

Dead in Our Obedience
2 Kings 15:1-7, Pew Bible p. 321
February 4, 2024

I. The Joy of Good Works (V. 1-4)

- A. There is no greater joy than to be right in the eyes of the Lord.

- B. The joy of our good works only goes as far as our dependence on a good God (2 Chronicles 26:5,15).
 - 1. Good works are always surrounded by shortcomings.
 - 2. Good works do not come from us.
 - 3. Good works do not always glorify God.

II. The Danger of Good Works (V. 5-7)

- A. Satan can use your obedience just as easily as your disobedience to draw you away from God.

- B. God can use punishment just as easily as prosperity to draw you back to Him.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 15:1-7 and 2 Chronicles 26:16-23.
2. What is it like to be right in the eyes of the Lord? Take a moment to express the joy you have received from this at specific times in your life.
3. How is it possible for us to use strength from the Lord to sin against Him, as 2 Chronicles 26:16 says of King Uzziah (Azariah)?
4. Have you ever fallen into sin because of your good works? Why? How did you recover?
5. Was Uzziah more vulnerable to sin when God gave him strength or when God gave him leprosy? What does that tell you about the relationship between prosperity and our walk with God?
6. What are some ways you are strong in your relationship with God? How can you protect yourself from Satan using these strengths against you?
7. Pray for our church members to be dependent on God rather than their own works and strength. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

Church Reading Plan (2/5-2/11)

Read John 1-5

John 3:16-18 (ESV)

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING for those attending the church who are lost or recently saved to take their next step toward God.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); and Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Family of Sam B.; and Dorothy C. (sister’s husband)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health); Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Mimi M. (health); Edna N. (health); Helene D. (eyesight); Elaine W. (health); Kelly J. (health); Debbie P. (health); Ed G. (health); Ken & Darlene R. (health); Anne W. (chest pain/lung issue); Rita H. (surgery recovery); Debbie B. (surgery recovery); Margaret J. (surgery recovery); Nancy S. (rehab); Marge D. (health); Laura M. (health); Sherri O. (upcoming heart surgery); April H.-F. (wisdom in choice of upcoming treatment plan); Larry D. (home from hospital); Michelle LaM. (specialist appts. & biopsy); Linda S. (recovering from pneumonia); and Ann C.-W. (pain)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.