



mon. How many of us today will win some great personal battle against Satan in one moment and then turn around and commit a different sin because we think “we got this under control?” As Christians, we *must* learn from the mistakes of oth-

ers. This is one of the reasons we have the Old Testament (Romans 15:4). We *must* learn from the drunk who ruins his life and negatively affects the lives of those around him. We *must* learn from the adulterer who wrecks his family. We *must* learn from the friend who never invites his friend to know Jesus. We *must* learn from the person who doesn’t give a cup of cold water in His Name. We *must* learn from the mistakes of the past so we don’t make the same mistakes and suffer similar fates. May we all learn from the mistakes of Joash and Amaziah and humbly serve the Lord *all* the days of our lives in order to be pleasing to Him.



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“Fathers shall not be put to death for their children...a person shall die for his own sin”
2 Chron. 25:4

Don't Suffer the Sins of the Father

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One of the many reasons the Bible is an amazing book is because there is always, at least, one lesson to learn on each page and from each character. For example, in 2 Chronicles 25 we find the account of King Amaziah of Judah and the very important lesson we all need to learn from his life. So, if you would, please consider this very important lesson with me.

Don't Suffer the Sins of the Father

The king of Judah before Amaziah was his father, King Joash (Jehoash). If you remember, Joash was hidden in the Temple by Jehoiada the priest for six years because his evil grandmother, Athaliah (Ahab’s daughter) had all of the royal heirs killed so she could sit on the

throne (2 Chronicles 22:10-12). At the age of seven, Joash was anointed the king of Judah and did what was right in the sight of the Lord while Jehoiada the priest lived to guide him (2 Chronicles 24:1-2). He restored Temple worship and made repairs to the Temple. For the first part of his reign, Joash was a good

king. Unfortunately, almost as soon as Jehoiada died, Joash turned to serving idols. Jehoiada's son, Zechariah, came to Joash and begged him to turn back to the Lord, but Joash would not listen and even put Zechariah to death (2 Chronicles 24:15-22). As a result, God sent King Hazael of the Syrians against Judah to punish Joash. The Syrians fought Judah and took spoils from the house of the king and the Temple. Also, when they found Joash, he had already been murdered by his servants for executing Zechariah (2 Chronicles 24:23-25).

Joash went down as one of the wicked kings of Judah despite his good beginning and was not even permitted to be buried in the tombs of the kings.

Unfortunately, Amaziah did not learn the lesson of his father's failure. Amaziah was 25 years old when he became king of Judah and reigned for 29 years. Amaziah started off his reign serving the Lord. He avenged the murder of his father by executing the servants who had assassinated Joash. He made sure to leave their families alone in order to keep the instructions of the Law of Moses (2 Chronicles 25:1-4; Deuteronomy 24:16). He reinforced the army of Judah and, when told to release the mercenaries from Israel from Judah's fighting forces by a prophet of God, he listened and re-

leased them (2 Chronicles 25:5-10). He even executed judgment upon Edom (Seir). Unfortunately, Amaziah returned from this victory with two things: the idols of the Edomites and a healthy amount of pride. Amaziah began to worship the idols of Edom (the false gods that they had just defeated). When the prophet of the Lord returned to advise Amaziah to stop serving those idols and to repent and serve the Lord, Amaziah told him that he was not his counselor and for him to leave (2 Chronicles 25:14-16). Soon after that, Amaziah sent word to the king of Israel and told him that they should go to war against each other. The king of Israel said that it was foolishness and refused at first. However, Amaziah encouraged it and they came out against each other. Because of Amaziah's pride and wickedness, God allowed Israel to defeat Judah and capture Amaziah. Then, they destroyed 400 cubits of the wall of Jerusalem and took all the gold, silver, and articles of the king's house and the Temple (2 Chronicles 25:17-14). Amaziah lived for the following 15 years under "house arrest" until his servants conspired against him. They helped him to escape to Lachish only to kill him when he arrived. Amaziah's body was taken back to Jerusalem on horseback and buried with his

fathers (2 Chronicles 25:25-28). Just like his father, Amaziah went down as one of the wicked kings of Judah and was one of the kings intentionally excluded from the genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1:8).

Amaziah is a perfect example of what happens when someone looks at the downfall of other people and believes that they won't fall for doing or not doing the same things. Amaziah had a wonderful example in his father of what will happen when one turns to serving idols and yet, he made the same mistake. It is so tragic and, yet, it is not so uncom-

