

Asa
2 Chronicles 14:1-7
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from Asa about continued obedience.

Intro: 1. Is faithfulness to God, at one time in your life, enough to be pleasing to God?
2. Asa's life is a reminder about such things.

I. Asa's Service & God's faithfulness to Him

A. Asa's service (14:1-8; 15:1-8)

1. Reform (**14:2-5; 15:1-8**)

- i. Asa destroys the pagan altars and shrines.
- ii. Following a message from the Lord through the prophet Azariah, Asa continues his reforms, even deposing his own grandmother for her idolatrous practices.
- iii. He leads the people to recommit themselves to follow the Lord.

2. The rebuilding (**14:9-15**)

- i. Asa rebuilds and fortifies some of Judah's towns, and he amasses an army of 580,000 men.

B. Asa's salvation (14:9-15)

1. The danger (**14:9-10**)

- i. The Ethiopians attack Judah with an enormous army.

2. The dependence (**v.11**)

- i. Asa cries out to the Lord for help.

3. The deliverance (**v.12-15**)

- i. The Lord enables the army of the Judah to triumph over its enemies.

II. Asa's sin

A. The treachery (16:1-14)

1. The partnership (**v.1-6**)

- i. When King Baasha of Israel invades Judah, Asa bribes the king of Aram to break his ties with Baasha and attack him.

2. The prophet (**v.7-9**)

- i. A prophet named Hanani rebukes Asa for depending on the king of Aram instead of the Lord
- ii. Asa becomes angry with Hanani and imprisons him. (**v.10**)

B. The tragedy (**v.11-14**)

2. Asa develops a serious foot disease but still refuses to turn to the Lord for help, so he dies.

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Stand against wickedness (14:2-5; 15:7-8)

1. Asa made major changes for good in the face of those who were doing evil (**14:2-5**)
2. Asa's acts were because he heeded the words of Obed the prophet (**15:7-8**)

B. Stand against wickedness...to the end (16:7,9-10,12)

1. Do not rely on men, but in God & truth (**16:7**)

2. Asa while doing good in much his life, refused to obey God in the end of his life
(16:9-10,12)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Faithfulness & dedication to God for a time is not enough to be pleasing to God.
2. Don't lose the prize before crossing the finishing line.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9