

To No One's Sorrow
2 Chronicles 21:11-20

Thesis: How do we want to be remembered?

- Intro:
1. How do we want to be remembered?
 2. Have we been setting a good example in our daily lives?
 3. Have we put God first in our lives?
 4. How do people view you in your daily life?
- I. The sins and actions of wicked Jehoram.
- A. Jehoram went against God
 1. He walked in the ways of the former kings of Judah who were also corrupt. (v.13a)
 2. He killed his own brothers, his own family members (13b)
 - B. He caused others to go against God and brought judgment upon them also.
 1. He led the inhabitants of the land astray. (v.11)
 2. Judgment came upon the people of the Land. (v.14)
 - C. He was worse the worse of all his siblings. (v.13)
 1. Those whom he killed were better than him; maybe this is why he killed them.
 2. He was the "black sheep" of the family a disgrace to his father, his dead brothers, and to God.
- II. God brought judgment upon them all. (v.14-17)
- A. The Lord strikes the people of the land. (v.14)
 1. The people were not spared as they were led away by Jehoram.
 2. The Lord struck them all and all the land, no partiality was shown.
 3. The Lord brought up enemies against them (16-17)
 - B. Judgment and punishment upon the king also came.
 1. Jehoram was to endure a disease before his death. (v.15)
 2. He was going to gradually get worse "day by day" it would be a slow death. (15b)
 - This is another way of showing the anger of the Lord towards Jehoram.
 - C. It was a slow death for the king.
 1. It lasted for two years. (21:19a)
 2. He was punished on earth as well as in the life after. (Mk 9:44)
- III. Jehoram was not a person that was missed.

- A. We will not be missed if we hinder others intentionally.
 - 1. There are those who purposely set out to bring others away from Christ. - Those who condon the use of alcohol, gambling and other sinful acts willfully hinder others.
- B. We will not be missed if we promote sin.
 - 1. Those who invite others to parties where they know that one could be caused to stumble, that is sinful. (Rom 14:21)
 - 2. When we mock those who are not engaged in the same sinful acts we are in, that is sin and the promotion of it. (1 Peter 4:4)
- C. We will not be missed if we mock and blaspheme the gospel of Christ. (2 Chron 21:20b)
 - 1. No one misses a person who has worked evil in the world and in their lives.
 - 2. The evil and those who promote it will answer for their actions one day. (2 Cor 5:10)
- D. Do we want to be remembered for the good?
 - 1. As one who loved the Lord? (Psalm 122:1) - do we know people like this, are we like David in this respect.
 - 2. As one who was a searcher of the word of God. (Acts 17:11)
 - 3. As one who was a soul winner for Christ. (Jer 20:9)
 - 4. As one who stood up for the gospel of Christ and defender of the good news. (Titus 2:15)

IV. How do we want to be remembered?

- A. Do we want to be remembered like Jehoram was?
 - 1. A encourager of evil.
 - 2. A despiser of good things.
- B. Or, do we want to be remembered as a good soldier of Christ. (Eph 6:14-18)
 - 1. One who defends the gospel with readiness? (2 Tim 4:2- in season and out of season)
 - 2. One who is a lover of God and a despiser of evil? (Job 1:1b - "turned aside from evil")

- Conc:
- 1. We have seen the acts of Jehoram and how he was not missed. (NKJV - "to no one's sorrow")
 - 2. How do we want to be remembered? For the good? Or for the evil?
 - 3. To which end are we currently striving for? Would God recognize that end that we would hope to be on?
 - 4. Invitation