

Is God Angry with Failure?
2 Kings 24:8-17, Pew Bible p. 332
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I. The Origin of Man's Failure (V. 8-9)

- A. For people to do evil in the eyes of a holy God is the highest form of failure.
- B. For God to be angry with evil done by people is an essential form of justice.

II. The Answer to Man's Failure (V. 10-17)

- A. Reasons people do not admit failure:
 - 1. We don't want help.
 - 2. We don't want change.
 - 3. We don't want consequences.
 - 4. We don't want judgment.
- B. God does not require us to be free of failure, He requires us to trust Him with our failure.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 24:8-17.
2. Have you ever failed so clearly and quickly it was embarrassing, as verses 8-9 say of King Jehoiachin? What did your experience with failure do to your relationship with God?
3. Have you ever had to admit failure and give up on a personal goal, as Jehoiachin did in verse 12? How did that make you feel?
4. Why does God allow us to fail at our goals? What should our response to God be to these failures?
5. What did giving up cost Jehoiachin and his nation, according to verses 12-16 (also use 2 Kings 25:27-30)? What did it save? What can admitting failures in the sight of God do for us today?
6. What does admitting failure have to do with being saved by Jesus? Why is admitting failure so hard for people today? How can the gospel help us overcome these difficulties?
7. Pray for our church members to deal with failure in a godly, Christ-centered way. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in the Worship Center.

John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Cancelled due to the Mexico Mission Trip.

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); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); V. family (Ashley & Jesse); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Tom & Joy M. (her mother); family of LeRoy H.; family of Rita H.; and family of Don R.
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Marge D. (health); Kathy W. (health); Michelle LaM. (health); Susan K. (surgery recovery); Jan O. (health); Joy M. (surgery recovery); Randie A. (health); Matthew M. (housing); Debbie B. (radiation); Debbie P. (health); Kelly J. (surgery recovery); Mimi M. (ongoing health issues); Jacque B. (health); Jeff S. (upcoming surgery); John P. (surgery recovery); Larry D. (recovery from back surgery); Greg C. (recovery from cataract surgery); Ruthie C. (health); Margaret J. (recovery from surgery); Mary R. (infection; kidney issues); Bonnie V. (recovery from back surgery); Ken R. (kidney stones); Laura M. (fractured pelvis); and Betty B. (recovery from fall)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.