

Devote Your Heart to God

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Bible commands us to watch over our hearts with all diligence so that we will not be deceived because everything we do flows from it (Proverbs 4:23). The heart is like a compass: it determines the direction of our life. That is why God commands us to love Him with all our hearts (Deuteronomy 6:5)! He promises to “strongly support” those who love Him and whose hearts are COMPLETELY HIS. The question is: are our hearts completely His?

In the book of 2 Chronicles, we see the life of King Asa. He started well, he did what was good and right. He removed idols and commanded the entire nation to seek God, observe the Law, and commandments (2 Chronicles 14:2-4). When a million Ethiopian army with 300 chariots marched against Asa's nation, King Asa turned to God in prayer (2 Chronicles 14:11) and declared his complete trust in the Lord. He believed that God was the One able to grant him victory even if they had no strength compared to the enemy. God recognized his humility and gave him victory. If we want to please God, not only should we obey and love Him, but we also must believe and have faith in who He is, that He is sovereign and a rewarder of those who truly seek Him.

However, success can be a great danger. The more successful we become, the more pride sets in. In the 36th year of King Asa's reign, King Baasha led Israel (northern kingdom) to attack Judah (southern kingdom). Asa's response changed. Rather than seeking and trusting God as he did in the past, he placed his faith in riches and a pagan king of Aram, Ben-Hadad (2 Chronicles 16:4). Humanly speaking, their strategy worked, but King Asa missed out on the greater plan that God had if only he had sought Him.

In 2 Chronicles 16:7-8, King Asa was rebuked by the seer Hanani. God's plan was not only for Asa to be victorious against the northern kingdom but also to overcome the kingdom of Aram (Syria). When Asa heard this, he was enraged (2 Chronicles 16:10). He put the seer in prison and oppressed some of the people as well! In the 39th year, Asa became sick but still did not seek the Lord. He died without seeking the Lord anymore (2 Chronicles 16:12-13). The cost of obedience and faith may be high, but the cost of not putting our faith in God and being disobedient is even higher!

Romans 8:31-32 is a great comfort for all of us – if God has given us His own Son, and if He is for us, who can be against us? Amidst great suffering, challenges, grief, and difficulties, God is working all things together for our good (v.28). This means that God can redeem our failures with the clear condition that we must LOVE GOD, and our hearts and lives must be devoted to Him alone. Obedience will not be a problem if we give our all to Him.

If He gave His all to redeem us, what is stopping us from fully devoting our hearts to God? May we always choose to commit our lives, decisions, feelings, and actions to our faithful God.

last week's memory verse

For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

discuss this message

Why is whole devotion to God important and what does it mean?
How do you know if your heart is fully devoted?
How do you guard your heart from going astray?

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 September 3, Sunday
 1:00 PM, Room 3A

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 September 7, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13

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