and fifty
horsemen;

for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and
made them like the dust after threshing.

⁸The rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, everything
he did and his might,
are written in the book of the chronicles of Is-
rael's kings.

⁹And Jehoahaz died, and they buried him in
Samaria.

And Joash his son reigned as king in his
place.

¹⁰Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz became king
over Israel in the thirty-seventh year of Joash
king of Judah;

he reigned in Samaria for sixteen years.

¹¹He did evil in the Lord's sight.

He did not step away from the sins of Jero-
boam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin.

¹²The rest of the acts of Joash, all he did and
how he fought Amaziah the king of Judah,
are written in the chronicles of the kings of
Israel.

¹³So Joash died and Jeroboam became king
in his place.

They buried Joash in Samaria with the kings
of Israel.

¹⁴Now Elisha became sick with the sickness
by which he died,
and Joash the king of Israel came down to
him and cried.

He said to him, weeping, "O my father, my
father,
the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"

¹⁵And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and
some arrows."

So he took a bow and some arrows to him.

¹⁶Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your
hand on the bow."

So he put his hand on it, and Elisha put his
hand on his.

¹⁷And he said, "Open the east windows." He
opened it, and Elisha said, "Now shoot!" And
the king shot the arrow then.

And he said, "The arrow of the Lord's deliver-
ance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria;
for in Aphek you must strike the Syrians until
you have destroyed them totally."

¹⁸Then he said, "Now take the arrows in your
hand."

The king of Israel took them,
then Elisha said to him, "Strike the ground."

He struck the ground three times and
stopped.

The man of God was very angry with him.

He said, "You should have struck five or six
times;

then you would have struck Syria until they
are completely destroyed.

Now you will strike Syria only three times."

²⁰Then Elisha died, and they buried him.

And Moab invaded the land in the spring of
that year.

²¹A man was killed, and as they were burying
him there,

suddenly they spied a band of invaders com-
ing their way.

They threw the man in Elisha's sepulcher;
and when the man was let down, and he

touching the bones of Elisha, he stood on his
feet.

@Up, up you Israelite! One more time to strike!

*The prophet was still striking, in death as in his
life.*

²²And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel
all the days of Jehoahaz.

²³But the Lord had grace and compassion on
them, because of his covenant with Abraham;
and He would not destroy them or cast them
from His presence as yet.

*@But there is no victory in sin; the sun will surely
set.*

²⁴And Hazael king of Syria died, then Ben-
hadad his son reigned in his place.

²⁵And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took back
from Ben-hadad, the son of Hazael,
the cities he had taken in war from Jehoahaz
his father.

Joash defeated him three times and recovered
the cities of Israel.

Three strikes, three battles; three triumphs;

*but unless you keep striking; true victory is not
won.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Learn from your predecessors or your successors
will learn from you. The lesson is: if you resist
God you will be made the lesson.
2. Never provoke the Lord to anger or you will pro-
voke your defence to flee and provoke your
enemies to free reign over you. They will reduce

you to smoke.

3. *The Lord is tender in mercies and will hear your pleas but you reduce yourself to nothing if you fail to hear and honor your own pleas.*
4. *Leave a legacy that speaks to eternity on your behalf.*
5. *Even if your anointing does not heal you, never fail to extend it to the life and needs of others.*
6. *Never be satisfied with winning battles, persist to winning wars; never be content with fighting demons, strike to defeating demons from your life and keeping your environment free of demons.*
7. *God has given you victory in Christ; take hold of His word and never stop striking until victory is complete, or you may be stricken out in the end.*
8. *Your appetite determines your attainments; your hunger dictates your answers from Heaven.*
9. *Be soaked to the bone in the anointing and even your bones will raise the dead.*
10. *Even in death keep striking; leave a legacy that will raise the dead and place them on the battlefield for the kingdom.*
11. *Power up in the secret place; strike consistently in prayer; your victory is a manifestation of your strikes in your place of power with God.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the blood of Jesus Christ soak the conscience of this generation and cause them to rise in the fear of the living God, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, forgive me of all my sins; let the spirit of presumption be purged away from my environment. Help me never to grieve You. Amen.
- Power to live a consistent life before God and man be my portion today; power for integrity in my relationship with God overshadow me now. Amen.
- Holy Father, let my life be savory before You always; let my faithfulness in the things of God be remembered on earth and in heaven. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, the anointing upon my life shall strike to the very end, even against adverse personal circumstances. Amen.

JERUSALEM! Jerusalem!

You are not just another town. It hurts to see you like this; your walls are broken down.

O king, you were not perfect, but you did some things right; I am afraid it was no license, to do just as you liked.

2 KINGS 14

¹It was the second year of Joash king of Israel that Amaziah began to reign.

²He was twenty-five years old when he became king; Jehoaddin of Jerusalem, was his mother's name.

He reigned in Jerusalem for twenty-nine years.

³He did the right things in the sight of the Lord, but not as his father David had done; he did as his father Joash before.

⁴However the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, for he had

removed none.

⁵As soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand,

he executed his servants who murdered his father the king.

⁶But he did not execute the children of these men,

for in the Law of Moses, the Lord commanded,

“A person shall be put to death for his own sins, not the fathers for the children, nor the children for the fathers.”

⁷In the Valley of Salt he killed ten thousand Edomite men;

and he took Sela by war, and named it Joktheel from then.

Exalted by his victory, he sent messengers to Jehoash, Israel's king.

⁸And Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel, saying, “Come, let us fight each other face to face.”

⁹But Jehoash the king of Israel sent back a parable to Amaziah the king of Judah, saying,

“The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar tree, saying,

‘Give your daughter to be my son's wife.’

But a wild beast that was in Lebanon trampled the thistle.

¹⁰“You have defeated Edom, and your heart is lifted up;

let this be your glory, stay home; know but when to stop.

“Why should you meddle with trouble so that you fall, taking Judah with you?”

¹¹“But Amaziah would not listen.

So Jehoash, the king of Israel came out to battle;

he and Amaziah fought each other at Bethshemesh in Judah.

Where they looked each other in the face.

¹²And Israel defeated Judah and every man fled to his tent.

¹³And Jehoash the king of Israel captured Amaziah at Bethshemesh, and he broke down the walls of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate; four hundred cubits in measure.

¹⁴He took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and with hostages he returned to Samaria.

@ Jerusalem! O Jerusalem! You are not just another town;

it hurts to see you like this. Your walls are broken down.

O king, you were not perfect, but you did some things right;

but know it was no license to do just as you like! Seek the Lord in all things; from Him do not depart;

He will direct your battles, if you direct your heart.

¹⁵Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash; all he did, his might, and how he fought Amaziah;

they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16And Jehoash died and was buried in Samaria, with the kings of Israel, and in his place Jeroboam his son reigned, after the death of Jehoash king of Israel.

17And Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash king of Israel.

18The rest of the acts of Amaziah, are written in the book of the chronicles of Judah's kings.

19They conspired against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish, and they sent after him and killed him there.

20They brought him back on horses, and buried him with his fathers in the City of David.

21And all the people of Judah took his son Azariah and made him king in his father's place,

at that time he was sixteen years of age.

22He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king died.

23In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, Judah's king, Jeroboam the son of Joash, the king of Israel, became king in Samaria.

He ruled Israel for forty-one years.

24He did evil in the sight of the Lord, he never withdrew from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who led Israel into sin.

25He restored the region of Israel from the Sea of Arabah; just as the Lord had spoken by His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath-hepher.

26The Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter.

Whether bond or free, there was no one to help Israel.

27The Lord did not say He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, but by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash He saved them.

28Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all he did,

how he fought and recovered territories from Damascus and Hamath which belonged to Judah formerly, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

29So Jeroboam died, just as his fathers before, the kings of Israel.

And Zachariah his son reigned after him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Serve the Lord without restraint or reservation; put all in to go all out for God; nothing missing, nothing lacking, no exceptions.*
2. *Never be influenced by anger or vengeance in determining justice; the laws of God remain perfect and righteous and should be followed.*
3. *Understand your Source of power for great victories; boast about the Source and not the victory.*
4. *You will not strain or break if you understand your limitations and exercise restraint.*

5. *You fail because you fail your strength for your strength can never fail.*

6. *Never gamble your victory since it was never a gamble but an act of faith; leave God and lose God and everything else with Him.*

7. *If you do not retain your power with God you cannot restrain the enemy from plundering, destroying and killing you.*

8. *The merciful God will extend mercy undergirded by grace but grace will give way to judgment.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father I am all in, I hold nothing back; I give all of me to attract all of You for Your kingdom in the earth. Amen.
- Let every spirit seeking to exact revenge from the seat of judgment, be crushed by the tender-loving-forgiving spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
- My hope is built on nothing less, than on Your blood Lord Jesus, and on Your righteousness; all my strength and my hope is in You. Amen.
- Father God, I acknowledge You in all my ways and resign to Your kind-hearted and wise direction at all times. Amen.
- I forcefully reject every spirit assigned against me to separate me from my God or to cause me to fail Him, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HEY king strong and mighty!

Does not a king know,

If you come by rebellion, by rebellion you shall go?

They say, "He who sows it, reaps it!" so always do the right;

But it is so much better to be perfect in the Lord your God's sight.

2 KINGS 15

1In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam, Israel's king,

Azariah the son of Amaziah became king over Judah.

2He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for fifty-two years.

Jecholiah was his mother's name; she was from Jerusalem.

3He did the things that the Lord approved, just as his father Amaziah had done before him;

4but the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places; they were not removed.

5And the Lord struck the king; he was a leper until the day he died; he lived in a quarantined house.

Jotham his son judged the people of the land; he was over his house.

6The rest of the deeds of Azariah, and everything he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

7So Azariah died as his fathers before, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David.

His son Jotham reigned in his place as king.

8In Azariah's thirty-eighth year as king of Ju-

dah, Zachariah the son of Jeroboam began to reign in Israel;

he reigned for six months in Samaria.

⁹He did the things that were displeasing to the Lord, just as his fathers had done before him. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who led Israel into sin.

¹⁰And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and he killed him in front of the people; and he reigned instead of him.

¹¹The rest of the deeds of Zachariah are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.

¹²It happened just as the word of the Lord said, which He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation."

@O Shallum, king of Israel, does not a king know, if you come by rebellion, by rebellion you shall go?

¹³Shallum son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, he reigned in Samaria for just one full month.

¹⁴Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah to Samaria and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and seized the throne.

¹⁵The rest of the deeds of Shallum, and his conspiracy, are written in the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

¹⁶And from Tirzah, Menahem struck Tiphshah, its territory, and everybody there. They refused to surrender so he attacked it; and he heartlessly ripped open the pregnant women.

¹⁷Menahem the son of Gadi became king of Israel in the thirty-ninth year of Azariah Judah's king;

he reigned in Samaria for ten years.

¹⁸He performed the Lord's displeasure in His sight;

he did not abandon the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who led Israel into sin.

¹⁹And Pul, king of Assyria, came up against the land;

and Menahem paid Pul a thousand talents of silver that he would form a league with him to strengthen his kingdom.

²⁰Menahem exacted the money from every wealthy man, each gave fifty shekels of silver to give to the king of Assyria.

So the king of Assyria turned back; he remained in the land no more.

²¹The rest of the works of Menahem, and all he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.

²²So Menahem died as his fathers before, and he was succeeded by his son Pekahiah.

²³Pekahiah the son of Menahem became Israel's king in the fiftieth year of Azariah, Judah's king. He reigned over Israel for two years.

For the seed of rebellion will grow and bear!

²⁴He performed the Lord's displeasure in His

sight;

he did not abandon the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who led Israel into sin.

²⁵And Pekah the son of Remaliah, one of his officers, conspired against him and murdered him.

He killed him in Samaria, in the king's house, along Argob and Arieah.

He had fifty men of Gilead with him when he killed the king; and he reigned instead of him.

²⁶The rest of the works of Pekahiah, and all he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.

²⁷Pekah the son of Remaliah became Israel's king in the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah;

he reigned for twenty years in Samaria.

²⁸He performed the Lord's displeasure in His sight;

he did not abandon the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who led Israel into sin.

²⁹In the days of Pekah Israel's king, Tiglath-Pileser the king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel-beth, Maachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee, and all Naphtali; and he carried the people to Assyria as captives.

³⁰And Hoshea the son of Elah conspired against Pekah, *as the wheels of rebellion slowly turned;*

he struck Pekah and killed him and he reigned in his place.

He began reigning in the twentieth year of Jotham Uzziah's son.

³¹The rest of the works of Pekah, and everything he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of Israel's kings.

³²Jotham the son of Uzziah began to reign over Judah in the second year of Pekah, king of Israel.

³³He was twenty-five years old when he became king and he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem.

His mother was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

³⁴He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, just as his father Uzziah had done.

³⁵However the high places were not removed; the people continued to sacrifice and burn incense on the high places.

He built the Upper Gate of the Lord's house.

³⁶The rest of the acts of Jotham and everything he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of Judah's kings.

³⁷The Lord began to send Rezin the king of Samaria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.

³⁸And Jotham died just as his fathers before, and they buried him in the City of David. And Ahaz his son reigned as king instead of him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you pursue the way of life and before God do*

what is right, then you will reap the reward of long life.

2. *Exalt God and He will exalt and strengthen you; self-exaltation exposes your heart's leprosy which will manifest to the naked eye.*
3. *Short change worship and devotion to God and it guarantees a short tenure and change of fortunes in very short order.*
4. *The word of the Lord is self-fulfilling and accurate by time and details; it will not fall short or fail.*
5. *If you refuse to serve the Lord but instead pursue His displeasure you will serve wicked kings and pursue their pleasure.*
6. *If you will not yield your strength to the Lord, you will lose your strength to sinners and serve them with everything.*
7. *Forsake God to serve weak things and it will weaken you and expose you to the servitude of others.*
8. *Turn away from sin or the Lord will turn away from you; turn your back on sin or the Lord will turn His back on you.*
9. *Get carried away with sin and sinners will carry you away; sell yourself to sin and the Lord will sell you to sinners.*
10. *Go hard, go all out for God; no reservations, no limitations, no restraint; stay away from bad influences or judgment will not stay away from you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I thank You Father that I am dead and my life is hid with Christ in You. I gladly deny myself and take up my cross and run after Jesus. Amen.
- All my victories, all my accolades, I wrap them in packages of praise and thanksgiving and direct them to Your throne, my King, my source and my strong help. Amen.
- My Father my God, reign in me and through me; to You be all the glory, the honor and the praise. Amen.
- Most High God, Your word to the church has outlasted time, fulfilled itself in the cross and is fulfilling itself in us today; let every heart resisting Your mandate yield now, in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus, I will serve You Lord faithfully and be willingly yoked to You; I refuse to be placed under the yoke of man, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father, I hunger and thirst for You; I will love You with all my heart, my soul, my strength, my mind and that excludes everyone from my circle who hates You. Amen.

A **BREAKING down of standards**
To do what pleases the eye
Is the breaking down of beauty
and constructing your demise.

2 KINGS 16

¹In the days of Pekah the son of Remaliah, and in his seventeenth year, Ahaz began to reign as king of Judah.

²When he became king he was twenty years of age.

He reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, but he performed evil before the face of the Lord, unlike his father David before.

³He followed the evil of the kings of Israel, making his son to pass through fire,

just like the abominations of the nations the Lord had cast out before Israel.

⁴He sacrificed on the high places, on the hills and under every green tree, and there he burned incense.

⁵Then Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah Israel's king, warred against Jerusalem and besieged Ahaz, but they could not overcome him.

⁶And Rezin took back Elath for Syria, and expelled the Jews from there. So the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there to this day.

⁷So Ahaz sent to Tiglath-pileser, Assyria's king, saying,

"I am your servant and your son. Come and save me from the king of Syria, and from the hand of the king of Israel who has risen against me."

⁸And Ahaz took the silver and the gold found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent them to the king of Assyria as a gift.

⁹So the king of Assyria responded to him; he went up and fought against Damascus and he defeated it;

he carried the people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

¹⁰And Ahaz went down to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser Assyria's king, he saw an altar in Damascus and Ahaz sent the design and pattern to the priest Urijah, specifying the workmanship.

@A breaking down of standards, to serve the gods who could not help Syria's king; when the work is finished, what will you then have built?

¹¹Urijah the priest built an altar according to the specification King Ahaz sent from Damascus.

So the altar was finished and awaiting the king's return from Damascus.

¹²When the king returned from Damascus, he saw the altar, and he approached the altar, and offered offerings on it.

¹³He offered his burnt offerings, his grain offering;

he poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace offering on this altar.

¹⁴He also brought out the bronze altar which was before the Lord, from the front of the Lord's house, which was between the new altar and the house of the Lord,

and he placed it on the north side of this new altar.

¹⁵Then Ahaz commanded the priest Urijah, saying, "On this great new altar, burn all the burnt offering, the king's burnt sacrifice, and on it sprinkle the blood of the burnt offerings and sacrifice.

And the bronze altar is where I will inquire in future."

¹⁶And Urijah the priest did all King Ahaz had commanded him to do.

¹⁷And King Ahaz cut off the borders off the bases, as he removed Solomon's standards from them;

he took down the Sea from the bronze oxen under it and put it on a pavement of just stones.

¹⁸He also took down the pavilion cover, used for the Sabbath, which was built in the temple, and he removed the king's outer entrance from the house of the Lord, to send to the king of Assyria.

¹⁹The rest of his acts of Ahaz which he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of Judah's kings.

²⁰So Ahaz died and they buried him with his fore-fathers in the City of David.

And in his place Hezekiah his son reigned.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Your strength is weak when you cling to the strength of the weak.
2. When you replace your strong foundation with unsustainable practices, you construct a disaster waiting to happen.
3. When you forsake your present help, you will give all your wealth as presents to procure help.
4. Confusion is to forsake your prayer altar for the answers and altars of the world.
5. Never forsake principles to embrace particles or they will become your obstacle.
6. Victory and prosperity look good but if it is outside of God it is deceptive victory or glorious failure.
7. When you pull down the standards of the Lord to set up your own standards you have no standing; when you attempt to serve the Lord your own way, you capitulate to failure and disaster.

PRAYER POINTS

- My strength is in You Father; spirit of distraction, you are a liar; I will not be deceived in the name of Jesus.
- Let my prayer altar receive fresh fire today, in the name of Jesus. I refuse to allow my worship to be diverted, in the name of Jesus.
- Every spirit assigned to distract me from my strength and my confidence in God most high, I fan You away with the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Let my prayer altar receive fresh fire today, in the name of Jesus. I refuse to allow my worship to be diverted, in the name of Jesus.
- I am submitted to Your word Father; if I forsake Your word let my lips forget its speech, let my hand forget its use, let my pursuits be stagnant, until I find You again. Amen.

CANNOT have it both ways, that is why you have to choose,
To fear the Lord and serve Him, or serve nations like those.

Which god is in your left hand? Which god is in your right?

Fear the God of Israel, or feel the lion's bite.

Nothing is hidden forever; those secret

things you do

Will one day be manifested, and the reward will follow through.

2 KINGS 17

@Cannot have it both ways; you do evil in God's sight, but not as the kings before you; does it mean you are doing right?

¹King Hoshea, son of Elah became king of Israel in the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, he reigned in Israel for nine years.

²He did evil before the Lord, but not as the kings of Israel before him.

³And Shalmaneser king of Assyria, came up against him;

so Hoshea became his servant and brought to him tribute.

Cannot have it both ways.

⁴The king of Assyria realized how Hoshea was conspiring against him, for he sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and did not bring him his usual annual tribute;

therefore the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

⁵Then the king of Assyria went throughout the land, and came up and besieged Samaria for three years.

⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel off to Assyria

in Halah and by the Habor, the River Gozan, and in cities of the Medes they were placed.

@Now they were carried captives to Assyria, for they could not have it both ways.

⁷The children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God in the good land that He gave; after He brought them up from Egypt, up from being Pharaoh's slaves,

they feared and served other gods.

⁸And they followed the ways of the nations the Lord had cast out before them, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

⁹The children of Israel also did things displeasing to the Lord their God in secret, and they built high places in all their cities, from the towers to the fortified cities.

¹⁰They set up wooden images and pillars on every high hill and under every green tree.

¹¹And they burned incense on every high place just like the nations the Lord cast out before them;

and they provoked the Lord to anger by the wicked things they did,

¹²for they served idols of which the Lord had said, "You shall not do this thing."

¹³Yet the Lord testified against Israel and Judah, by all the prophets and the seers, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, keep My commandments and My statutes, just as it is written in the law I commanded your fathers,

which I gave by my servants the prophets.”

¹⁴But Israel would not hear, but just as their fathers who did not believe in the Lord their God, they stiffened their necks.

¹⁵They rejected His statutes and His covenant that He made with their fathers, and the testimonies He testified against them; instead they worshipped idols just as the nations around them, whom the Lord told them not to follow.

¹⁶So they departed from the commandments of the Lord their God, and made molten images and two calves.

They made a wooden image and worshipped the host of heaven, and served Baal.

¹⁷They made their sons and daughters pass through the fire.

They used divinations and witchcraft, and sold themselves to practice evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke the Lord to anger.

¹⁸Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel; He removed them from His sight; none was left in the land, except for Judah's tribe.

¹⁹Yet Judah did not keep the commandments of the Lord, but in the statutes made by Israel they walked.

²⁰And the Lord rejected all the children of Israel, and afflicted and delivered them into the hands of spoilers, until He had cast them all out of His sight.

²¹For God ripped Israel away from the house of David and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king.

Then Jeroboam drove Israel from following the Lord and made them perform a very great sin.

²²The children of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam; they never turned from them,

²³until the Lord removed Israel from before Him, as He had spoken by all His servants the prophets.

So Israel was carried out of their own land to Assyria to this day.

²⁴Then the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath and Sephar-vaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria to replace the people of Israel.

They possessed Samaria, and in the cities they dwelt.

²⁵But in the beginning, when they just started living there, they did not fear the Lord; therefore the Lord sent lions which killed some of them.

²⁶So they spoke to the king of Assyria, and said, “The nations you placed in Samaria do not know the ways of the God of the land, therefore He has sent lions among them which are killing them because they know not the ways of God.”

²⁷The king of Assyria commanded, saying, “Take back one of the priests you brought from there.

Let him return and live there,

so he may teach them the ways of his God.”

²⁸So they brought one of the priests whom they had carried from Samaria to Bethel, and he lived there;

and he taught the people how to live in reverence and Godly fear.

²⁹However, every nation continued to make their own gods, and they put them in the houses on the high places which the Samaritans had made;

every nation did so in the city they lived in.

³⁰The people of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the people of Cuth made Nergal, and the people of Hamath made Ashima;

³¹the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech their gods.

³²So they feared the Lord with one hand, yet they appointed priests of the high places who sacrificed for them in the idol houses of the high places.

³³They feared the Lord because of the lions, but served their own gods, just as they did before in the nations they were taken from.

³⁴To this day, they still practiced their former idolatry;

they do not fear the Lord, nor follow His ordinances, laws and statutes,

or the law and commandment He gave to the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel,

³⁵who the Lord made a covenant with, charging them saying, “Do not fear, nor bow, nor serve, nor sacrifice to other gods,

³⁶“but the Lord who brought you up from Egypt with great power and an arm outstretched,

you shall fear Him, and worship Him, and sacrifice to Him alone.

³⁷“Observe His statutes, His ordinances, His laws, and His commandments with care; ensure you observe to perform them forever; you shall fear no other gods.

³⁸“Do not forget the covenant I made with you; you shall fear no other gods.

³⁹“But you shall fear the Lord your God; and He will deliver you from all your enemies!”

⁴⁰But they would not listen; they pursued their former idolatry.

⁴¹So these nations feared the Lord, but served their carved gods; and their children, and children's children continue to do to this day just as their fathers.

© Cannot have it both ways; fear and serve the Lord your God.

Nothing in your life should be of greater importance.

Nothing is hidden from God; those secret things you do

will one day be manifested, and the rewards will follow through.

1. Be resolute to pay tribute to the Lord or be resigned to paying tributes to lords.
2. Unfaithfulness to God is presumptuous; unfaithfulness to man is considered preposterous and will meet strong penal actions.
3. Be carried away with serving God in the freedom of faith or the enemy will carry you away into bondage.
4. Sin attracts judgment; multiply your sin and judgment will come for you in multiples.
5. Warning to repent, to turn away from your sins and to follow God always precedes the point of no return; judgment.
6. Stiff-neck, hard hearted pursuit of sin and leading others into evil, will lead to stiff and hard punishment.
7. If you refuse to be a prisoner of hope you will become a hopeless prisoner of demons and men.
8. Judgment is coming; God is angry with sinners every day. Say, 'Lord, search me and know my heart'.
9. If you refuse to honor God with everything He has given you, you will lose everything He has given you and be a dishonor in strange places.
10. To persist in sin means you resist grace and insist on judgment; sin is captive bondage that will lead you into captivity.
11. If you reject the Lord for the gods of this world, you will become a slave to this world and its gods; when you reject the Lord for so long; He will turn His back on you and say, 'So long.'
12. Never desire to be compared with others unless you see in them the Lord Jesus Christ.
13. Understand the God of heaven and earth and fear Him or you will live under His cloud of judgment and plague of disaster.
14. God will not coexist with other gods; light does not share thrones with darkness or righteousness with sin. You fool yourself if you give anything less than full commitment.

PRAYER POINTS

- My tithes, my offerings, my gifts and my tributes belong to You and Your kingdom Father; I refuse to surrender my labor to demonic exactors, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- Let every spirit promoting casualness and flippancy in the things of God, which are not even acceptable in the human workplace, be driven from the hearts of believers now, in the name of Jesus.
- By the Holy Ghost and fire, I will be carried away in worship to the protective covering of my Father; I will lose myself in praise and in reverence for the living God and be found where nothing can harm me. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, I thank You for Calvary; I thank You for the cross; I soak myself in the blood of Jesus and receive relief from the burden of sin, in the name of Jesus.
- I release the spirit of conviction to the hearts and minds of sinners now, to pull them back from the brink of judgment; let them heed the call to repent, in the name of Jesus.

**NO king like him after him, and none like him before;
To have men say this of you is an amazing good report.
One who destroys old relics which drew the hearts away,**

That bronze serpent Israel worshipped ever since Moses' day.

Assyria took Israel captive; Israel's gods had no strength to save.

They are come against your cities Judah; they will take your gold away!

But when they come against your God, hold your peace, be still.

Some people must pay to learn; "The Lord our God is one, and there is no God like Him!"

2 KINGS 18

¹His name was Hezekiah, the son of Ahaz; he reigned as Judah's king.

In the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, he began reigning.

²He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem.

Zechariah the daughter of Abi was his mother's name.

³He did the things that were right in the sight of the Lord just as his father David had done before.

⁴He removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and the wooden images he cut down; and he broke in pieces the bronze serpent Moses had made;

for the children of Israel worshipped it and burned incense to it until that day.

They called it Nehushtan.

⁵He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so much that there was no king of Judah like him after him, nor were there any before.

⁶He pursued the Lord God steadfastly, and followed His every word.

He kept the commandment of Moses with all his heart.

⁷Wherever he went he prospered, for the Lord was with him;

he rebelled against Assyria and would not serve Assyria's king.

⁸He defeated the Philistines, as far as Gaza and the regions from the watchmen's tower to the fortified cities.

@No, there was no king like Hezekiah, who had the "No God like You!" as help.

⁹In the fourth year of Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea king of Israel, Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came up and besieged Samaria.

¹⁰After three years he took it. It was the sixth year of Hezekiah, and the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, that Samaria was taken.

¹¹The king of Assyria carried Israel captive to Assyria and he put them in Halah and by the Habor, the River Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. *From then they were "Disbursed!"*

¹²It was because they did not obey the voice of the Lord to hear or to do, nor to place the "No God like You!" first.

¹³In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against

all the fortified cities of Judah and defeated them.

14Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have offended; return and go away from me; whatever you demand from me I will pay." Then the king of Assyria demanded of Hezekiah, three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15And Hezekiah gave him all the silver found in the house of the Lord and in the treasuries of the king's house.

16And Hezekiah stripped the gold from the temple doors, and from the pillars he had overlaid.

But the king of Assyria was not satisfied, though all he demanded Hezekiah gave.

17The king of Assyria sent Tartan, the Rab-saris, Rabshakeh from Lachish with a great army against Jerusalem and Hezekiah. They came to Jerusalem and by the aqueduct from the upper pool;

it was on the highway of the Fuller's Field.

18When they had called to the king, Eliakim who was in charge of his household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the recorder came out to them.

19Then the Rabshakeh said to them, "Tell Hezekiah the great king, 'The king of Assyria says, "You trust, but in what confidence?"

20"In whom do you trust that you rebel against me?

You speak of having great strength and plans for war but they are only words!

21"Do you trust in the staff of Egypt? Egypt is a reed that is bruised;

if a man leans on it, it will pierce his hand right through.

This is what the king of Egypt is to everyone who trusts in him.

22"Do you say you trust in the Lord God? It is His high places and altar Hezekiah took down; and he says to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar, in Jerusalem alone'"

@Some trust in Egypt, but this we will not do; we will trust in You, Lord, for there is none like You!

23"Now give a pledge to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able, on your part, to find riders to put on them.

24"How can you turn away from one of the least of my master's captains, to put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen?

25"Have I now come up without the Lord to destroy this place?

It was the Lord who said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it!'"

26And Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the Rabshakeh,

"Speak to us in the Syrian tongue for we understand it clearly;

do not speak to us in our language so that all the people on the wall may hear."

27And the Rabshakeh said to them, "Did my master send me to you or to your master the king to speak these things, and not to the men on the wall, who will eat their own excretion with you and drink their own urine?"

28Then the Rabshakeh stood and with a loud voice he called out in Hebrew for all to hear, "Hear the words of the king of Assyria, the only king that is great!

29"This is what the king says: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he cannot deliver you from me;

30"nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord,

telling you, "The Lord will deliver us; this city will not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria."

31"Do not listen to Hezekiah; for this is what the king of Assyria says:

'This is your only option; make an agreement with me. Bring a present and come to me.

Then each of you will eat from your own vine and fig tree;

and you shall each drink your own water; **32**until I come and take you away to a land just like your own,

a land of corn and new wine, of bread and vineyards;

a land of olive trees and of honey, that you may live and not die.

Do not let Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The Lord shall deliver you!"

33"Has any of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the king of Assyria? No, none of them could.

34"Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand? No, this they could not do!"

But excuse me Rabshakeh, our God is the 'None like You!'

35"Who among all the gods was able to deliver their country from my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem now?" *@Be careful, He is not just another god!*

36But the people remained silent; they answered not a word.

It was the king's commandment, "Just leave it to the Lord!"

37After this Eliakim who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, Joah the recorder, returned to Hezekiah with their clothes torn; and they told the king all the words with which the Rabshakeh reproached Israel and the Lord.

@When the burdens are too heavy, remain silent, this you must do;

you shall know the awesome wonder of the God whose name is, 'None like You!'

1. *Serve the Lord with such visible distinction that they say, there is none like you; no one loves and serves the Lord as you do.*
2. *Build everything that you do upon the Lord and you will prosper in everything that you do.*
3. *Set a legacy founded in God and your aura will be sweet and memorable.*
4. *Be willing to serve God like nobody else; be ready to go further than everyone else; be motivated to go harder and to do more; be prepared to sacrifice more than others have.*
5. *Love God beyond retraction; serve God without distraction; destroy every diversion from the word of God even if it has a rich heritage and was made by Moses himself.*
6. *Give the Lord the highest place of honor and He will promote you to the highest place and honor you in every place.*
7. *The sin (Assyrians) that carried others (Israel) away will come seeking you; let it find you standing righteous.*
8. *You cannot serve the Lord and the enemy at the same time; if you serve the Lord you cannot be pressured or forced to serve the enemy.*
9. *The enemy will never be satisfied or appeased with gifts, he wants to own you fully, give no place to the devil.*
10. *Strong and mighty people submit; rich and powerful people submit and are subdued; righteous people resist the devil and he flees.*
11. *The enemy will try to impress you with their track record and intimidate you with their words; hold fast to God.*
12. *When they speak against your God, speak to your God against them.*
13. *They will speak to take away your confidence but when they speak against your God your confidence will speak up for you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, I blot out everything else in my single-hearted pursuit of You; You are all that matters. Amen.
- Author and Finisher of my faith; I will build upon Your word according to Your record of my destiny and maintain the blueprints for a prosperous life and a strong finish. Amen.
- Discipline to distinguish myself in the service of my God, the lifelong lover of my soul, be my constant companion, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father, my God, it is You and You alone; You are it for me. Amen.
- Father I am all Yours; You have my service and my sacrifice; I refuse to serve or submit to the yoke of the enemy. Amen.
- Satan I resist You with the blood of Jesus; the Lord rebuke you; I will not submit, surrender nor give any place to you.

**HE stands alone! He stands alone,
When the gods of all the others fail
them all around.
The One who made the heavens still sits
on His throne. He stands alone!
When thousands have gathered to the
fight,
The Lord God of Israel to openly defy,
When corpses blot out the sunny rise,
And all kings who oppose you have died,**

**Lift your eyes up to heaven; see God on the throne!
When you do not see another, you know...
He stands alone! He stands alone!**

2 KINGS 19

¹When Hezekiah heard this, he ripped his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and he went into the Lord's house,
²then he sent his servants, Eliakim who was responsible for the household, with Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz,
³*Prophet of the great King on the throne, to take his cry to the One and only, the God who stands alone! He stands alone!*
³Saying, "The king Hezekiah says, 'This is the day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy against the Lord, for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring forth.
⁴It just may be the Lord will hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God this day; and maybe He will rebuke the words He has heard. So pray for all those who remain."
⁵*They came to Isaiah for him to speak to the King of kings who reigns alone; He stands alone!*
⁵And so the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
⁶And Isaiah said to them, "Go tell your master, this is what the Lord says:
'Do not be afraid of the king of Assyria's words with which he has blasphemed Me.
⁷I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and in his own land I will cause him to fall by the sword."
For your God and King stands alone; He stands alone!
⁸Then the Rabshakeh returned and found that Assyria and Libnah were at war, for he heard he had departed from Lachish.
⁹And the king heard that Tirhakah king of Ethiopia had come to make war with him. So he sent a message to Hezekiah, to say,
¹⁰speak to Hezekiah king of Judah,
"Do not let the God of your confidence deceive you, saying,
'Jerusalem will not be taken by Assyria.'
"Do not let the God in whom you trust lie to you, and say:
'Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the kings of Assyria.'
¹¹"You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, we have destroyed them utterly;
should you then expect to be delivered?
¹²"Have the gods of the nations delivered those who were destroyed by my fathers:
"Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the children of Eden in Telassar?"

13^a“Tell me where is the king of Hamath now, the king of Arphad, the king of Separvaim, Hena and Ivvah?”

“It is true their gods could not deliver, but when against the God of Israel you come, you will see that all other gods are idols, but there is a God above.

He stands alone!

14^aWhen Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it, he went to the house of the Lord and before the Lord he spread it.

15^aThen Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said,

“O Lord God of Israel, who lives between the cherubim on His throne, You are God over all the kingdoms of the earth; You are God alone! *You stand alone!* You made the heaven and earth.

16^a“Bow down Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes Lord, and see; hear the words of Sennacherib which he sent to reproach the living God.

17^a“Of a truth, Lord, I acknowledge, the king of Assyria has destroyed the nations and their lands,

18^a“and cast their gods into the fire; for they were the work of men’s hands—mere wood and stone.

They destroyed them for they were no god; You are God and You stand alone.

No, they were no god! You are the only One! *You stand alone!*

19^a“Now therefore, Lord, I beseech You, save us out of his hand so it will be known; yes, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know it, that You are the Lord God, and only You alone.”

20^aThen Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “This is the word of the Lord God of Israel:

‘Because you sought Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard you.’

21^a“This is the word of the Lord concerning him, ‘The virgin, the daughter of Zion has despised you, and laughed you to scorn as well; behind your back the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head.

22^aWho have You reproached and blasphemed?

Against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high?

Is it against Israel’s Holy One?
23^aYou have reproached the Lord by your messengers, saying, “With a multitude of chariots I have ascended the height of the mountains, to the extent of Lebanon;

I will cut down the tall cedar trees, and the best fir trees;

I will enter its lodgings, and its forest filled with fruits.

24^a“I have dug and drunk strange water, and with the soles of My feet I have dried up

all the moats of besieged places.

25^a“Have you not heard how I made it long ago, that I have formed it from ancient times? Now I have fulfilled it, that you should lay waste fortified cities and make them into ruinous piles.

26^aTheir inhabitants had little power; they were confounded and dismayed. As the grass of the field and the green herbs, and as the grass on the housetops, so were they.

There were as the vegetation blighted before it grew up.

27^a“But Sennacherib, I know, I know where you live; I know your going out and coming in, and I know your rage against Me.

28^a“Because you rage against Me and your tumult has reached My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back the way you came.

29^a“And this shall be a sign to you: this year you shall eat the crop which grows of itself, and that which springs from this the second year;

in the third year sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruits.

30^a“The people who remain who escape of the house of Judah, shall send their roots downward and bear fruit upward.

31^a“For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape out of Mount Zion, the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.’

32^a“Therefore this is what the Lord says concerning the king of Assyria:

‘He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come against it with shield, nor build an embankment against it.

33^a“By the same way he came, he shall return; he shall not come into this city;

34^a“for I will defend this city to save it for My sake and for My servant David’s sake.”

“Yes, He stands alone! He stands alone; when the gods of all nations have failed them all around.

35^a“And that night the angel of the Lord went out, and killed one hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people rose up early in the morning, the camp was full of dead corpses.

36^a“So Sennacherib king of Assyria left and returned home and dwelt at Nineveh.

37^a“And it happened, as he worshipped there in the temple of Nisroch his god, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with the sword and escaped to the land of Armenia.

“His god could not defend him, but the God of Judah had;

He alone is to be worshipped; He is the God of gods!

Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

@Know that all other gods are useless,

but heavens is God's home;

He alone is to be worshipped;

there is none like Him; He stands alone!

He stands alone!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *When too much is laid upon you, cast it upon the Lord; lay it before Him and leave it.*
2. *The hour of darkness and demonic resistance is on the brink of your breakthrough and expectations; when you have nurtured but lose the strength to bring forth, draw strength from your eternal source.*
3. *It helps to know that your present help in times of trouble is a Person with a presence who knows you.*
4. *Tell it to God just as it is, express your feelings in your own painful words; make yourself weak in the presence of your strength; express yourself to Him and He will express His help to you.*
5. *God will distract, divert, diminish and destroy your enemy; you can be certain of one thing, He will defend you.*
6. *They have not experienced strength so they awaken strength to challenge Him; it is best to select your opponent well and win than to fight the wind and beat the wall.*
7. *When they lay it down before you, lay it down before the Lord; understand the strength you lean on and get weak in His arms; cast your cares for He cares.*
8. *We can conclude that you are challenged when you provoke a direct response from God to your challenge.*
9. *Listen in awe at the word of God; stand amazed at the ways of God; tremble in terror and dismay at the laughter of God as He responds to sinners who rage against Him.*
10. *In the midst of crisis comes a prophecy of Christ; God looks beyond the moment's folly to His plan to redeem and fix the real problem of man, sin.*
11. *The revealed word of God precedes the move of God; what you need is not weapons but a word.*
12. *If your strength is in the arms of man it is very misplaced; one angel of the Lord in one moment destroyed a very strong army without a battle.*
13. *Keep trusting, keep believing; your Strength is invincible; the faith you place in God is in the right place; it cannot fail.*
14. *Revile the God of glory and He will defend Himself; take refuge in the gods of this world and they will not be able to defend you against your own sons.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, I lay my burdens at Your feet and cast my cares upon You; it is sweet relief in knowing I have such a God like You who really cares for me. Amen.
- Let every spirit assigned to attack me on the brink of my breakthrough to prevent me from birthing the dreams I have carried, receive the judgment fire of God now, in the name of Jesus.
- Loving Father, I fall into Your arms; I have no strength to continue on my own. Arise O Lord to my defence, in the name of Jesus.

- Great Defender; captain of the host of believers, defend me now from the strong attack of the enemy, in the name of Jesus.
- Thank You Father for hearing me and rising on my behalf; thank You for hearing the cry of every sinner and settling that also on the cross. Amen.

THERE are some who will say,
**“Lord, before I am led to sin,
 Take away my life. I will not mar the good
 record I achieved.”**

**No, not so for Hezekiah; he turned back
 the Lord's decree,
 And turned back the sun's shadow,
 And he transgressed in just one thing,
 Yet one great thing.**

2 KINGS 20

¹In those days Hezekiah was deathly sick. And Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him and said, “The Lord says, ‘Set your house in order for you shall die, you shall not live.’”

²But he turned and faced the wall, and in an act of desperation He pleaded with the Lord:

³“O Lord, remember how I walked in truth and with a perfect heart, doing what is good in Your sight.”

And Hezekiah wept uncontrollably and unashamedly.

⁴Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, before he had gone out into the middle court, saying,

⁵“Turn around, and tell Hezekiah, the captain of My people,

‘This is what the Lord God of David your father says, “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; I will surely heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the Lord's house.

⁶“I have added fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city from the hands of the king of Assyria,

and I will defend this city for My own sake, and because of David My servant.’”

⁷And Isaiah said, “Take a lump of figs.”

So they took it and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

⁸Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah,

“What sign do you give me that the Lord will heal me, and that I will go up to the Lord's house on the third day?”

⁹And Isaiah said, “This shall be the sign the Lord is giving you, that He will do what He has spoken:

shall the shadow go forward or back ten degrees?”

¹⁰And Hezekiah said, “It is easy for the shadow to go down;

rather let it go backwards ten degrees.”

¹¹So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the Lord, and He caused the shadow to reverse ten degrees, by which it had gone down on the dial of Ahaz.

¹²And Berodach-Baladan the king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard he had been sick.

¹³Hezekiah gave them his attention, and showed them all the places of his treasures: the silver, the gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory; he showed them everything in his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in any of his kingdom of value that he did not show them.

¹⁴Then Isaiah the prophet came to Hezekiah the king, and said, "What did these men say, and where did they come from?"

And Hezekiah replied, "They came from a distant land, from far away Babylon."

¹⁵And he said to Hezekiah, "What have they seen in your house?"

And Hezekiah replied, "There is nothing in my treasures I have withheld from them, they have seen everything."

¹⁶Then Isaiah said to the king, "This is the word of the Lord:

¹⁷Because you have done this thing, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and everything your fathers have amassed to this day shall be carried to Babylon; there shall be nothing remaining.

¹⁸And they shall take away your sons from your own body, and make them eunuchs in the Babylonian king's palace."

¹⁹And Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "The word of the Lord you have spoken is good!"

For he said to himself "Will there not be peace and truth at least while I live."

@Tell me is it good?

Think generational; think succession.

True success is wrapped up in your succession. There is no legacy if you leave nothing to succeed you.

Hezekiah, now I must ask you:

Is it really good in truth?

²⁰The rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, how he built a pool and conduit to bring water into the city, are written in the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

²¹So Hezekiah died just as his fathers before, and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

@Manasseh would become one of the worst kings of Judah who ever reigned.

He was born after Hezekiah was healed, and only by three years!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Live with an expectation of life after death.
2. Prepare your heart to enter into God's will and His inheritance and prepare a will for those who will enter into your inheritance.
3. Not because the prophet proclaims it means you

have to accept it; prepare good arguments and take it before God; He listens.

4. Not because the prophet proclaims it means you have to profess it; prophesy to yourself life and reversal of death.
5. Can your work speak up for you before the Lord? Can you speak confidently before the Lord of your work and your life before Him?
6. You may not need to change the messenger but you can change the message by going directly to the Source. The messenger will return with a different tune.
7. Regular life, long life, abundant life and extended life comes with an assignment; there is no one living without an assignment.
8. God does not do the difficult which is possible with man, He specializes in the impossible so you will know He is God.
9. You know what is in their hands extended to you, but you do not know what is in their hearts projected towards you.
10. Pride is a self-released arrow with a return address. It may appear good in the moment but you will say good-God when it returns.
11. Your action today has possible deleterious effect on your generations; live responsibly with the next generation in mind.
12. It is not good for you if it is not good for your generations; it is not good to find rest if your punishment rests on the next generation.
13. Great works, great achievements but unless your legacy perpetuates it is great failure because success is defined by succession.

PRAYER POINTS

- I refuse to live unto myself or for myself; I will live and die for You Father and for Your promise of life perpetually. Amen.
- Wisdom to prepare for death and life after death envelop the hearts of believers today in the name of Jesus. Let the words 'eternity matters' ring into the minds of sinners. Amen.
- My Father my God, overwrite every negative hand-writing against me; I shall not die but live and declare Your works. Amen.
- I will be deliberate to build memorials that will speak up for me before You Father, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of the living God, let believers rise to embrace their kingdom assignment and to perform it with distinction, in the name of Jesus.

A **TINGLING rises in every ear,**
Increasingly loud; the time is near.
To do evil in Jehovah's sight
Is to be washed from His plate and wiped!
To desecrate His holy house is to bring a
hand to every mouth.
When blood is shed in abundance, even
though calm appears,
Then wait! Hear the tingling rising; it rises
in the ear.

2 KINGS 21

¹Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign.

He reigned for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. Hephzibah was his mother's name.

²He did evil in the sight of the Lord,

similar to the sins of the nations the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

He worshipped the host of heaven.

³He built all the high places once again, that Hezekiah his father had destroyed and put away.

He raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image just as Ahab, king of Israel had done before.

He worshipped and served all the host of heaven.

⁴He also built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name."

⁵He built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the Lord's house, to his own shame.

⁶He made his son pass through the fire, used witchcraft, observed times, consulted familiar spirits, and mediums. His wickedness was great in the Lord's sight; and so he provoked the Lord to anger.

⁷He placed a carved image of Asherah that he made,

in the house of which the Lord said to David and to his son Solomon,

"In this house and Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

⁸and I will not make the feet of Israel to move any more from the land I have given to their fathers;

but only if they are diligent to observe all that I have commanded,

according to all the law My servant Moses handed them."

⁹But they did not listen, and Manasseh seduced them to do more wickedness than the nations the Lord destroyed before Israel.

¹⁰And the Lord spoke by His servants the prophets, saying,

¹¹"Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominable things,

even surpassing the wickedness of the Amorites before him,

and with his idols he has made Judah to sin;

¹²"therefore says the Lord God of Israel, I will bring such disaster on Judah and Jerusalem, that whoever hears it, both of his ears will tingle.

¹³And I will stretch the measuring line of Samaria over Jerusalem, and the plummet of the house of Ahab;

I will wipe Jerusalem as when someone wipes a dish,

and then turns it upside down after they have wiped it.

¹⁴By this I will forsake the remainder of My inheritance and deliver them into their enemies' hand,

and they shall become prey for plunder to all their enemies, every one,

¹⁵because they have done that which is evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger ever since their fathers left Egypt even to this time."

¹⁶In addition to everything, Manasseh shed a lot of innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from end to end,

with all his sins with which he had made Judah sin, in doing evil before the Lord.

¹⁷The rest of the deeds of Manasseh, all he did and his sinfulness, are recorded in the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

¹⁸And Manasseh died, and they buried him in the garden of Uzza, the garden of his own house.

And Amon his son reigned in his place.

¹⁹Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem for just two years.

Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah was his mother's name.

²⁰He did evil in the Lord's sight in accordance with the *tingling* legacy his father left.

²¹He walked in all the ways of Manasseh his father, serving the idols his father had served.

²²He forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the Lord.

²³Then his servants conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house.

²⁴And the people executed all those who conspired against Amon the king, and they made his son Josiah king in his place.

²⁵The rest of the acts of Amon are written in the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

He was buried in his own sepulchre in the garden of Uzza.

And he was succeeded as king by his son Josiah.

These two kings had left a legacy when they died,

knowing that from God's plate Judah would be washed and wiped!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Live for the temporal and your success will be temporary; fail to mentor and to regard the well-being of the next generation and they will ignore your standards.
2. There is really no true success without succession; train, deposit, mentor, love, disciple, discipline, spend time.
3. If success and legacy matters at all then succession and the next generation is all that matters.
4. They will build the evil you destroyed and destroy the good you built if you do not spend time to build them with and into your legacy.
5. Sin is personal, it may have been influenced by your circumstances but it takes you alone into judgment.
6. Refuse to be named among those who fought God and led people away from Him; be named among those who fought for God and led people to Him.
7. Refuse to be listed among the enemies of God; commit yourself to fall into the love of God for

it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

8. *Your leader has a responsibility to lead in righteousness but your responsibility is to follow righteousness and your leader to the extent that righteousness is found in them.*
9. *Your sin has serious effects on your nation and the people around you; live responsibly.*
10. *God will wash you in His blood and surround you with His grace, but when He wipes you from His presence as a dish; grace withdraws and mercy flees.*
11. *Persistent sin leads to prevailing judgment; humility and repentance leads to unfailing love and forgiveness.*
12. *Continue to exhaust the grace of God by resistance and you will eventually experience the exhaust of His grace.*
13. *The sinner's cycle reads: sin, repentance, grace, forgiveness, repeat; sin, repentance, grace, forgiveness... time breaks up every cycle and condemns it to judgment.*
14. *From Hezekiah, to Manasseh, to Ammon, to Josiah to you, there no correlation, just a personal decision to serve God or not to. You may choose to follow, to respect, to love, to live with distinction in the fear of the Lord, or to reject Him and pursue demonic wisdom.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Ancient of Days; give me the power to see beyond myself to Your purpose and will for my generations and give me the passion to enter into Your will and position my children. Amen.
- Merciful Father, place succession into the hearts of believers and church leaders and let them be deliberate with training their posterity and children to serve You. Amen.
- Power to build for perpetuity, envelope our leaders today, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, let the children of ministers discover You for themselves; refresh Your mandate to their spirits; drive every spirit of rebellion from their hearts and bring them into personal relationship with You. Amen.
- Let the blood of Jesus Christ break every cycle of sin that has plagued non-committed church members and others who are struggling, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WHEN you hear, do you listen? Does your heart become softened? Do you seek the Lord in love and tenderness? Know that wrath will be coming; desolation, grief and mourning! And in that day an axe will sever the necks of those with hardened hearts.

2 KINGS 22

¹Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for thirty one-years.

His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.

²He walked in all the ways of David his father, doing the things that were right in the Lord's sight.

He did not turn away from them to the left or to the right.

@The king was not turning! To the right or left he was not turning!

From God's law, no, he was not turning! He would be walking them out.

His heart was set to God's service, while passion in him was burning; and his desire then was to repair the Lord's house.

³In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the scribe, the son of Azaliah to the house of the Lord, saying,

⁴Go up to Hilkiah the priest, to count the money the keepers of the door of the Lord's house gathered from the people.

⁵Let them give it to the overseers of the work, who have oversight of the Lord's house, that they may give it to the workers to repair the damages to the house;

⁶to the carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the house.

⁷They are responsible and faithful, therefore you do not need to audit the money you give to them for the work."

⁸And Hilkiah the priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of God."

And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it there.

⁹And Shaphan returned to the king with the report, saying,

"We have gathered the money found in the house, and have delivered it to the workers who oversee the repairs of the house as instructed."

¹⁰Then Shaphan said to the king, "Hilkiah the high priest has handed me a book."

And Shaphan read the book before the king.

¹¹When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes.

¹²Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Michaiiah, Shaphan the scribe, and his servant Asaiah, saying,

¹³Go inquire of the Lord for me, for the people, and for all Judah, regarding what is written in this book that is found; for the wrath of the Lord that is ignited against us is great,

for our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book to perform all that is written in it concerning us."

¹⁴So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, who kept the wardrobe.

She lived in Second Quarter in Jerusalem.

@Say, when you hear do you listen? Does your heart become softened?

Do you seek the Lord in love and tenderness? So they sought advice from her.

¹⁵She said to them, "This is what the Lord God of Israel says:

Tell the man who sent you Me

16this is what the Lord says:
I will bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants,
everything written in the book the king of Judah has read,
17for they have forsaken Me, and burned incense to other gods,
that they might provoke Me with the works of their hands.
Therefore My wrath shall be ignited against this place, and it shall not be quenched.”
18“But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, say,
“This is what the Lord God of Israel says, “Concerning the words you have heard:
19“Because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants,
that they shall become a desolation and a curse;
and in that you tore your clothes and wept before Me,
I have also heard you,” says the Lord.
20“Therefore I will certainly gather you to your fathers;
you shall be gathered and go to your grave in peace.
Your eyes shall not see all the disaster I will bring on this place.””
So they returned to the king with these words.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- You are not too young to serve the Lord with distinction; distinguish yourself and embrace your destiny.*
- Set your heart on the house of the Lord and He will establish your house and your name; set your heart on the things of God and you will live forever in His heart and in the hearts of the people.*
- Build a career serving the Lord whatever your office is, whether doctor, doorman or king.*
- When you make the word of God precious to you, you will be precious to God. Persevere in faith and He will preserve you as someone special.*
- It is not good just to have the Book of the Law, or the Bible, meditate in it, take action; let it direct your life.*
- Understand the heart of the Lord from His word and pursue it and He will set His heart on you and cause His good word to pursue you.*
- Never sit in comfort and passive contemplation knowing the wrath that is about to be poured out on your generation; be a real hero and get busy.*
- Be tender-hearted before the Lord continuously; let His word move you to awe, humility, trembling and fear.*
- You are never too high to get down low; true authority is recognizing the Source of your authority and keeping the access to Him open by living tenderly before God.*
- The Lord will make you exceptional if you seek Him humbly without exception; the Lord will make an exception of you if you reject Him and His word.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the Spirit of distinction and discipline in pursuit of the living God, rest upon our youths today, in the name of Jesus.
- Arise O God and show Yourself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are set upon the house of God to build, to bless and to serve; build their houses; bless their homes and assign Your angels to serve them. Amen.
- Father God, clothe believers with the mindset that they are kingdom representatives in their fields and careers, and everything they do is for You, as unto You and to put You on display. Amen.
- Living Word, I pray that the world will discover the immeasurable value of the word of God and will invest themselves to extract it. Amen.
- Power to meditate in and to respond wholeheartedly to the word of God, envelop believers today. Amen

THERE is a time for housecleaning, call it housecleaning day,
Where you purge the house of evil and put all sins away.
Break down all the altars, cast all unclean spirits out,
And as had been prophesied, let all the tares be burnt.
There is a time for housecleaning! Do not ask me, “When?” or “How?”
The way is written in the Lord’s book! Ah yes, the time is now!

2 KINGS 23

1The king sent for all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him; he needed hearts and hands.

2The king then went up to the Lord’s house with the men of Judah, and with all the inhabitants of the land—priests, prophets and people both great and small.

Then he read to them all the words of the Book of Covenant they found in the Lord’s house, *the housecleaning manual*.

3Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord and to keep all His commandments, His testimonies, and His statutes with all his soul and heart, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

And the people stood for the reading of the covenant.

@Time for housecleaning; at the Lord’s house it must start!

4The king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and all the other priests, and the doorkeepers, to remove all the vessels of Baal out of the house of the Lord, and those made for the Asherah, and for all the hosts of heaven.

And he burned them as garbage outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and brought the ashes to Bethel.

5He them removed the idolatrous priests the

kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense on the high places of Judah, and in Jerusalem all around;

all those who burned incense to Baal, to the planets, to all the host of heaven, to the sun and moon.

⁶Then the king brought out the wooden image from the house of the Lord; *they made the atmosphere bad!*

He burned it at the Brook Kidron outside Jerusalem, *it was a stench unto God;* there he ground it to powder and cast them on the graves of the people.

⁷Then he broke the booths of the sodomites that were in the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the wooden images.

⁸He brought all the priests from Judah, and defiled all of the high places from Geba to Beersheba where the priests had burned incense.

He broke down all the high places at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city.

⁹Even then the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, but ate unleavened bread among themselves.

¹⁰He defiled Topheth, which was in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, so they would cause their sons or daughters to pass through the fire to Molech.

¹¹He then removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun; they were by the entrance of the Lord's house, by the room of Nathan-Melech, the officer who was in the court, and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

¹²Down with the altars which the kings of Judah made, that on the roof of the upper room of Ahaz was placed;

down with the altars which Manasseh had made, that in the two courts of the temple was placed; the king broke them down and ground them to powder, and in the Brook Kidron he threw their dust.

¹³The king then defiled the high places east of Jerusalem, on the south side of the Mount of Corruption,

it was built by Solomon king of Israel for Ash-toreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and Milcom the abomination of Ammon.

¹⁴He broke in pieces the images and cut down all the groves, and filled all their places with dead men's bones.

¹⁵He broke down the altar at Bethel, and the high place that Jeroboam the son of Nebat who led Israel into sin had made; he broke down that altar and the high place,

and he burned the high place and ground it to powder, and he burned up all the wooden images.

©A new day dawned in Judah; Josiah was cleaning house!

¹⁶Josiah turned and he saw the tombs there on the mountain; he sent and took the bones out of the tomb and burned them on the altar; so he desecrated the altar just as the man of God has spoken who prophesied of this.

©He had called Josiah by name.

Now here he was cleaning house, as the prophet had proclaimed!

¹⁷He asked, "What title is this that I see on the gravestone?"

So the men of the city replied, "It is the sepulcher of the man of God who came from Judah and prophesied then, he spoke all these things you have done against the altar of Bethel."

¹⁸So Josiah said, "Let him alone; do not remove his bones."

So they bypassed his bones, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

¹⁹And Josiah removed all the shrines of the high places that were in all Samaria, which the kings of Israel made to make the Lord angry.

He dealt with them just as he had dealt with the corruption in Bethel.

²⁰He killed all the priests of the high places who were there, on the altars, and on them he burned the bones of men.

And returned to Jerusalem, *when Samaria's housecleaning was done!*

©Now the cleansing was all over; the Passover must be kept.

Time to fill the space once the house is swept.

²¹Then the king commanded all the people to keep the Passover of the Lord their God, just as it is written in the Book of the Covenant.

²²There was no such Passover; none had experienced such a thing, not in the days of the judges of Israel, not in the days of Israel's or Judah's kings.

²³In the eighteenth year of Josiah, the Passover was held before the Lord in Jerusalem, ²⁴and Josiah put to death those who sought after mediums and familiar spirits, wizards and idols,

and the abominations that he could find in Judah and Jerusalem,

as he executed the words of the law written in the Book Hilkiah the priest, found in the house of the Lord.

²⁵There was no king like Josiah before him, and after him there was none the like who turned to the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might.

²⁶However the fierce anger of the Lord remained;

He did not turn from His fierce wrath against

Judah and Jerusalem, because of all the things Manasseh provoked Him with.

²⁷And the Lord said, "I will remove Judah from My sight as I removed Israel. I will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and this house of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'"

²⁸The rest of the acts of Josiah, and all the deeds he performed are written in the chronicles of the kings of Judah.

Though he did the cleaning, God would tear the house right down!

²⁹And Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt came to the River Euphrates to fight; King Josiah went against him at that time. And Pharaoh Necho the king of Egypt killed him at Megiddo.

³⁰His servants took his body from Megiddo in a chariot, and brought him to Jerusalem. They buried him there in his own tomb. The people then anointed Jehoahaz his son to succeed him as king.

³¹Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign as king. He reigned for three years in Jerusalem. His mother was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiaah of Libnah.

³²He did evil in the Lord's sight, just as his fathers before him.

³³Pharaoh Necho placed him in prison at Riblah in Hamath, to remove him as king in Jerusalem;

For he defiled a house that was cleansed.

He then imposed a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold on the land.

³⁴Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in his father's place, and he changed his name to Jehoiakim at that time. And Pharaoh took Jehoahaz to Egypt where he died.

³⁵Jehoiakim gave silver and gold to Pharaoh, for he taxed the land to get the money Pharaoh commanded; everyone contributed as they were assessed to meet Pharaoh's levy.

³⁶Jehoiakim was twenty-five years of age when he became king, and he reigned eleven years over Judah.

His mother's name was Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiiah of Rumah.

³⁷He did evil in the sight of the Lord, just as his fathers had done before him.

He did not imitate his father Josiah, or follow in his ways.

The Lord Himself proclaims it; there shall be a great housecleaning day.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You choose to confirm or to reject the words of the covenant written in the blood of Jesus Christ: to follow and perform with all your heart and soul.
2. Righteousness is a personal choice that encom-

passes every person: kings, administrators and peasants.

3. Righteousness is a position, we are His righteousness, but also a positioning or performance; we proactively maintain our positioning (righteousness) to retain our position.
4. Righteousness is not just proactively doing right but passionately hating evil; to love God is to hate evil, there are no exceptions.
5. To fix your focus you will have to fix your environment and fix your associations; some things and some people must be removed.
6. Not everything in the temple of the Lord belongs in the temple of God, not everything done in the temple of the Lord pleases God.
7. It is not just enough to denounce evil; totally abhor it, desecrate it, remove anything God hates.
8. Not because it is done by people of affluence means it is acceptable; not because it is done by people of influence means God is impressed.
9. Go harder, go further, be more passionate than your predecessors in your pursuit of God; tear down the high places (Solomon's) others (all the kings) ignored, to establish your secret place.
10. Time is redeemable in eternity's currency; redeem the time because the days are evil.
11. Impact time for eternity while you have time, while you are in time, and while you are on eternity's (God's) time.
12. Whatever your reason God has a season; it shall come to pass was proclaimed long before Josiah, the word passed all the kings that came and now in God's time it has come to pass.
13. When a people desecrate God's order, He acknowledges and makes them the image of their desecration; (Josiah burned their bones on their altar).
14. It is not just correct to hate evil proactively but also to love God passionately because to hate evil stems from loving God; keep the Passover, worship, pray, and meditate in the word above anyone else, compete with your last best.
15. Your zeal does not guarantee your successor is sealed; it guarantees they have a perfect witness as they exercise the privilege of choice.

PRAYER POINTS

- Righteous Father, let my life be a confirmation of Your word and let it make a bold statement to the world saying, 'I believe.'
- Jesus my Savior, I choose to live a righteous life in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit; I commit this desire to You Father. Amen.
- Thank You Father for making me Your righteousness in Christ; I will do the right and hate evil with a passion, in the name of Jesus.
- I will be deliberate about my associations and my environment; Father, I am ready to make the tough decisions necessary to passionately pursue You without distraction. Amen.
- Let every demonic plantation in the church and among believers be uprooted and burnt to cinders now, in the name of Jesus.

BONDAGE, bondage, I see men led away, And I know it is the blood That has been shed there day by day. Bondage, it surrounds us, bondage of the state; How can a godly nation be in bondage in this way?

2 KINGS 24

¹Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came up against Judah in his days.

Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; but then he turned and he rebelled.

²The Lord sent the Chaldeans, and the Syrians, and the Moabites, and the Ammonites to destroy Judah, just as the Lord had spoken by His servants the prophets.

³It was the Lord who commanded this on Judah,

to remove them from before Him because of Manasseh's sins, according to all that he had done;

⁴and also because of the innocent blood he had shed, and with which he had filled Jerusalem.

The Lord would not pardon this.

⁵The rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all he did, are written in the book of the chronicles of Judah's kings.

⁶So Jehoiakim died just as his fathers before, and his son Jehoiachin reigned in his place.

⁷The king of Egypt did not go up out of his land anymore, for the king of Babylon had taken everything that belonged to him from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates.

⁸Jehoiachin was eighteen years of age when he began to reign as king, and he reigned for three months in Jerusalem, his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

⁹He did evil in the sight of the Lord just as his father had done before.

¹⁰Then the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against Jerusalem and besieged the city.

¹¹And Nebuchadnezzar came against the city as his servants besieged it.

When you are in bondage to sin, your true reality will manifest in the flesh.

¹²And Jehoiachin the king of Judah surrendered to the king of Babylon, he went out with his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers; and in the eighth year of his reign the king of Babylon made him a prisoner.

¹³And the king of Babylon carried away all the treasures of the Lord's house and the treasures in the king's house. And he cut up the golden vessels Solomon had made in the temple as the Lord had spoken.

¹⁴And he carried away all Jerusalem: the captains, the mighty men, ten thousand male captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. He only left behind the poorest people of the land.

¹⁵He carried Jehoiachin captive to Babylon, with his mother, his wives, his officers and the mighty men of the land.

¹⁶He took in total seven thousand valiant men, one thousand craftsmen and smiths, all who were strong and fit for war. The king of Babylon carried them all to Babylon.

¹⁷Then the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king instead of him; and he changed his name to Zedekiah.

¹⁸Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem.

His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

¹⁹He did evil in the sight of the Lord, just as Jehoiakim had done;

He followed in the way of bondage, his mind was still in bonds.

²⁰This happened in Judah and Jerusalem because they made the Lord angry, until He eventually removed them all from His presence.

And against the king of Babylon Zedekiah also rebelled.

Bondage! Bondage; it surrounds us, bondage of people, and of the state!

And I cried, "How can a godly nation, be in bondage in this way?"

CWDS Bible Quotes

- Bondage to sin is as real as chains on the hands and feet, and just like seed germinating, it will manifest physically.*
- Only God makes free, serving the devil is bondage that the devil cleverly disguises as freedom.*
- Stand fast in the liberty of your deliverance from Egypt (the bondage of sin) if you entangle yourself in the yoke of bondage it has no option but to embrace you.*
- Treasure the word of the Lord or lose the things you treasure and all that you have in your treasury.*
- If you value freedom live it; you cannot live bondage and remain free.*
- Sin is bondage; there is no other definition.*
- When a nation is carried away by sin and their law strays away from righteousness, then the nation will be led away into many forms of bondage.*
- Forsake the Standard on which your nation was founded and the Standard (God) will forsake you.*
- Compliance has a price but it is better and much cheaper to pay the price than to pay the cost.*
- When the fear of the Lord departs from a nation, the Lord departs from the nation and it becomes a playground for the things the nation fears.*
- You attract whomever or whatever you fear; fear God above your well-being and security and He will become your well-being and security.*
- Sinners will keep on doing evil while they are being swallowed down the throat of judgment for sin is the weapon of a diabolical spirit which refuses to release its targets.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom of the living God, let your light break through the darkness of this age and give sinners a revelation of the chains upon them.

Amen.

- Lord Jesus, I receive Your freedom. Let every chain tying me to bondage in any form be broken by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Merciful Father, I value the freedom You have given me in Christ Jesus; thank You that I am untangled. I refuse to be re-entangled with the yoke of bondage, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Father, Your word is my most valuable treasure; it is the food I feed on, the foundation I build on; the hope I cling to, the breath I live by and the pearl of my possessions. Amen.
- Satan I refute your deceptive lies and resolutely reject all your packages of bondage. The Lord rebuke you. Amen.

I SAW it! I saw it! It unfolded in my sight. They destroyed Jerusalem and took away its pride! It pained to see them kill the king's sons, but it pained me most of all When they came up against the city and broke down all the walls. Oh, glory of God's temple, which once was your delight, Now all your bronze is taken; they stripped away your pride. I saw them take the people; it was hard to understand. They took the people God had brought here to a far and distant land.

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¹It was the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, in the tenth month, *I clearly remember*, it was the tenth day that they came. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem with all his army; they camped against it and built forts against it all around. ²They besieged the city for two entire years until King Zedekiah's eleventh year. ³The famine was so bad by the ninth day of the fourth month, that there was no food for the people in the land anywhere. ⁴The city's defenses were broken through and all the men of war fled to escape by night. They took the way of the gate by the king's garden between two walls; *gone was all their fight*. The Chaldeans were still camped against the city all around it. The king took his journey by the way of the plain. ⁵The Chaldeans pursued the king, and they caught up with him in the plains of Jericho. His entire army had scattered and left him. ⁶They took the king to the king of Babylon at Riblah. There they pronounced judgment on the king. ⁷They killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. This was the last thing that he saw, for they put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and took him to Babylon. ⁸On the seventh day of the fifth month, (it was

the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

⁹He burned the house of the Lord and the king's house,

They had defiled God's temple; now it was being destroyed.

He burned all the houses of Jerusalem that were owned by the affluent.

¹⁰And the entire army of the Chaldeans broke down the walls of Jerusalem throughout its parameter.

¹¹Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard then carried away as captives the people who remained in the city, and those who had defected to the king of Babylon.

¹²The captain of the guard left some of the poor of the people as vinedressers and farmers.

¹³The Chaldees broke the bronze pillars in the house of the Lord, and the bronze bases and the bronze Sea that were there they also broke these in pieces and carried them all to Babylon.

¹⁴They took away the pots, the shovels, the spoons, the trimmers and all the bronze utensils the priests used for ministry;

¹⁵the firepans and basins, the things of gold and silver, they took them all away.

¹⁶The two pillars, one Sea, and the bases, which Solomon made for the Lord's house. The bronze of all these items was without measure.

¹⁷Speak about the pillars, the height of each was eighteen cubits, and the capital on each was bronze; the height of the capital was three cubits, and the network and pomegranates all around were of bronze.

¹⁸The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the second, and the three who kept the door.

¹⁹He took from the city, an officer who was in charge of the men of war, five men who served in the presence of the king;

the scribe who mustered all the people of the land, and sixty men of the land who were found in the city.

²⁰Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, took these to the king of Babylon in Riblah.

²¹The king of Babylon put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath.

They heard Jeremiah, but they walked away; God's word caught up with them that day. So Judah was carried away as captives from their own land.

²²Then he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor over the people who were left in the land of Judah, those whom Nebuchadnezzar the king had left

behind.

²³And when all the captains of the armies and their men, heard the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they all came to Gedaliah at Mizpah: Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan the son of Careah, Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, and all their men.

²⁴And Gedaliah swore before them and their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans. In this land stay and dwell; serve the king of Babylon, and with you it shall be well."

²⁵But in the seventh month it happened, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama of the royal family, came with ten men and killed Gedaliah.

He also killed the Jews as well as the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.

²⁶So all the people fled down to Egypt; everyone, both small and great; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans, so they hastily went away.

@Back to Egypt where God brought them from; all who remained returned.

Nebuchadnezzar left a remnant, but God's word said there would be none.

²⁷In the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, and on the twenty-seventh day, Evil-merodach king of Babylon, freed Jehoiachin from prison and exalted him in the same year he began to reign.

²⁸He spoke kind words to him, and set his seat above the seats of the kings who were in Babylon with him.

²⁹Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes and he ate his meal before the king all the days he lived.

³⁰And the king allocated to him a daily ration for the rest of his life.

@But what happened to Judah, is for everyone to learn; it is best to heed God's word, for time will surely turn.

He is faithful to His promises; He will perform both good and bad.

When He exalts you, heed the conditions! Oh, how I wished all Judah had.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. A very solemn statement echoes in history,

throughout time and into the present; seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

2. *To be spit from the bowels of grace is to be 'dis'-graced. It will empty you into the pit of bondage and shame.*
3. *Never be proud to be just as anyone who is not just in the eyes of God; why follow the stars when you have the SON?*
4. *If you pursue sin, don't be fooled, bondage is marching toward you, ready to lay siege on you; sin is married to bondage.*
5. *The true value of your treasures is measured in the strength of your treasury; lay up your treasures in heavenly storehouses.*
6. *If you live a life captive to sin, it is only a matter of time before it takes you over and takes you away completely.*
7. *Learn from history or the future will teach from you; learn from your predecessors or become a lesson to successive generations.*
8. *Be a prisoner of Christ or a prisoner to sin and a servant to demonic exactors and sinners.*
9. *If you lose sight of God you will be forever blind and it will manifest physically.*
10. *Forsake your strong wall of defence and the walls you trust in and embrace will crumble before your eyes.*
11. *Defile the temple and God will destroy it; as with Solomon's temple so with our bodies.*
12. *Serve God and accept His easy yoke or submit to the servitude of nations; live for God or the thief will kill or destroy you.*
13. *To serve sin in freedom is a 'back to Egypt', 'back to bondage' mentality; you cannot live in bondage in the house of freedom or it will spit you back out into bondage.*
14. *Favor in bondage can never be compared with freedom; fervor in freedom delivers you from bondage.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of presumption operating among sinners receive a fatal blow now; die and be replaced by wisdom in the knowledge of God. Amen.
- Thank You loving Father for Your grace extended to me; I refuse to live my life hanging on strings of grace but to operate from the center of Your will basking in the abundance of Your goodness and grace. Amen
- My eyes are fixed on You Jesus; I will follow You and follow others as they follow You. Amen.
- I refuse to be brought into bondage to the enemy; I will stand fast in this liberty given to me in Christ Jesus. Amen.
- Heavenly storehouses, receive my daily deposits as I invest my life and my resources into the kingdom. Amen.
- Let the blood of Jesus touch the hearts of people globally and deliver them from spiritual blindness. Amen.