

# CARE This Week..

November 17, 2024



## King Asa Trusts God

**Scripture Discussed: 1 Kings 11-12; 2 Chronicles 9:29 – 11:4**

Last week we learned about King Rehoboam (Solomon's son) who did evil in the sight of God and reigned over Judah after Israel split into two nations. King Rehoboam's son was Abijam. Abijam did evil in the sight of the Lord and he reigned only 3 years. Abijam's son was Asa. Asa became king of Judah and returned to seeking God's will. Asa wanted to do what was right in God's eyes and ordered that sacred stones used to worship false gods be smashed to pieces. He removed incense altars, idols and poles set up for by those who wanted heathen worship. The king then encouraged the people of Judah to obey God's laws.

Asa had an army of 580,000 men from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. King Zerah from Cush (modern day Ethiopia) decided to march his vast army to attack Judah. They had 1,000,000 fighters and 300 chariots. King Zerah and his soldiers approached Judah from the south. Asa gathered his troops and they took up battle positions in the valley of Zephathah near Mareshah. Asa called to the Lord for help. 'Only the Lord can help the powerless against the mighty,' he declared. The vast army of Cushites faced King Asa and his men. Asa called out, 'We are relying on you Lord. In Your Name we fight this vast army. You are our God. Do not let these men have victory against You.' The battle began. King Asa's soldiers with their bows, arrow and spears against the chariots and fighters from Cush. The Lord gave King Asa and the army of Judah the power to overcome their enemy. The army of Cush fled for their lives. King Asa and his soldiers pursued them all the way to Gerar crushing the mighty army of the invaders.

When Asa returned, God sent Azariah, son of Oded the prophet, with a message for the triumphant king. 'Listen to me, Asa and all the tribes of Judah and Benjamin: The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek God, you will find Him, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.'

*"This is an important principle repeated many times in the Bible. The idea is that when we draw near to God, He reveals Himself to us. God does not hide Himself from the seeking heart." Some scripture examples validating this concept...*

*"You will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 4:29*

*"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13*

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."*

*Matthew 7:7*

Encouraged by God's words, Asa repaired the altar to God in front of the Temple. In the 15th year of his reign the nation assembled in Jerusalem to worship God. 700 cattle and 7,000 plundered sheep and goats were sacrificed as people eagerly sought the Lord and found Him. They made an oath to obey God wholeheartedly, shouting out their promise accompanied with trumpets and horns.

**Bible Verse:** You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.  
Jeremiah 29:13

**Life Application:** I will seek God with all my heart.

## SATURDAY ZOOM CLASS

We had another terrific Saturday ZOOM Bible Study. Our study covered the account of Asa Trusts God. *(Unfortunately, I forgot to take a screenshot of the group this week.)*

If you or a friend are interested in joining this Zoom Class you are welcome! Contact Anita at [anita.bruck@huntersglen.org](mailto:anita.bruck@huntersglen.org) or call 972-867-1610, x2025 to be added to the list. **We meet every Saturday at 11:00 am!**



**CARE had a VERY busy weekend filled with Fun, Fellowship & Service!!...**

● **Game Night Last Saturday**  
(pics on pg.2)

● **Samaritan Purse shoebox packing and delivery** (pics on pg.3)

● **Our Missions Table gave CARE some terrific exposure and may have generated more volunteers! Special thanks to Nancy, Rose, Annie and Adam for their assistance in 'manning the table.'** (pic pg.3)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sun, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**CARE Birthday Celebration for Nov & Dec Birthdays**

●  
**Fri, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**CARE Christmas Party, 6:00 PM**

# Game Night Pictures... Amazing Fun! Fellowship! & Food!!



## Samaritan Purse packing & delivery...(CARE packed 20 boxes)



## Missions Table...

