**2 Ch 1 / 1 Co 4**

**Main theme: Seek wisdom, be faithful to the assignment and be filled with God's love and full of power**

**-Offer everything / Deny everything (for self / deny oneself)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 1:6-7 1 Co 4:20

A discussion on offering everything and denying everything - on one side it concerned Solomon reigned. He led the whole nation to fear and love God. He offered a thousand burnt offerings and was accepted by God. Then God appeared to him and he asked for wisdom. This was also granted by God. On the other side it concerned Paul was the faithful housekeeper of God. He was willing to be a servant who denied himself totally to humble and suffer. We as God's housekeepers ought to offer and deny everything, not to desire for the external wealth but for Christ's love and power to restore the failing and depraving church.

A. Be faithful housekeepers, deny oneself and offer everything, and do not boast of oneself

Offer everything (2 Ch 1:1-6) - Be faithful (1 Co 4:1-7)

1.【The throne is established for God is with him】1 By the will and promise of God Solomon became the king of Israel. He feared God and obeyed the Lord's Word. He maintained justice and righteousness. He removed all the opportunists in the nation thoroughly. Thus God established his throne. (Pro 16:12) God was with him and made him exceedingly great.

※【God commends faithful housekeepers】1-7 Paul was also the servant of Christ and was entrusted with the secret things of God by the will and promise of God. He was faithful to God's assignment and established by God. He did not care about the judgment of others and he did not judge himself. At the appointed time he would receive his praise. We ought to be faithful and good servant to keep hold of the deep truths of the faith. We also ought to deal clearly with our evil thought and what is hidden in darkness, then we will be established till the end full of God's presence. We ought to learn from Moses, David and Bezalel to receive the ark of God to our heart. Though they were dead, their deeds followed them.

2.【Lead men to love God and offer everything】1-6 Solomon reigned and he led the whole nation loved God. He and the whole assembly went near the altar (the bronze altar of God's Tent of Meeting - the cross) to offer a thousand burnt offering, a complete offering without any reserve.

※【Lead men to value the Scriptures】1-7 Paul as the servant of Christ exalted Him all his life. He exalted the Scriptures and told us to learn from him and Apollos not to go beyond what is written, lest we will take pride in one man over against another. We ought to humble to love God and obey His Word and lead men completely before God. Solomon led the whole assembly before the altar to offer completely to enkindle the fire of love. Paul led men to love and value God's words more than anything. The Lord's words are the only standard. (Isa 8:20; 42:21)

**B. Ask for wisdom, deny yourself completely, the spirit becomes abundant and full of power**

Ask for wisdom (2 Ch 1:7-17) - Deny yourself completely (1 Co 4:8-21)

1.【Ask for wisdom to be able to judge】7-10 God accepted the offering of Solomon and that night He appeared to him. God asked Solomon what did he want. He had in mind the matters of God. He did not ask anything for himself but for wisdom and knowledge to govern this great people.

※【To deny yourself completely is true wisdom】8-10 Some of the people in the church of Corinth were arrogant. They thought they were rich and did not need the apostle. But Paul was humble and denying like a man condemned to die. He was willing to be made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. Though he was dishonored and treated as fools, he was truly wise. Solomon only asked for wisdom. Paul did not ask for anything except to deny himself completely and everything for the church and to gain men.

2.【Is granted by God】11-13 Solomon did not ask for abundant wealth and honor. Nor did he ask for the death of his enemies. He only asked for wisdom and knowledge to judge his people. Thus he was delighted by God and answered. He was not only given wisdom and knowledge, but also great wealth, abundance and honor.

※【Is tested by God】11-13 For the sake of Christ, Paul the apostle paid all the price to bear humiliation and persecution willingly. When he was cursed, he blessed. When he was slandered, he answered kindly. He was even treated as the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world. Solomon was not only granted for judging his people. It exceeded his plea. He was given all the honor and abundance. Paul denied and offered completely. He was tested by God to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

3.【Value wealth and fame】14-17 Solomon reigned. His nations was rich and his people were strong. He kept the chariots and horses in the chariot cities and also in Jerusalem where the king dwelled. He stored a lot of gold and silver like stones and cedars as plentiful as sycamore-fig trees in the foothills. However, he did not write a copy of God's law in his heart. He did not keep God's decrees all the while. He valued wealth and power more than God's command. As such he gradually stored a lot of gold and silver for himself and acquired great numbers of horses which was prohibited by God. (Deu 17:14-20)

※【Value the kingdom of God】14-21 Paul as the servant of Christ did not acquire external honor, position or power. But he completely learned from Christ full of God's love and power. On one side he took the mind of a father to warn the church. On the other side he had prepared a whip to deal with those who were unwilling to repent. The church of Corinth was apparently rich but poor in the spirit. They were arrogant. Solomon valued the external wealth and power and they turned to nothing in an instant. We ought to be like Elijah and Elisha to deny oneself completely to be the chariot of Israel to protect God's children and to contend in the spirit and overcome to the end. (2 Ki 2:12; 13:14)

**Ps 148 / Rev 18:16 Main theme: Woe for glorifying oneself; exalt the Lord's words to glorify God and benefit men**

**-Glorify oneself / Glorify God**

The beautiful clothes and expensive ornaments of the world will wither like the flowers and grass by the turn of the eye and become wailing. Only by exalting the Lord's Word (that is the Lord's name Rev 19:13) as holy and gain the spiritual ornaments may we become the Lord's beautiful instrument. Then we will be exalted by Him and we may glorify God and benefit men.

(1)【Those in heaven shall praise the Lord's name】1-6 Those who are favored due to faith and dwell in heaven, or are God's angels and the heavenly hosts, being mightily used by God to shine like the sun, the moon and the shining stars or like Paul who had been to the heaven above the heaven ought to praise the name of the Lord. Those who are created due to the faith in the Word, should all the more obey to keep their position of authority, lest they may be hurled down like the arrogant cherubim.

(2)【Those on earth shall exalt the Lord's name】7-13 All who are created, may they be different classes of men, animals, small creatures, birds... whoever exalts the name of the Lord will be blessed like the prostitute Rahab. Men view as animals or small animals, but because she exalted God's words, she became the grandma in the genealogy of Jesus. Once the robber on the cross believed, he entered the paradise with the Lord that day. Those who do not exalt God's words have no share in His plan. They will receive their retribution and are punished.

(3)【The Lord raised up all His saints】14 He who always obeys the Lord's Word is a true saint of the Lord. The horn of the righteous will be raised up. When the time comes, he will reign with the Lord. We ought to give thanks and praise Him.

**Central point of the wheels: Faithful housekeepers will deny and offer completely, and will also abandon the world and praise**

Dear Lord, may You make me fear You, be firm to keep the Word, be a faithful housekeeper to glorify You and praise You!

**2 Ch 2 / 1 Co 5**

**Main theme: Remove all the old yeast, be holy and joined to build the temple**

**-Build the temple / Remove the yeast**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 2:6 1 Co 5:7

A discussion on building the temple and removing the yeast - on one side it concerned Solomon was determined to build the temple for the name of God. He selected all sorts of workers and craftsmen to work with one heart. He prepared a lot of material for building the temple. On the other side it concerned Paul rebuked the church of Corinth for there was adultery. He used his spiritual power to remove their yeast of sin so that the church might be a new batch, holy and united to become a spiritual house.

A. Remove all the old yeast, prepare for the material and serve the Lord in a holy manner

Prepare the material (2 Ch 2:1-10) - 1 Co 5:1-7)

1.【Determined to build the temple】1-6 Solomon gave orders to build a temple for the Name of the Lord. He set it apart to dedicate it to God for burning fragrant incense before Him and offer the appointed feasts so God's name and splendor might be spread to all nations. (2 Ch 22:4)

※【Determined to remove the evil】1-5 The church is the temple of God and ought to be set apart to be holy and glorious to proclaim God's name. But in the church of Corinth, someone had taken his father's wife and greatly insulted God's name. Further they were arrogant and were not contrite to remove the evil. Solomon gave orders to build a temple for God's Name. But the church of Corinth did not have the determination to drive away the one who sinned. Paul was like the bread of the Presence and the sacrifice. He was willing to present himself. He was full of the jealousy of God and utilized the power of Jesus Christ to give order to remove their evil. We ought to be humble to be contrite so our heart may become the temple to burn incense and intercede for all peoples.

2.【Get ready for suitable material】7-10 On one side king Solomon selected the workers to prepare for the stones. On the other side he sent his servants together with the servants of Tyre to prepare for the lumber. He also invited the skilled craftsmen for the art of engraving. Solomon promised to give them food, oil and wine as their reward. This means they had to eat up the Lord's words in the Holy Spirit and be filled with God's love. They had to be chiseled, chopped off, sawn and engraved to be a worker transformed in the Word, Spirit and love and all kinds of materials fit for use.

※【Remove the old yeast and be a new batch】6-7 The Lamb of the Passover Christ was slain and offered for us. The church ought to get rid of all the old yeast to be a new batch. If our evil has not be poured empty like the yeast, it will work through the whole batch of dough and jeopardize the whole church. Our flesh and the old self have to be chiseled, chopped off and go through bitter engraving, then we may become materials fit for the church use.

**B. Associate in a holy manner and build the temple together**

Supplement (2 Ch 2:11-18) - Be holy (1 Co 5:8-13)

1.【Work together and supplement one another】11-16 The king of Tyre wrote to praise the Lord, the God of Israel who gave king David a wise son to build a temple for God. He promised to send a skilled craftsman to work with the craftsmen of Solomon and David together. He would also cut all the logs and float them in rafts by sea like in the age of the apostles, the churches of the Jews and the Gentiles united to build and accomplish God's will. All the workers of the church with various gifts ought to match and work together to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Eph 4:11-12)

※【Be holy and in one】8-11 Paul pointed out to keep the Passover, old yeast should not be used. We must thoroughly remove the yeast of malice and wickedness to become the bread of sincerity and truth. Solomon was chosen to be king. He ought to have brought the whole nation to build the inner temple. Paul also pointed out that the church must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or who has repeatedly sinned heinously. The principle of working among workers should be based on the truth, love and holiness. If anyone pampers evil, he violates the requirement of God. Workers put in rafts and sent by the Lord ought to be holy and united. The king of Tyre praised God for giving counsel and wisdom to Solomon to build the temple. Paul was also given wisdom by God to build the church with truth and love.

2.【Chisel the stubborn stones and build the spiritual house together】17-18 Solomon took a census of all the aliens and assigned 70,000 of them to be carriers and 80,000 to be stonecutters in the hills, with 3,600 foremen. They had to have the burden in the spirit to edify the workers and build up the church and also to oversee and rule in the spirit. Our old self is like an obstinate stone and have to be dealt with deeply, then we may be chiseled to a living stone to build the spiritual house. (1 Pe 2:4-5) Every piece of stone has to be chiseled to the standard measurement. The foremen have to be discerned in the spirit and to oversee and check for the quality before acceptance according to God's pattern.

※【Be established together after judgment】12-13 Paul emphasized the church had the power to judge within the church, (1 Co 6:2-3) while God would judge the matters outside the church. The church is the home of God and judgment will begin with the family of God. The church ought to expel the wicked. Our internal evil is also like an obstinate stone. We ought to be judged by God every day and let God chisel out every part that does not fit His measurement, then we may have the power to judge and be established together. Paul was the wise craftsman. He was skilled in chiseling stones and he oversaw the churches so their lives might grow to be holy fit for use and become a radiant church. (Eph 5:26-27)

**Ps 149 / Rev 18:17 Main theme: The worldly riches will become empty; be humble to obey the Lord's words and be filled with power**

**-Salvation / The worldly riches**

The worldly riches will turn to nothing by an instant. We ought to humble and accept the Lord's salvation and be filled with authority and glory.

(1)【The humble men will delight because of His salvation】1-5 Those who pursue the riches of the earth will end up with nothing. But he who humbles to accept the Lord's salvation like Naaman who went down to Jordan would change his life to experience victory and be sanctified. This is to sing a new song.

(2)【The saints are full of power】6-9 Be filled with the spiritual power and use God's words like a two-edge sword to attack the nations of the world, to use the power of the throne to bind all the kings and officials who are against God to grab back all the land so men's heart will return to God. The saints of God have this power and glory.

**Central point of the wheels: Remove the yeast and build the temple, be humble to obey the Word, and praise to triumph**

Dear Lord, may You make me remove all my old yeast, be a new batch to establish myself, proclaim the gospel and triumph and praise by You!

**2 Ch 3 / 1 Co 6**

**Main theme: Remove evil to afar, be holy and love one another, and become a beautiful temple**

**-To build / To destroy**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 3:1 1 Co 6:19-20

A discussion on building and destroying - on one side it concerned Solomon started to build the temple according to the pattern instructed by God on Mount Moriah as ordained by Him. On the other side it concerned Paul rebuked the church of Corinth. There existed contention, accusation and adultery among them. Thus Paul conducted the work of demolition. The church is the temple of the Holy Spirit and must be demolished, purified and be rebuilt. The basic pattern of building the temple is holiness and loving one another.

A. Do not contend, remove any unrighteousness, set the foundation and fit to the measurement

According to the pattern (2 Ch 3:1-9) - Remove any unrighteousness (1 Co 6:1-11)

1.【Build the temple on the Mount Moriah】1-7 Solomon began to build the temple at the place appointed by God, that was on Mount Moriah where God appeared to Abraham and David (the threshing floor of Araunah. (Gen 22:1-19; 1 Ch 21:25-31)

※【Set the foundation of the cross firmly】1-8 There were disputes with one another in the church of Corinth. They had swerved from the foundation of the cross. (1 Co 3:11) On Mount Moriah where the temple was situated was the place where the Lamb of God was slain and sacrificed. (Gen 22:13) The Lord has laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. How can we hate one another? (1 Jn 3:16) Do you know that the saints can judge the world and the angels? How much more the disputes about such matters. But instead, the brothers had gone to law against another brother before the wicked. Then how could they judge the world? Solomon had prepared and began to build the temple. The church of Corinth had not prepared well and they needed Paul to set the foundation of the cross.

2.【Build according to God's pattern】1-7 The foundation Solomon laid for building God's temple was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide using the cubit of the old standard which was the ancient paths. (Jer 6:16; 1 Jn 2:24) The portico at the front of the temple, the main hall, the ceiling beams , door-frames, walls and doors of the temple were overlaid with pure gold which was to participate in the divine nature. (2 Pe 1:4) The walls were paneled with pine and carved cherubim showing God's righteousness and victory, full of the heavenly lively life and exhibiting God's glory.

※【Swerve from God's pattern】1-8 To establish the pattern of the church is the Way of love, the good Way and the holy Way of Christ. If the church quarrel and have lawsuits against one another, then we have swerved from this pattern and the ancient measurement and the command of the first love. This is a great error. They were unwilling to be wronged and not be cheated. Thus they could not manifest the righteousness and glory of Christ. They had humiliated God and did not have any witness. If all the furnishings had not been overlaid with pure gold, they would certainly exposed their shameful nature.

3.【Die completely and enter the most holy place】8-9 The building of the Most Holy Place was twenty cubits wide and long. The inside was overlaid with six hundred talents of pure gold. After the last breath of Christ on the cross, the curtain was split which led us into the Most Holy Place with a resurrected life after death. The old self has died completely and will exhibit God's glory. Though the little gold nails in the temple were insignificant, it had its spiritual weight and fit in God's requirement.

※【Remove any unrighteousness and inherit God's kingdom】9-11 Do not be deceived. The wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God. Whether it were the ceiling beams, the door-frames, or the doors or the walls had to be overlaid with pure gold. The church has to get rid of the evil of sexual immorality and idolatry to be justified and sanctified. Then they may serve in the Most Holy Place and be face to face with God to manifest God's glory and inherit the kingdom of God.

**B. Flee from adultery, unite with the Lord and serve Him with one heart**

Stand firm (2 Ch 3:10-17) - Flee from adultery (1 Co 6:12-20)

1.【Serve the Lord with one heart】10-14 There ought to be a pair of cherubim overlaid with gold in the Most Holy Place with the same measurement. One of the wings of the cherub ought to touch the other cherub and the other wing ought to touch the temple wall. This showed that the ministry in the Most Holy Place ought to be united with the Lord and with one another. The wings ought to spread high to cover the ark of God, that was to pray watchfully, to keep the Word righteously and guard the truth. (Gen 3:24)

※【Unite with the Lord】12-17 Our bodies are members of Christ and do not be mastered by anything. Do not unite with a prostitute but unite with God in one spirit like the two cherubim unite with the Lord and serve in one heart like the eagles soar on their wings to live before God and fully manifest the Lord.

2.【Stand firm in truth】15-17 Make two pillars according to the measurement and set them in front of the temple. The one to the south was named Jakin (God establishes) and the one to the north was Boaz (in Him is strength). A hundred pomegranates were ornamented on the top of each pillar. The church is the pillar of the truth and stands firm in the truth. It also stands firm in the will of God like Paul who obeyed God's will firmly to press forward to the goal despite all obstacles. (Ac 20:22-24) He was fruitful and saves a lot of people. (1 Ti 3:15)

※【Flee from adultery】18-20 The mission of the church is to witness for the truth like the two pillars in front of the temple which stood majestically and firm in the truth. For this, it must flee from sexual immorality and do not associate with the secular. It must unite with the Lord and be sanctified to bear fruit. We were bought at a price to be the pillar in the temple of God to witness Him gloriously.

**Ps 150 / Rev 18:18 Main theme: To love the world will mourn; trust in the Lord and give thanks in rejoice**

**-Rejoice / Wail**

This world is overpowered by the evil one and filled with wickedness. Its ending is destruction by fire to smoke. If we love the world, there will only be weeping and mourning. Those who love the Lord will receive the unexpected goodness and great love prepared by Him. Then we ought to praise and lead all people to praise.

(1)【We ought to praise the Lord in Him】1-2 Those who believe in the Lord and obey the Word and be in Him will see God's great deeds and experience His surpassing greatness. Then they will pour out thankful praises.

(2)【Praise the Lord with all sorts of musical instruments】3-5 At times we have to blow the trumpet to inspire men and call them to get up to contend for the Lord. At times we have to play the harp and lyre to preach the peaceful gospel which makes us rejoice. At times we will strike the tambourine and dance and rejoice in God's salvation. At times we will use the strings and flute to comfort and encourage in a tender voice. At times we will clash the cymbals to cry aloud to warn men from death. Therefore we ought to seek the spirit of wisdom to fill us and be an expert builder to provide food timely to glorify God and benefit men.

(3)【Lead all people to the Lord】6 Let everything that has breath return to the Lord to praise Him and that we may share in the blessings of the gospel.

**Central point of the wheels: Destroy evil, build the temple together and praise greatly**

Dear Lord, may You remove all the evil in my heart, be built by You to be holy and fitting to praise and proclaim You!

**2 Ch 4 / 1 Co 7**

**Main theme: Each one keeps his own post, be diligent and purified to serve the Lord with one heart**

**-Finish the work / Serve the Lord (according to the pattern /obey God's will)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 4:20-21 1 Co 7:32

A discussion on finishing the work and serving the Lord - on one side it concerned the craftsmen of Solomon finished making the bronze altar, the Sea of cast metal, the bronze bulls and every article of bronze and gold according to the pattern. On the other side it concerned Paul was inspired by the Spirit to establish the church with principles of holiness and harmony. He pointed out that to avoid adultery, each couple ought to fulfill their marital duty and serve the Lord in holiness. He also discussed on marriages and virgins. To accomplish the gospel mission, we ought to obey the Lord's will to be holy, in one, be diligent to serve and be freed from the secular entanglement.

**A. To bear the important assignment and serve the Lord in a holy manner**

Shine (2 Ch 4:1-8) - Glorify God (1 Co 7:1-9)

1.【To bear the important assignment to save men together】1-6 The craftsmen of Solomon made a bronze altar with the same length and width of twenty cubits according to God's pattern. This represented the salvation of the cross with the measurement of righteousness and unfailing love. God's mind wants all peoples to be saved and to understand the truth. They also made the Sea of cast metal representing the wells of salvation. (Isa 12:3) Twelve bronze bulls were casted under the Sea with three facing each direction of north, west, south, and east. Their hindquarters were toward the center like the workers were called to be assigned for important mission to spread the gospel and save men. They all had the same spirit to run to the four directions. They then made ten basins for washing to be sanctified by the Word to set apart to be holy to serve and worship God.

※【Be holy and united to serve the Lord】1-6 Paul was like a builder to build the spiritual house. He answered the church about the fallacy of not to marry for male and female. All the furnishings in the temple had a fixed measurement and pattern. We too ought to abide by the truth and the holy requirement in marriage and in the family. To avoid adultery, the couple ought to treat each other properly lest they may be tempted to sin. The church has to accomplish the mission of the gospel like the bronze bulls carried the Sea. They had to tremble in holiness and save men in one heart.

2.【Shine and glorify God】7-8 Solomon gave orders to make ten gold lampstands and placed them equally on the south and north. The church is the lampstand. First of all, we ought to empty ourselves and love one another. We must be connected in the spirit and pray like crushing oil. Then we will radiate the light of the Holy Spirit to glorify God. Then they made ten tables and one hundred gold sprinkling bowls to set the abundant spiritual food to share with others to gain more abundant life.

※【Also have to glorify God】7-9 Paul wished that the unmarried and the widows be like him with a different spirit to serve the Lord wholeheartedly. But each man has his own gift. (Mt 19:10-12) If they cannot control themselves, they should marry. No matter what they should be holy and shine to glorify God's name like the gold lampstand in the temple to live out the glorious witness of Christ. Paul was willing to deny all his freedom and power for gospel like the gold table and bowls with abundant life to be set so others may enjoy the abundance and salvation of God together.

**B. Precious instruments are diligent to serve the Lord and please the Lord**

Fit for use (2 Ch 4:9-22) - Be diligent (1 Co 7:10-40)

1.【Finish the work of the temple according to the pattern】9-18 He made the courtyard of the priests, and the large court and the doors for the court. The doors were to lead men to advance step by step in life and enter the door of salvation, sanctification and glory. Huram had finished the work of the temple and they were all made of shiny bronze according to the pattern. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ. He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion. (Eph 2:10; Php 1:6)

※【Keep the commands and save men in harmony】10-24 To the married, a wife or husband must not separate from the husband or wife. If any brother has a wife who is not a believer or whose husband is not a believer, they should not divorce the other party. God has called us to live in peace. In everything bear good witnesses like the doors for the court and the doors which lead men to enter the temple to gain salvation and an abundant life. Each man should remain in the situation God called him to as the slave of Christ freed by Him. The Lord's command is the pattern; observe God's command and then the work of the temple will be finished. We were brought at a price and ought to be a bronze instrument with the witness to suffer and shine.

2.【Instruments of pure gold fit for the Lord's use】19-22 The craftsmen of Solomon made the golden altar, the tables and the lampstands and all the gold furnishings, the lamps, the tongs, wick trimmers, sprinkling bowls, dishes, etc. Though they were insignificant, the most important was they might cleanse themselves from the ignoble; they will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master. (2 Ti 2:21) To work in the will of God and be accepted, small instrument are essential. The doors of the Most Holy Place and the doors of the temple were overlaid with gold and manifested God's most holy glory.

※【Serve the Lord diligently pleases Him】25-40 Finally the faithful Paul spoke about virgins and his own idea. Time is short now, we ought to bear the mind of the Lord to grab to save the souls and to remain as you are. The present form of this world is passing away. All saints ought to build up according to the pattern of God to become big or small instrument of pure to gold to live in the will of God without worry to serve the Lord wholeheartedly, diligently and in a holy manner. Only to seek the delight of the Lord is the temple's instrument of pure gold fit for use.

**Pr 1 / Rev 18:19 Main theme: Woe for being led astray to love the world; blessed is he who fears God and obeys the Word**

**-Obey the Word / Love the world**

Whoever covets the world though has instant gain, it will turn to nothing and wailing by an instance. How foolish! Listen and follow the Lord's words gain true wisdom.

(1)【The function of the proverbs】1-6 enable men to be wise, to handle things fairly and justly with knowledge and discretion, to be discerned in the enemy's plot to contend in spiritual fight and understand the mystery.

(2)【Listen to the Lord's words and do not follow evil】7-19 Obey the Lord and gain glory; be led astray to do evil or to benefit oneself at the expense of others will destroy one's life.

(3)【We ought to return due to the Lord's words】20-23 The Lord's words in the Scriptures are true wisdom and have been spread throughout the land. Unfortunately the fools only care for worldly things before their eyes. We ought to return due to the rebuke of the Lord. He wants to pour out His heart to us and made His thoughts known to us.

(4)【Do not listen to the Lord's words will bring trouble】24-33 Regrettably men mostly do not want to listen. They do not mind about the Lord and reject His exhortation. They are hard-hearted, wayward and complacent. When the time comes disasters will come and there is no way to regret. Only by listening to the Lord and be in Him will have true peace.

**Central point of the wheels: Do not follow evil, serve the Lord wholeheartedly and accomplish the important assignment**

Dear Lord, may You let me be pure in heart to serve You, be refined by You to be a precious instrument and be faithful to accomplish the important assignment of saving men.

**2 Ch 5 / 1 Co 8**

**Main theme: Do not be on the outside, let the Lord's words be held in your heart and do not be a stumbling block**

**-Receive the Ark / Walk the Way of love**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 5:13-14 1 Co 8:1-3

A discussion on receiving the ark and walking the Way of love - on one side it concerned Solomon led the whole nation to bring up the ark into the inner sanctuary. The priests and Levites sang, praised and gave thanks to the Lord as with one voice to extol God's unfailing love. On the other side it concerned Paul led the church to pursue God's love and not to become a stumbling block to the weak. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The ark represents God, His Word and His love. We ought to receive Him into our heart so that our love takes root and has a foundation.

A. Let the Word be held in our heart to love God and to love men and do not be a stumbling block

Obey the Word (2 Ch 5:1-10) - Love God (1 Co 8:1-9)

1.【Bring the ark into the inner sanctuary】1-7 After Solomon had finished all the work of the temple, he brought all the gold and silver instrument which his father David had set apart to be holy and placed them in the treasuries of the temple. He also led the whole nation offer sacrifices before the ark and gave thanks to God. Then the ark was brought to the inner sanctuary.

※【Let God's love be held in the heart】1-6 Paul led the church be built up in love (Eph 4:16) so their inner temple might be accomplished at an early date. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. We ought keep the love of God in our heart like the ark was brought into the inner sanctuary. About the food sacrificed to idols, an idols is nothing at all. There is only one God and one Savior through whom all things came. David loved God and God knew this. He sacrificed everything to God and they were placed in the temple forever be remembered. We ought to learn from David and Paul to be humble forever and to love God and love men!

2.【Be watchful to keep the Word】8-10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which was the covenant God made with His people. Our hearts should only have the Lord and the Word of the Lord. There is nothing we want apart from the Lord. The cherubim spread out their wings and covered the ark. We shall not only keep His Word in our heart, we also need to be like the cherubim to possess the life in the Most Holy Place to be watchful to keep the ark and be faithful to guard the truth. (Ps 119:11; 1 Ti 3:9)

※【Keep the Way of love】7-9 Food does not bring us near to God and idols are nothing. Some people are accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idols, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. We ought to learn from Paul to have the life of the inner sanctuary to bear the weakness of others. We need to be careful and watchful to keep the Way of love and keep God's Word in our heart lest our freedom becomes a stumbling block to the weak. Our freedom ought to be in the truth and in the Holy Spirit and should not be abused. Love does no harm to its neighbor. As we possess the life of the inner sanctuary, we also need a life to love one another.

**B. Consider the Lord's love, do not be a stumbling block and be filled with the glory**

Love God (2 Ch 5:11-14) - Love men (1 Co 8:10-13)

1.【Sing of God's love】11-13 The Levites dressed in holy fine linen sang to praise God's love. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. The trumpeters and signers joined in unison, as with one voice to give praise to the Lord and His powerful ark and entered His resting place. (Ps 132:7-18; 24:7-10)

※【Consider the Lord's love】10-12 Paul encouraged the saints not only to have knowledge and to consider God's love; not only for their own conscience but also for those with a weak conscience lest they might wound them. (1 Co 10:28-29) This is because if we wronged our brother, we have sinned against Christ. Therefore we ought to consider the love of the Lord and bear the weakness of our brothers like the priests and Levites in the temple who were one in heart and spirit to sing of God's unfailing love.

2.【Be filled with the glory】13-14 When the ark of God was brought into the inner sanctuary and the priest and Levites sang to praise God's love, the glory of God filled the temple, even the priest could not perform their service. When the Holy Spirit works, there is no need for men's work.

※【Filled with God's love】13 Paul's heart was filled with God's love and nothing of himself! If what he ate caused his brother to fall into sin, he would never eat meat again. He received Christ and the love of Christ into his heart like the ark entered the inner sanctuary and it was filled with God's glory. Paul denied himself all his life and exhibited the image of Christ. The Holy Spirit worked with him and filled him with God's glory! Though Solomon had brought the ark into the temple, he did not receive the Word of God and His love into his heart. As such he sinned and was depraved and jeopardized all his people. He did everything for himself and loved himself only. He insulted God's holy name!

**Pr 2 / Rev 18:20 Main theme: Seek zealously, be blameless, escape from evil and God redresses**

**-Seek zealously / Redress**

The sinful power of the great Babylon had misled and jeopardized many saints, apostles and prophets. When the time comes God will let her be destroyed. We ought to seek persistently and will be redeemed by the Lord to turn from evil and redress for us.

(1)【How to seek】1-6 To seek the Lord must be in the Scriptures and the truth. We need to humble to accept, store it up, pay attention, apply to the heart and also to call out to the Holy Spirit to lead us into the depth of the truth. Then we may understand to know God.

(2)【Seek to understand the Word and do what it says and go forward】7-22 Seek to understand and obey the Word, and we will be protected from the power of the wicked, lest we will be destroyed. We ought to pursue to know the Lord and make every effort to become mature to walk the path of the good and the righteous. Then we will gain the precious promise of God so all people will be blessed because of us. Those who are unfaithful who turn from the Word and back out will be cut off by the Lord. We ought to learn from Paul to press forward toward the goal and be blessed and rewarded greatly.

**Central point of the wheels: Let the Word be held in the heart, keep the Word and turn from sin to love God and to love men**

Dear Lord, I am willing to receive your Word into my heart, to turn from evil and consider your mind, to love God and to love men to exhibit your glory!

**2 Ch 6 / 1 Co 9**

**Main theme: Be willing to deny everything, plead and proclaim extensively so as to gain the crown**

-**Plead extensively / Proclaim widely**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 6:4, 1 Co 9:16-17

A discussion on pleading extensively and proclaiming widely - on one side it concerned that after Solomon had built the temple, he gave thanks and extolled God. He also considered God's mind to pray for His people and the Gentiles. He prayed, confessed and interceded for all sorts of matters. On the other side it concerned Paul beat and denied himself for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel extensively and to save more souls. This teaches that we ought to deny ourselves to pay the price for the gospel. To plead and proclaim extensively is not by running aimlessly or beating the air but like Paul who beat his body and made it his slave. To preach the gospel to others, we will also be guarded and be fully rewarded.

**A. Deny everything for the gospel, God promises and God accomplishes it**

Offer everything (2 Ch 6:1-23) - Deny everything (1 Co 9:1-15)

1.【Build the temple and God dwells forever】1-3 Solomon had built the temple according to God's will. He brought the ark of God into the inner sanctuary and was accepted by God. Thus God's glory filled the temple and it became God's everlasting dwelling. So the king blessed the assembly and they stood up in response to worship God. We ought to be contrite and tremble due to God's words to become a dwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Isa 66:1-2)

※【Build the church and God seals it】1-2 Paul was called to be the apostle to build up the church of Corinth. Now that they were in the Lord and this was the seal of his apostleship just like Solomon built the temple of God according to God's will and the temple was filled with God's glory and became the everlasting dwelling of God. Though someone did not acknowledge the position of Paul as an apostle, God's glory and Word filled him. He was face to face in the inner sanctuary with God full of the seal of the Holy Spirit.

2.【Prepare the materials and offer everything】4-11 David had determined to build a temple for the name of God. God had not granted him but He made a covenant to promise his son to build it. Thus David submitted to God and had been very active in preparing the gold, silver, costly stones and material for God's temple. He loved God's temple and was willing to devote all his personal treasures to the temple. (1 Ch 29:1-19)

※【Deny everything for the gospel】3-15 Paul denied all his freedom and right for the gospel. He did not take a believing wife like other apostles and he did not receive his living from the gospel. On the contrary, he put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. He would rather die than have anyone deprive him of the boast. Paul gave up everything for the church. David devoted everything for God's temple. They were forever praised and remembered.

3.【Praise God's promise】12-23 Solomon spread out his hands to praise God for He had promised to his father with His mouth and fulfilled with His hands. He prayed to God to fulfill what He had promised to David which was never to fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel, only if his sons would be careful to obey. He prayed that God would open His eyes toward the temple and to hear the confession and prayer of His servants. He started to pray to God that if a man wronged his neighbor and came to swear an oath, God would hear him to repay the guilty and establish his innocence.

※【Cite God's promise】9-15 In order to expound that workers might receive their living from the gospel was God's order and it was also the truth of the old and new Testament, Paul confirmed many areas of the Scriptures to prove workers get their wage was obligated. (Deu 25:4; 1 Ti 5:18) Solomon praised God for He promised with His mouth and fulfilled with His hands. Paul confirmed God's promised to the workers. They were true. However, Paul did not exercise his right in the church of Corinth. Instead he put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel. Paul was willing to deprive of everything. He himself was the glorious dwelling of God and also a house of prayer for all nations that satisfied God's heart.

B. Be humble and beat yourself, plead and proclaim extensively so as to gain more people

Intercede (2 Ch 6:24-42) - To gain men (1 Co 9:16-27)

1.【Confess and intercede for the people】24-31 Solomon prayed in various aspects for the people of God. If they had sinned against God and were defeated by their enemy or encountered famine or plague and then turned back to spread out their hands to confess God's name and turn from evil, Solomon prayed God would listen and forgive, so they might be blessed to return. Solomon prayed God might send rain and teach them the right way to live so they might honor God and obey the Word all their life.

※【Willing to be a servant to gain more men】16-19 Paul treated preaching the gospel as an obligation, (Ro 1:14) "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" He was willing to be the servants of many and offer it free of charge in order to gain more people. In order that the people might be blessed, Solomon also paid the price to intercede in many areas. On one side was to make the people return through interceding. On the other side was to lead men to return through preaching the gospel. Both were to make people be blessed. If this is done willingly, there is a reward.

2.【Plead extensively for all people】32-39 Solomon bore the mind of God to pray for the foreigners. If they would come from a distant land to pray toward the temple, he prayed God might listen so that all the peoples of the earth might know His name like the chosen people. He also interceded for those who were sent to go to war, so they might uphold their cause. He also prayed for those who had sinned against Him and were given over to the enemy. If they would turn back to God with all their heart and soul, he prayed that God would listen and uphold their cause to forgive their wrong.

※【Deny yourself for the gospel】20-23 Paul denied and humbled himself. Everything he did was for the cause of the gospel. He had become all things to all men so that by all possible means he might save some. Solomon also considered God's mind that all foreigners might know God and he interceded for the foreigners. Therefore whether to intercede or to preach, we ought to learn from Paul, full of the heart to love the souls and to deny and humble so men share in the blessings of the gospel.

3.【Intercede zealously to avoid being forsaken】40-42 Solomon prayed that God and the ark of His might to come to His resting place so the priest might be clothed with salvation and the saints rejoiced in His goodness. Finally he prayed that God would hear his prayer not to reject His anointed one and remember the great love promised to David.

※【Beat my body and be guarded】24-27 All the life of Paul was in a race in order to get the prize. (Php3:13-14) And like competing in the games, there will be strict training in order to get a crown that will last forever. Though Solomon had prayed to God not to reject him, he was unwilling to be like Paul to 'beat his body'. As a result he depraved in grace. He was utterly discredited and lost his crown. We ought to tremble to trust in the Holy Spirit to put the flesh to death, lest we preach the gospel to others and we ourselves are disqualified for the prize.

**Pr 3 / Rev 18:21 Main theme: Destroy all evil, plead to understand the Lord, be bold to do good and be humble forever**

**-Be thrown down fiercely / Seek the Lord**

The mighty angel threw down the great Babylon who was guilty of monstrous crimes into the sea, never to be found again. We ought to throw down our sins forever by the might of the Lord to imitate Paul to die everyday. We ought to die completely to everything forever but to live for the Lord, obey His will and enter the kingdom of God. This chapter discussed on keeping the Lord's words carefully and to do good to be favored.

(1)【Do not forget the Lord's words but to give thanks and be willing to offer】1-12 Do not forget the Lord's words. Exalt the Lord in all things. Give thanks, be willing to offer, take lesson and return to the right path.

(2)【Make every effort to understand the Lord and everything works for the good of it】13-20 Pursue to know the Lord and change to become like Him. Heaven and earth will work for the good of it because He is Almighty.

(3)【Fix the eyes on the Lord's words and follow Him closely so the enemy cannot harm us】21-26 Fix your eyes on the Lord's words and be brave without fear, then the enemy cannot harm you.

(4)【Be zealous to do good and be away from evil, be humble to walk with the Lord forever】27-35 Be zealous to do good, shun from contention and perversion.

**Central point of the wheels: Abandon evil and be willing to deny, plead and proclaim extensively to gain the crown**

Dear Lord, may You let me keep your Word carefully all my life, reject evil, consider your mind to plead and proclaim for thousands of people.

**2 Ch 7 / 1 Co 10**

**Main theme: Tremble to obey in grace and in everything glorify God and benefit men**

**-Take warning / Take lesson**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 7:14-15 1 Co 10:13

A discussion on taking warning and taking lesson - on one side it concerned that after Solomon had prayed, God's glory filled the temple. God appeared to him again and warned him to imitate David to keep and obey the Word. If he ever turned from God, disasters would come. On the other side it concerned Paul brought the rebellion and encounter of the forefathers of Israel to warn the people of the last phase. Those who think they may stand firm must be careful, lest they will fall.

**A. Be favored and revive, and take the warning deeply**

Praise (2 Ch 7:1-10) - 1 Co 10:1-13)

1.【The fire of love burns and is filled with God's glory】1-3 When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering. God had accepted his prayer and the glory of God had once again filled the temple. When the Israelites saw this, they knelt down with their faces to the ground. The fire of love burned and their hearts were filled with praises of the ever loving God.

※【Through clouds and sea, be favored and loved】1-4 After the Israelites had left Egypt, they experienced God's love and great wonders. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. (Ro 6:3-4) They also enjoyed the spiritual food and drink (the Rock was Christ) just like Solomon had finished his prayer. They were accepted by God and filled with His glory. The whole assembly was favored.

2.【Offer and is favored and thus praise】4-7 The king and the whole assembly offered sacrifices before God and dedicated the temple of God. Thereafter the priests took their position. The Levites took the musical instruments made by David and praised the everlasting love of God.

※【Coveted and sinned and thus fell】5-10 Though the Israelites were favored in the desert, they indulged in grace. They set their hearts on evil things and worshiped idols. They committed sexual immorality and tested the Lord. They grumbled and were penalized and died. On one side was giving thanks and sacrifices to God. They praised God and were favored. On the other side was ungratefulness. They sinned and depraved. They were filled with groaning and complaint. We ought to listen and tremble in grace, to serve the Lord watchfully and be humble to be contrite. In this way we will give thanks and sacrifice to praise God!

3.【Remember the Lord's love】8-10 Solomon and all Israel gathered a vast assembly. They remembered the love of the Lord together and observed the Tabernacles for seven days and the dedication. All the people were grateful and rejoiced at the grace from God.

※【Take warning deeply】11-13 The result that happened to the Israelites is a warning to the people of the ages to come. Therefore, we ought to observe the Feast of the Tabernacles in the heart to remember the Lord's love. We ought to unite with the Lord and dwell in joy with Him. Do not think that we may stand firm but to remember firmly the promise of the Lord. Trust in the faithful God and overcome all trials, be joyous in trembling and be warned deeply to avoid falling down.

**B. Obey the Word forever, do not forsake the Lord, remember Him and deny yourself**

To warn (2 Ch 7:11-22) - To keep carefully (1 Co 10:14-33)

1.【Turn from the evil action and keep the Lord's Word】11-18 When Solomon had finished the temple and the royal palace, God appeared to him again at night. He warned him and the elect if they learned as David to keep God's Word, His eyes and His heart would always be in the temple. If they humbled and prayed in their distress to seek God's face and turned from their evil action, God would hear and forgive.

※ 【Flee from idolatry and remember the Lord】14-22 The church is the temple of God and ought to be set apart to be holy. We ought to remember the Lord always and to participate in the blood and body of Christ. But we must turn from idol worship or to participate with demons. Do not arouse the Lord's jealousy. God also warned Solomon of the same. We ought to learn from David to keep the Lord's Word and turn from evil act. But he did not take the lesson but was enticed to follow other gods like participating with demons and provoked God's wrath.

2.【Bring calamity to the country and the people】19-22 God warned Solomon if he turned away and forsook God's commands to serve other others, he would be uprooted from the good land. God would also depart from the temple which He had consecrated for His Name. They would become a byword among all peoples. Sure enough this came true and brought disasters to all the people.

※【Glorify God and benefit men】23-33 The apostle taught us to seek the good of others and not for our own. The earth is filled with God's abundance. Whatever is sold in the market, just eat without raising questions. But if someone said it was offered in sacrifice, then do not eat it for the sake of the man's conscience, lest they might fall. So whatever we do, do it all for the glory of God and learn from Paul to teach with our words and our body. In everything, do it for the good of many and to please the Lord. Solomon did not learn from David and did not take the lesson. He only indulged in himself and the result was putting the whole nation in disasters. He greatly insulted God.

**Pr 4 / Rev 18:22: Main theme: Do not listen to the worldly voice but listen to the Lord's voice and fix your eyes to follow closely**

**-The Lord's voice /The worldly voice**

(1)【Do not listen to the worldly voice】Though the different voices in the world are pleasing to the ear and let us get drunk, they are noisy and deafening, sinful and laborious. The Lord Jesus told us: Only one thing is needed, that is to pay attention to the Lord's words. (Lk 10:42) Do not attend to trifles to the neglect of essentials. The Lord's word is life. Blessed is he who listens to His words.

(2)【Obey the Lord's words completely】1-12 The entire Bible was written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He who has an ear, let him hear with attention. Do not forget or swerve from it. Love the Lord's words and seek unceasingly. Exalt and embrace the words of wisdom. It is better to forsake everything to keep it like Joseph and Daniel. They kept it firmly and were greatly honored. They gave light and saved many. The path of the righteous shines ever brighter.

(3)【Hold on to instruction】13-22 Hold on to the Lord's words and do not let them go. Then you may turn from evil.

(4)【Be careful to keep the mouth, the eyes and the action】23-27 We ought to press on toward the goal like Elisha focused and followed closely after Elijah (a good example of a prophet). He finally inherited a double portion of the spirit and accomplished the commission of God victoriously.

**Central point of the wheels: Take warning and obey the Word forever to avoid being rejected or be a stumbling block**

Dear Lord, may You let me take deep warning due to your words, to turn from evil and obey the Word to glorify God and benefit men, and be guarded by You!

**2 Ch 8 / 1 Co 11**

**Main theme: Keep the Lord's command, cover the head in the spirit - be submissive to authority and take one's own position, always examine oneself and wait for the Lord's coming**

**-Swerve / Examine oneself (obey/cover the head)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 8:15 1 Co 11:1

A discussion on swerving and examining oneself - on one side it concerned that after Solomon had finished building the temple and his own palace, he also built many villages and fortified cities. Every year he observed God's feasts for three times. However, he had already swerved from God's path. He blindly pursued the worldly wealth and gain. On the other side it concerned Paul built the church of Corinth in the spirit. He corrected the women for not standing at their own position and the confusing situation of the church which took the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner. He led the church to do sequentially, be submissive to authority to remember and imitate from the Lord without swerving. (According to 1 Co 11:1-16 on women covering their head and having long hair, they had their local background at that time. In line with their practices, Paul stated the truth that women ought to submit to the husband and the church ought to submit to Christ.)

A. Rebuild firmly, cover the head in the spirit and hold on to the proclamation

Rebuild firmly (2 Ch 8:1-10) - Cover the head (1 Co 11:1-16)

1.【Rebuild the fortified cities and villages】1-10 When Solomon had finished building the temple and his own palace, he rebuilt villages in various places and many store cities. But he did not pay attention to the inner built up of himself and his people.

※【Keep the Word firmly without confusion】1-10 Paul built up the church of Corinth and set himself as the example. In everything he learned from Christ and paid attention to the inner built up. He encouraged the church to learn from him as he learned from Christ. Solomon did not completely learned from David. He built his palace for thirteen years. Paul also encouraged the church to keep what he preached firmly; to keep ones heart firmly with walls, gates and bars. He pointed out that the head of every man was Christ, and the head of the woman was man, and the head of Christ was God. Every woman who prayed or prophesied should stand in her position, submit to authority and cover her head. In everything, let Christ be the head. Paul built the church from the fundamental but Solomon built a lot externally.

2.【Destroy the inner foes and be fighting warriors】1-10 Many foreign descendants were not destroyed from the land of Israel and Solomon conscripted them for his slave labor force. But the Israelites were his fighting men and commanders to protect the nation. We ought to put our flesh to death to be a warrior of Christ!

※【Go according to rules and submit to authority】11-16 Men and women in the church ought to have different position and priority. For as woman came from man and was created for man. Woman ought to submit to authority according to practice, to cover her head and stand at her position. If a woman has long hair, it is her glory so as to differentiate between man and woman. Paul and Solomon were full of the wisdom of God and skilled in governance. On one side was to do according to God's requirement to differentiate the foreigners from the chosen people. On the other side was to submit to God's authority to differentiate man from woman. Paul was like a commander in the army full of the spiritual authority. He led the churches to act according to rules and the truth.

**B. Remember the Lord and always examine yourself, keep the Word firmly without swerving**

Be led astray (2 Ch 8:11-18) - Examine oneself (1 Co 11:17-34)

1.【Set apart the holy from the worldly】11 Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the City of David after he had built the palace for her in order to set apart the holy from the worldly because the places the ark of the Lord had entered were holy. But this is just the external. More important is that the mind is set apart to be holy from the worldly and to pursue a holy and blameless thought.

※【Do not set apart the holy from the worldly】17-22 Paul rebuked the church of Corinth for not setting apart to be holy from the world and there was confusion in the Lord's Supper. There were divisions among them and they ate their meal with the Lord's Supper. Or one remained hungry and another got drunk. Outwardly Solomon seemed to have set apart the holy from the worldly, yet he was not inwardly honest and attentive to the Holy Word. He did not gain the commendation of the Lord, just like Paul did not extol the church of Corinth. Their gathering had lost the real intention of holiness and love.

2.【Each performs one's duty and praises God】12-15 Solomon appointed the priests and the Levites for their duties who led the praise to worship God according to David's ordinance. He also appointed the gatekeepers by divisions for the various gates. They did not deviate from the king's commands in any matter. But Solomon was only outwardly attentive to God's orders. Each year he observed God's three annual feasts.

※【Observe the Lord's supper firmly and remember Him】23-26 The church ought to observe the Lord's command to observe the Lord's Supper and worship. This is also to keep God's feasts (the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread) in order to remember the great love of the Lord's redemption for He had used His blood to set a new covenant for us. Thus we ought to keep the covenant and obey the Word in grace. No matter we partake the Lord's Supper or to observe the feast, to sacrifice or minister, we ought to do it with a faithful heart to remember Christ, the slain Lamb. On one side we ought to remember the Lord always till he comes again. On the other side we ought to be watchful to keep the gates. We ought to pay attention to observe the Lord's commands and the orders of David, the man of God. (Lk 22:17-19)

3.【Pursue wealth and gain will be captivated】16-18 Though Solomon had finished the building of the temple, the built up of his heart was terribly ruined. He blindly pursued after worldly treasure. The king of Tyre sent him ships commanded by men who knew the sea to those places. Each year he received six hundred sixty six talents of gold. But he did not pursue the holy word which was more precious than the gold.

※【Always examine ourselves lest we may be punished】27-34 Whoever ought to examine himself and to eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord in a worthy manner lest he will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who does not recognize the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. Thus some were disciplined by the Lord. Outwardly Solomon kept the ordinance and feasts. But his heart followed wealth and he did not examine himself. He would be condemned and judged. Paul kept the Lord's Word firmly for the church and was faithful till the end. Solomon did not persist in keeping the Lord's Word. He was selfish and ignored the people leading to his depravation in his old age.

**Pr 5 / Rev 18:23 Main theme: Do not be led astray, be far from adultery, thirst for the holy words to avoid the enemy's harm**

**-Be far from sin / Thirst for the Word**

This world, is like the great prostitute, uses sorcery to bewitch all nations. The light of the world represents the various types of philosophy, doctrines and sects which lead men to a wrong path. Only the Lord's truth is true light that leads us to eternity. The worldly affection is no more than the sweetness of the new bride and bridegroom. But will it never change forever? The nobles of the world are vile in the eyes of God. If we pursue all these worldly things, our ending is misery and in the dark. So how not to be led astray:

(1)【Listen to the Lord's words】1-6 Pay attention to the Lord's words and you will have wisdom and discretion, without being led astray by the prostitute. (This prostitute refers to the evil deception of the world, the lies and deception of the false prophets and the anti-Christ.)

(2)【Be far from adultery】7-14 We ought to turn away from evil and false word. Whoever gets near will be endangered.

(3)【Thirst for the living water】15-19 We ought to open our mouth wide to receive the Lord's words, the Lord's Spirit and His love; just like Paul did not consider himself yet to have taken hold of it. He sought the Lord unceasingly and pressed on toward the goal.

(4)【To avoid being led astray and die】20-23 Why be led astray to crave for the adulteress and walk towards death? The Holy Spirit has worried and groaned for us. We ought to return due to the Lord's words and gain life.

**Central point of the wheels: Keep the Word firmly, be far from the temptation of sin, cover the head in the spirit and serve the Lord forever**

Dear Lord, may You make me keep your Word firmly, be submissive to authority, be far from the temptation of sin and imitate You and serve You!

**2 Ch 9 / 1 Co 12**

**Main theme: Do not boast of your gift, your gift is to glorify God and benefit men**

**-To thirst for / To pursue**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 9:7 1 Co 12:26

A discussion on thirsting for and pursuing - on one side it concerned the queen of Sheba came to thirst for hearing the words of wisdom of Solomon. She was fully satisfied and they even far exceeded her expectation. She returned with abundance. Though Solomon had the utmost wisdom, he swerved from the Lord's Word gradually and pursued wealth and power. On the other side Paul taught us to thirst to pursue for the Holy Spirit and all sorts of gifts from the Holy Spirit for edifying the church. He also taught us to deny ourselves to care for others to exhibit the glory of the kingdom of God.

A. Thirst to seek the Lord, exceed what you think, gain the gift to benefit others

Thirst for the Lord (2 Ch 9:1-12) - Surrender (1 Co 12:1-11)

1.【Thirst and seek will be favored】1-2 When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame, she came from the ends of the earth to hear his wisdom. (Mt 12:42) She was not satisfied with her position, wealth, power and honor. Thus she thirsted and pursued. She poured out her heart to the king and received very satisfactory reply. Those who seek the Lord find Him. (Pro 8:17) Solomon only represented Christ. All his wisdom and abundance was from God. All the fullness and wisdom of God dwell in Christ! (Col 1:19; 2:9-10) We ought to be like the queen of Sheba to thirst and seek to be favored, and we will gain the true wisdom.

※【Thirst for the spiritual gifts】1-3 We were originally somehow or other influenced and led astray to mute idols. Now that we are inspired by the Holy Spirit, we ought to turn from all detestable idols just like the queen thirsted and sought. We shall not only know Jesus is Lord but also be able to be discerned the right from wrong in the Holy Spirit.

2.【See the majestic kingdom personally】3-8 The queen of Sheba saw the kingship, honor, righteousness and the splendor of Solomon and was overwhelmed. She was greatly shocked and could not stop praising the great wisdom God and bestowed to Solomon. It had far exceeded the report she heard. How happy it was that his officials were able to stand before him and hear his wisdom.

※ 【Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit】4-11 The Holy Spirit has manifested different gifts to different people. Therefore each of us ought to be dutiful to build up the body of Christ for the common good; just like the officials of Solomon sat accordingly with different duties. They all heard the words of wisdom of the king and served him with different gifts to manifest the splendor of God's kingdom.

3.【Give thanks and offer and exceed the expectation】9-12 The queen gave large quantities of precious gold, precious stones and spices to represent her gratefulness and esteem. In return Solomon gave her more than she had brought him. This fully reflected the abundant grace of the king so she was fully loaded. (Jn 1:14-16)

※【The Holy Spirit bestows all sorts of gifts】4-11 We are favored because God worked in us. The Holy Spirit gives us His gifts just as He determines, only if we submit before God. Then the Holy Spirit will pour out generously on us, just like the queen was favored. (Tit 3:5-6) On one side was to offer the treasures to our Lord. On the other side was to submit completely due to the inspiration of the Lord's love. Then we will receive all the fullness in Christ.

**B. Do not plead for oneself; deny oneself to care for others and plead fervently for God's love**

For self (2 Ch 9:13-31) - Deny oneself (1 Co 12:12-31)

1.【Pursue for wealth and power for oneself】13-21 Solomon violated God's order and acquired gold and great number of horses for himself. This was prohibited by God. (Deu 17:16-17) Each year he received six hundred and sixty six talents of gold and hammered them to small and large shields. When his son Rehoboam reigned, they were all robbed away by the king of Egypt. Solomon also made a great throne inlaid with ivory and overlaid with pure gold. On both sides of the seat were twelve lions glamorously standing on the six steps. But he did not let God sit on the throne. He did not exalt God as King to rule his life.

※【Deny oneself to care for others】12-17 No matter we are Jews or Greeks, we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body. (Eph 3:6) We are the body of Christ made up of many parts. There should be no division in the body but each should have equal concern for each other, to help each other and share in a common lot. Solomon only cared for increasing his wealth and power and ignored the hardship of the people. This led to division among the nation. The more we are favored, the more we ought to consider the Lord's mind to care for the weak, the less honorable and the less presentable.

2.【Plead to hear the words of wisdom】22-31 King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. They all came to seek audience with him and hear his words of wisdoms. They all brought great treasures to him. The Lord's words far exceed millions of gold and silver. They are more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. (Pro 3:13-15) We ought to thirst to seek and hear the Lord's words of wisdom to provide food timely to satisfy His heart.

※【Plead fervently for the greatest gift】18-31 God has appointed apostles, prophets, teachers and all sorts of gifts in the church in order to build up the body of Christ. But to desire the greater gifts, the most wonderful Word is love. Though Solomon had great gifts, he did not gain the Lord who bestows the grace. Neither did not gain the love of God. As a result, others were favored because of him. He was depraved and greatly broke the heart of God. (1 Co 9:26-27)

**Pr 6 / Rev 18:24 Main theme: Do not be idle, be diligent to prepare the food, be far from evil lest we will be harmed**

**-Prepare the food / Be harmed**

There are many prophets, saints and the people of the earth have been killed by the great prostitute, that is the power of the worldly sin. Many had martyred. But even more are those being led astray by the power of sin toward death. The mystery to be freed from harm is as follows:

(1)【We ought to humble to implore】1-5 If we are muddled in zeal and are nosy resulting to be ensnared, we ought to humble to implore. The Lord can save you from the snare.

(2)【Be diligent to prepare】6-11 We ought to learn from the ant and be diligent to store up food for the winter. David fell into deep sleep and met the trials. He failed terribly.

(3)【Be far from evil things】12-19 We ought to turn away from the seven kinds of evil acts which God detests.

(4)【Keep the commands carefully】20-24 We have to trust in the Holy Spirit by faith and always remember the Lord's words. Then we will be guarded from the evil.

(5)【Take warning deeply】25-35 God's love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. If we are led astray to sin, we cannot avoid our punishment. To die in disgrace is a tragic result. We ought to take warning deeply to avoid disasters and gain blessings.

**Central point of the wheels: Thirst to pursue, deny oneself to care for others and hate evil lest you will be harmed**

Dear Lord, may You let me thirst for your Word all my life, to hate evil and deny myself to love others to exhibit your glory.

**2 Ch 10 / 1 Co 13**

**Main theme: Not by the gift may we obey the Word, to love men will remain forever**

**-Harm others / Love men**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 10:15 1 Co 13:4-8

A discussion on harming others and loving men - on one side it concerned Rehoboam was presumptuous and arrogant without love. He did not have any mercy and cruelly persecuted the people, thus this resulted a divided country. On the other side the Scriptures taught us to implore fervently for the greatest love. The never ending love will edify and restore the church. Here in this chapter Paul specifically discussed on the value of love (1 Co 13:1-3), the definition of love (1 Co 13:4-7) and the boundlessness and the perpetuity of love (1 Co 13:8-13).

**A. To treat men cruelly and to treat men with love**

Cruelty (2 Ch 10:1-11) - Love (1 Ch 13:1-8)

1.【Without Word and without love】1 Rehoboam succeeded Solomon as king. He ought to have taken the lesson from the failure of his father king and learn from David to bear God's mind and shepherd the Israelites according to God's promise. But he did not keep God's Word and love in his heart. (Deu 17:18-20) He failed God's assignment.

※【Nothing is beneficial without love】1-3 Love is the greatest gift and the most wonderful Word! If there is no love, all these gifts become a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal, without any benefit. Nothing can be compared to love! In terms of gifts, the church of Corinth had nothing unequaled to others. But there was no love, there was nothing beneficial. Rehoboam was wise in dealing but without the love of God. David and Paul were full of God's Word and love and they became the shepherd and example of the flock.

2.【Harsh labor and heavy yoke】2-5 The Israelites carried a heavy yoke and harsh labor. So they came to plead the new king to release them from the bond without being under control and hardship. Rehoboam's heart was not ready to face the people's distress and embarrassment. He did not have God's love and did not know how to reply them. He ordered them to come in three days. Jeroboam had great talent. He returned from Egypt and was invited by the Israelites to petition Rehoboam. But Rehoboam did not know the heart of the Israelites and was unable to restore the people's heart.

※【Need God's love】4-8 All the distressed people of the land was under the control of Satan. They had not been released and longed for freedom. This needs the love of God! This love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not self-seeking. It keeps no record of wrongs.... This love comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. It is the love of holiness and the love of truth, and not of the worldly love of the flesh and lust. Rehoboam reigned without seeking the fundamental and did not care about the hardship of the people. He did not have the truth and love. Thus he could not reply. Though Jeroboam stood on the side on the people, he also did not have true love. He only wanted to be the king. Only Paul considered God's mind. He was filled with God's love and cared about the church's failure.

3.【Treat cruelly】6-11 Rehoboam did not bear the mind of the Holy Spirit. He did not take the advice of the elders of the nation to 'love the people'. (1 Ki 12:7) Instead he followed his lust and used the advice of the young men to 'abuse the people' which was more devastating and more vicious than Solomon who ill-treated the people.

※【Without God's love】4-8 Love is to sacrifice and total self-denial. It is persistent patience, full of kindness. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and the never ending love of God. Faced with the distressed and heavy laden people, Rehoboam did not bear the mind of God. He only followed his lust and was full of arrogance, boasting and vicious intent. God loves us with a never ending love. How can we repay His love? Only love builds up.

**B. Pursue love zealously to perfection, without God's love lose everything**

Divided (2 Ch 10:12-19) - Perfect (1 Co 13:8-13)

1.【Follow the sinful nature and reap destruction】12-16 Sure enough on the third day Rehoboam replied the people harshly. He was supposed to bear the mind of God to reply them with humility, self-denial and forbearance to restore the heart of the people. Instead he declared a vicious means to treat the people resulting in the division in the nation and lost the heart of the people!

※【Pursue love and enter perfection】8-12 Where there are prophecies and tongues, they will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. We ought to pursue the everlasting and never ending love! We ought to put behind a child's thought and way to become a man and make every effort to be mature to wait for the day to see the Lord face to face without being ambiguous. The thought and words of Rehoboam were like a child. He was selfish and cared only for his pleasure without caring for the life or death of the people. He sowed to please his sinful nature and reaped destruction! The Israelites were also like an ignorant child. They had forgotten the love of the house of David and easily betrayed the house of David.

2.【Without love lose everything】17-19 Rehoboam only loved himself. He did not love his people and as a result he greatly lost their heart. Only the tribe of Judah was left with him. He did not examine himself. Nor was he contrite to take the lesson. He was unwilling to be defeated and wishfully wanted to use a tough means to grab the lost people. He sent out Adoniram to repress the people but was stoned to death. He himself also escaped in embarrassment to Jerusalem. As a result, Israel was in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

※【With God's love the church is restored】13 Paul built up the church with faith, hope and love. They were able to stand firm in the truth and became a model of the church. (1 Th 1:2-7) He also paid the price of love to restore the church of Galatia and the depraved and lost church of Corinth. Rehoboam did not have love. He lost everything. No matter what kind of means he used, he was unable to restore the lost ten tribes.

**Pr 7 / Rev 19:1 Main theme: Obey the Lord's Word firmly without being led astray will gain favor, glory and power**

**-The Lord's Word / Favor and glory**

God's children do not belong to the world but have in mind the matters in heaven. Due to faith, they experienced the perfect salvation. Their body, soul and spirit have been sanctified through and through to glorify God and benefit men and are filled with the spiritual power. Thus they praise God aloud because all this comes from God. If we deviate toward adultery, we will be brought to harm and death.

(1)【Value the Word and be close to the Word will be protected】1-5 Store up the words of the Lord within us and be close to them. We will be guarded if we obey the Lord's words in all our actions.

(2)【Get close to the prostitute will be caught】6-13 Only by calling on to the Lord will we be able to turn away from the world.

(3)【Ought to know the enemy's plot】14-21 A prostitute has an godly appearance and she even masquerades as angel of light. But she persuades and seduces you to death.

(4)【Is trapped and harmed】22-23 The young man was ignorant and led astray. He immediately followed her and became the victim and cost him his life.

(5)【Now we ought to listen to the Lord's words】24-27 We ought to forget what is behind us and grab the present to listen to the Lord without swerving our heart and stray into her paths down to the grave. We must take this warning seriously because she has brought down many victims.

**Central point of the wheels: Keep the Word firmly to overcome the prostitute, plead earnestly for love and praise greatly**

Dear Lord, may You let me keep the Word firmly, to pursue love, to lead men to turn from the dominion of sin and praise your great love!

**2 Ch 11 / 1 Co 14**

**Main theme: Do not contend, obey the Word persistently, in everything obey the Lord's words and do**

**-Obey persistently / Do not swerve**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 11:16 1 Co 14:19

A discussion on obeying persistently and do not swerve - on one side it concerned Rehoboam mustered his troops to fight with the Israelites and was prohibited by God. He did not keep the Lord's Word persistently and thus he was strong only for three years. Thereafter he strayed from God. On the other side it concerned Paul corrected the confusion of the church of Corinth for stressing particularly on speaking in tongues. He pointed out the importance of desiring for the gift of prophecy and the gifts that edify the church. He also pointed out the confusion that the women did not take their position and disrupted the order of worship. In everything we ought to keep the Lord's Word and do according to the rules.

**A. Listen to the Lord and do not contend to edify and strengthen others**

Obey (2 Ch 11:1-12) - Pursue love (1 Co 14:1-21)

1.【Do not contend】1-4 King Rehoboam failed to repress the people and escaped embarrassingly. But he did not humble to take the lesson. He gathered one hundred eighty thousand warriors from Judah and Benjamin to contend with the Israelites so as to regain the kingdom for his own. Shemaiah the man of God was sent to stop him from fighting against his brothers. This was God's doing. So all the people listened and returned without contending.

※【Pursue love】1 Paul was against the church on the confusion of tending on the gift of tongue. He pointed out that the gift of prophecy was better than to speak in tongue. First of all he emphasized on to pursue love. Love is the greatest gift. God is love. Love binds all virtues together in perfect unity. "Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs." (Pro 10:12) Love is the sharpest weapon and can overcome evil with good. God prohibited Rehoboam to fight with his brothers. Fighting comes from the desire that battle within us. (Jas 4:1) It comes from the flesh and is never from the Holy Spirit.

2.【To build up the fortified cities】5-11 Thereafter Rehoboam built up towns in Judah. He paid attention to the inner built up to strengthen the defense and fortified the cities. He also put commanders in them.

※【To edify the church】1-20 We ought to eagerly desire the gift of prophecy. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself. The gift of prophecy edifies the church, so men may be comforted or encouraged just like building up a fortified city. He who speaks in a tongue ought to be interpreted, so men may benefit. Paul could speak in tongues more than all of them. But in the church, he would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. Paul built up and strengthened the church with the truth.

3.【Get ready for supplies of food and weapon】11-12 Rehoboam strengthened the defenses with supplies of food, oil and wine. He also put weapons in the cities to make them very strong. So Judah and Benjamin were his.

※【Prepare for an abundant life】1-21 The gift of prophecy requires to bring revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction to edify the church so the church may grow spiritually. It also requires to put in sufficient supplies of food, oil, wine and spiritual weapons to transform workers in the Word, Spirit and love; (Col 3;16; Tit 3:5-6; Ro 5:35) just like Rehoboam prepared all the abundance in the cities.

**B. Obey the Word persistently without swerving, according to rules without confusion**

Swerve (2 Ch 11:13-23) - Confuse (1 Co 14:22-40)

1.【Obey the Word and revive】13-17 Rehoboam obeyed God's Word and was blessed by Him to bring strength and restoration. He also blessed the people. Those who were rejected by Jeroboam or the priests and Levites who were being disallowed to minister all sided with Rehoboam. Whoever was determined to seek and serve God went to Jerusalem. In this way the kingdom of Judah was strengthened. Rehoboam was blessed by God to be strong for three years. Jeroboam appointed his own priests for the high places and the goat and calved idols. He led men to himself and ensnared the people in sin and greatly profaned God.

※【Lead men to turn to the right way】22-25 Tongues are a sign for unbelievers. Prophecy however is for believers so that after hearing, the secrets of their heart will be laid bare and they will fall down and worship God. Rehoboam obeyed the Word for three years and led all the priests and Levites from the land to be blessed and served God. The gift of prophecy is like the priests and the Levites. On one hand they will lead the people to the right and on the other hand to reject and attack the power of the gold calf and the goat.

2.【Swerve from the Lord's Word and indulge】18-23 Regrettably, Rehoboam did not set his mind to persist in obeying the Word and seek God. Thereafter he swerved from the Word and indulged in his sinful nature and took many wives and concubines. He bent on Maacah daughter of Absalom and appointed her son Abijah to be the chief prince to succeed him. Though he was able to act wisely, he did not obey God's Word. His people also followed him in evil and learned from the detestable things of the foreign nations. (1 Ki 14:21-24)

※【Obey the Word and act according to the rules】26-40 Paul kept God's Word firmly and led the church to act in a fitting and orderly way in everything. When they came together, everyone had a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue, all had to be done for the strengthening of the church. If anyone spoke in a tongue without interpretation, the speaker had to keep quiet. When prophets spoke, they had to be in sequence. The others ought to weigh carefully on what was said and be encouraged. Women in the congregation were not allowed to speak voluntarily to disrupt the order. They might ask their own husbands at home. Rehoboam swerved from God's Word. He took his own preference and indulged presumptuously. He did not act in the proper order and brought very bad influence on the nation and the people.

**Pr 8 / Rev 19:2 Main theme: Seek persistently, understand God's judgment, obey the Word and be blessed**

**-Seek / Judge**

God's judgment is righteous but His judgment is unsearchable. Only by seeking persistently may we see God's mind accurately for to understand and obey the Word is blessed. So let us obey the Word by the Lord. God will let the enemies be accountable for their sins and redress His servants.

(1)【Understand the value of God's words】1-11 The value of the Lord's words exceeds everything. We ought to gain prudence and deep understanding to avoid falling or being led astray or swerving.

(2)【Where is wisdom】12-21 The Lord is the Word and wisdom. We ought to humble to thirst for it. We will surely find it in the way of righteousness and the paths of justice. If we gain this, we will have counsel, judgment, power and abundance.

(3)【The Lord's almighty】22-31 The Lord created everything and everything was under His control. If we obey the Lord's words, the Lord is with us. The mountains, the hills, the waters and the oceans cannot stop us. Paul could do everything through Him who gave him strength.

**Central point of the wheels: Keep the Word without swerving, seek the Lord and gain wisdom**

Dear Lord, may You remove all my natural instinct and contention, be humble to keep the Word, in everything do according to the rule and praise your name!

**2 Ch 12 / 1 Co 15**

**Main theme: Set your mind to seek, do more God's work and the Lord's grace is abundant**

**-Seek / Resurrect (Forsake the Word/keep the Word)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 12:12 1 Co15:21-22

A discussion on seeking and resurrection - on one side it concerned Rehoboam reigned. But he was strong only for three years and then he forsook God's laws. Though he humbled under the punishment of God, he did not set his mind to seek Him. On the other side it concerned Paul encouraged the church of Corinth to hold firmly to the gospel he preached to them. He expounded the important meaning of Christ's resurrection which brought the hope of resurrection to men. We ought to come back to our senses and set our mind to seek and wait watchfully for the Lord's coming.

A. Take discipline and humble, hold the Lord's Word firmly and do not accept grace vainly

To humble (2 Ch 12:1-8) - Keep the Word (1 Co 15:1-28)

1.【Violate and forsake the law will be punished】1-4 When Rehoboam was strong, he abandoned the law of the Lord. He depraved in grace. The people also walked in evil and did detestable things to worship the idols and provoked God's anger. They sinned greatly against God. (1 Ki 14:21-24) Thus God stirred up the king of Egypt to gather a united force to attack the holy city. They captured the fortified cities of Judah. This showed the love of discipline of God in order to make Rehoboam turn back to God. Shemaiah the prophet was instructed to rebuke Rehoboam and the leaders because they had forsaken God.

※【Keep what is preached firmly will be favored】1-11 Paul encouraged the church of Corinth to hold and stand firmly in the gospel which he had preached to them. Though Rehoboam was strong for a time, he did not hold firmly to the law of God. Thus he sinned against Him. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and was buried and raised on the third day. He appeared to all the apostles and five hundred of the brothers. Last of all he appeared to Paul as a witness of Christ's resurrection. Paul testified of his favor. He knew the grace and was grateful. He repaid the grace, working harder than all the apostles. Rehoboam failed in God's grace. He depraved in grace. He lost the grace resulting in a lot of enemies.

2.【Humbled in trouble and was shown mercy】5-8 Rehoboam and the people humbled themselves in their lesson. They confessed their sins and were shown mercy by God. Thus they were not all destroyed and were soon given deliverance. However they were subject to the king of Egypt so they might learn the difference between serving God and serving the kings of other lands because they did not serve the Lord joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity. (Deu 28:47-48)

※【To die and resurrect with the Lord】12-28 Christ rose from the dead and became the firstfruits of those who had fallen asleep. Each of us will too be raised from the dead in his own turn. Now that we have the hope of resurrection. But if only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. Therefore, we ought to humble and repent, as we believe we will die with Christ and also live with Him (Ro 6:8) and are subject to Him, who put everything under Him. Rehoboam and the people of Judah became the subject of the king of Egypt. They were willing to submit to the Lord when they were seriously punished in distress. After Christ has put everything under His feet, He hands over the kingdom to God the Father so everything is under Him and be all in all. How much more should we humble deeply and be subject to Him willingly and exalt God as King!

**B. Set your mind to seek, turn from evil and do good, and overcome to work**

Disgrace (2 Ch 12:9-16) - Splendor (1 Co 15:29-58)

1.【The treasures are snatched away and disgraced】9-12 The king of Egypt came and carried off all the treasures of the temple of God and the treasures of the royal palace. He also took away the gold shields Solomon had made. So Rehoboam made bronze shields to replace them. Under the judgment of God, glory turned to disgrace.

※【Endanger ourselves every hour gain splendor】29-49 Paul testified for himself that due to the hope in resurrection, he was willing to endanger himself every hour and to die every day for Christ and even to fight with the wild beasts in Ephesus. (Ac 19:21-41) This was to wait for the glorious resurrection. The treasures of Rehoboam were carried off. This was a disgrace before the enemy and a loss of glory. We ought to take lesson in distress and come back to our senses without deceiving ourselves and do not be a man of many companions. We also have to lead many to the righteous, and then we will shine like stars forever. We also have to treat God and His Word to be our gold shield to be guarded in His love full of glory. (Pro 30:5; Dan 12:3)

2.【Do not set the mind to seek God】13-16 After Rehoboam was disciplined by God, he still walked in evil. He did not set his mind to seek God. All his life he had continuous warfare with Jeroboam. He did not listen to the exhortation of the prophet. He reigned for seventeen years but he failed God's grace.

※【Seek God and overcome the power of sin】50-58 Paul sought wholeheartedly and he deeply understood God's mystery. He told the church of the mystery of being caught up. In a flash and the last trumpet, the dead will be raised imperishable and immortal. Thank God, through Christ we will overcome the sting of sin and the power of death! Therefore we must stand firm and let nothing move us. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Rehoboam did not fix his mind to seek God. He and his people were controlled by the sting of sin and were not freed. He reigned for seventeen years and fought by the flesh. He was in vain as he was not in the Lord.

**Pr 9 / Rev 19:3 Main theme: Destroy sin forever, obey the Lord's words completely to avoid death and gain life**

**-Obey completely / Destroy forever**

We ought to hate the temptation of sin the most and let it be burnt to smoke lest we will be harmed. We ought to obey the Lord's word completely and do not listen to the enemy's voice.

(1)【Turn toward wisdom and walk in the way of understanding】1-6 The Lord's words are true wisdom. The Scriptures is the perfect gospel so whoever hears it may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. We ought to eat up the scroll and fill up our stomach so we may leave the simple ways and turn to the bright path.

(2)【We ought to fear and know the Lord】7-12 Do not mock or go against God's words, otherwise your ending will be like the result of Samson and Baalam. Revere the Lord and make every effort to know Him and you will gain long life and everlasting blessings like Joseph, Daniel and Paul.

(3)【Do not listen to the enemy's voice】13-18 The enemy (the prostitute, the false prophets and anti-Christ) cries throughout the day. We ought to learn from Elisha to follow Elijah (the holy words of the prophet) closely. Do not hear other sound but press toward the goal. If we turn to follow the enemy and are led astray from the truth, we will be devoured into the grave.

**Central point of the wheels: Keep the Word and destroy crime, come back to your senses and resurrect to gain glory**

Dear Lord, may You make me set my mind to seek You, to triumph and boast of your victory, to lead men to righteousness, wait for the resurrection and enjoy the glory with You!

**2 Ch 13 / 1 Ch 16**

**Main theme: Do not contend, stand firm in truth and do everything in love**

**-To contend / To love one another**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 13:12 1 Co 16:8-9

A discussion on contention and loving one another - on one side it concerned Abijah, the son of Rehoboam became the king of Judah. He did not imitate David but he followed Rehoboam to do evil. He often contended in flesh with Jeroboam without listening to the exhortation of the prophet. On the other side it concerned Paul encouraged the church to stand firm in truth and do everything in love. He set himself as an example in truth and love.

**A. Not by the natural instinct but help one another in love**

Contend (2 Ch 13:1-12) - Help one another (1 Co 16:1-13)

1.【Contend in the flesh】1-3 Abijah reigned but did not learn from his predecessor David. He did not pursue the way of love but he followed his father Rehoboam to do evil, (1 Ki 15:1-6) full of the flesh. He often went to war with Jeroboam. One time he gathered four hundred thousand able fighting men against eight hundred thousand able troops of Jeroboam. They drew a battle line against each other and created a lot of killing among the brothers that was against God's order. (Gal 5:15)

※【Help one another in love】1-9 Paul followed Christ in everything. He was zealous to do good and encouraged the church of Corinth to prepare for the gift. When Paul came, they would send men to bring the gift to Jerusalem. Paul was also willing to be sent. On one side was treating each other as enemy and contended with the brothers. On the other side was helping others with love and zealous to do good. (2 Co 8:1-4) Abijah did not follow good but evil. He went out rashly and contended with his brothers and gained nothing. (Pro 25:8; 3 Jn 1:11) Paul exhibited his love for the church and longed with stay with the them for some time. Such act of loving God and loving men, obeying the will in distress was favored with opening a great door for effective work just like the church of Philadelphia (brotherly love) was given an open door (Rev 3:7-8)

2.【Be arrogant and boastful】4-12 Abijah was boastful. He stood on the mountain and attacked the sins of Jeroboam for rejecting the descendants of David. On the other hand he emphasized his father Rehoboam was young and indecisive to resist them. As a result their kingdom was given away. He also boasted of his priests and Levites were dutiful. Every morning and evening they presented their offerings without forsaking God. But he did not mention about the sins of Solomon and Rehoboam who violated God.

※【Recommend with love】10-12 Paul humbled and cared for his workers. He recommended the young worker Timothy to the church. He commended him for carrying on the work just like himself. He exhorted the church to receive him without refusal but to send him on his way. Abijah was boastful and only had empty words without actual godliness. Paul's love was reflected in his action and faithfulness!

3.【Lead men to forsake God and turn to himself】4-12 Jeroboam was full of evil. He created the gold calf and drove away God's priests. He followed the foreign practices and set the ordinary people as priests. He led men away from God to himself and ensnared the people in sin.

※【Lead men to obey and guard the Word】13 Paul set himself as the model to encourage the church to be on guard and to stand firm in the faith. Jeroboam led men to worship the gold calf and changed the pure faith. We ought to learn from Paul to guard the faith boldly not by the flesh and to contend in the spirit to lead men completely before God.

**B. Be stubborn and do wicked; love God and love men**

Without mercy (2 Ch 13:13-22) - Love (1 Co 16:14-24)

1.【Kill one's brothers】13-19 The people of Judah were attached at both front and rear in the battle. In their distress they cried to God and were shown mercy. They inflicted heavy loss on their brothers. This victory was due to the mercy of God. For the sake of David, God still left some light in the holy city. (1 Ki 15:4)

※【Overcome the enemy with love】14-18 In the spiritual warfare, Paul overcame the enemy with love. He encouraged the church to do everything in love. Abijah violated God's order and contended in flesh. Though he was delivered in distress and overcame the Israelites, he made five hundred thousand men fell. The household of Stephanas converted by Paul was full of love. They devoted themselves to the service of the saints. Paul urged the brothers to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work. God's love bound the churches and the workers together. They were refreshed in the spirit and recognized each other and satisfied God's heart. Judah and Israel contended with each other. They hurt themselves and others and broke God's heart.

2.【Be stubborn and do wicked will be destroyed】20-22 Jeroboam was stubborn and did evil. He did not take any lesson. As a result he was attacked by God and died. Though Abijah gradually grew in strength, he was not grateful. He married many wives and concubines. He did more for himself without any good act. His words and actions were recorded and he would be judged by God.

※【Love God and love men to set the example】19-24 Paul wrote his final greetings. He also represented the churches of Asia and the workers to send greetings. He reminded the church to greet one another with a holy kiss. The Lord is coming. If anyone does not love the Lord - a curse be on him. Jeroboam led people to himself. He was stubborn and did evil. Thus he invited a curse on himself. Abijah also did not repay God's grace. Only Paul loved God and men all his life. He labored faithfully and bore a lot of spiritual children. His words and actions were remembered by God and became the model of men. This teaches that we ought to obey the Word persistently and to love God and love men. Then we will be guarded in God's love!

**Pr 10 / Rev 19:4 Main theme: The elders and living creatures were righteous and holy, they feared God and loved men**

**-Nourish / Fear God**

The elders and living creatures worshiped God before the throne. The elders who reared the flock were like the four living creatures who turned as the Spirit. They were the righteous men of wisdom.

(1)【The wise and righteous man】1-3 Fear God and act righteously like Paul so God's heart will be pleased. If we are foolish and do evil, we will grieve the Holy Spirit.

(2)【Be diligent to prepare】4-5 Be diligent to prepare like Paul and seek unceasingly to understand the mystery deeply. Then we will become expert builders. Samson fell into deep sleep and made others stumble.

(3)【Righteous men are blessed and remembered】6-7 Abraham walked the good path and was blessed by God to be remembered forever. The wicked goes down in history as a byword of infamy.

(4)【Who are righteous men】8-26 (a) the wise in heart will fear the commands of the Lord. (b) Walk a right path and obey the Lord's words. (c) Turn your eyes to the right path and press forward to the goal. (d) Do not speak foolish words or slander. Do not make your words many but pour out the living water to teach many. (e) Conceal your hatred and be filled with God's love. (f) Keep the Word firmly, take root in the foundation, be filled with faith and let the Lord be your delight without worry. (g) Be diligent and faithful to God's assignment.

(5) 【The righteous has a lot of favor】27-32 (a) Add length to life to enjoy it. (b) The prospect of the righteous is joy. (c) God is his refuge in danger. (d) He will take possession of the land and never be uprooted. (e) Be a spokesman of God's gracious words. The wicked relieves the Lord's words erroneously and will be seriously punished.

**Central point of the wheels: Be strong and love one another, and serve the Lord in a godly manner**

Dear Lord, may You make me not to contend by the flesh, to stand firm watchfully, to love God and love men, to serve in a godly manner and please You only!

**2 Ch 14 / 2 Co 1**

**Main theme: Remove evil and seek, stand by faith and gain the Lord's comfort**

**-Seek / Trust (Remove evil / receive the comfort)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 14:11 2 Co 1:10

A discussion on seeking and trusting - on one side it concerned Asa the king of Judah led the whole nation to seek God. He removed all the foreign gods. While they were facing the attack of the troops of Cush, he called to God and overcame. On the other side it concerned Paul witnessed as the sufferings of Christ flowed in, so also through Christ our comfort and salvation overflowed. We ought to seek and trust in God. Then we will be favored and strengthened. God's promises are forever faithful!

**A. Seek God and be strengthened, trust in God and be comforted**

Remove evil (2 Ch 14:1-8) - Gain comfort (2 Co 1:1-14)

1.【Seek God and remove the idols】1-8 Asa reigned and he learned from David. He did what was good and right in the eyes of God. He led the whole nation sought the God of their predecessors and obeyed His laws. He obeyed His order and zealously removed the detestable foreign altars and poles in the cities of Judah. (Deu 16:21-22) Thus the nation enjoyed peace.

※【Trust in God and overcome hardship】1-14 By the will of God, Paul became an apostle of Christ. He led the church to remove evil and to serve God in a holy manner like king Asa. In all the affliction of the apostle, even he was despaired of life, he overcame by trusting in the God who raised men from death. Only by seeking the Word of the Lord and trusting the ever-living God, we may overcome hardship and remove all idols to enjoy the favor and rest in Christ. (Isa 32:17)

2.【Build fortified cities and is given peace】1-8 Asa built up the fortified cities and put walls around them, with towers, gates and bars to strengthen the guard. Thus the nation had rest for ten years without wars. God gave them rest on every side and they prospered.

※【Strengthen the church and is comforted】1-14 The apostle suffered a lot in Christ and he also shared in His comfort through the comfort and salvation of the church. Paul stood at the watchtower for the churches and interceded faithfully. He also built up and strengthened the churches with God's salvation and the truth. He was watchful for them guarding against the gap with gates and bars. He also encouraged the church to help him through prayers and grow through his letters to be strengthened and saved by God till the end.

**B. Believe in God's promises and overcome the enemy by Him**

Call (2 Ch 14:9-15) - Believe firmly (2 Co 1:15-24)

1.【Call to the Lord for help】9-11The Cushite king representing the anti-God power of Satan marched out with a vast army and came to attack Judah. This was a test of faith to Asa the king and the house of Judah. In his distress, he cried out to God and relied on Him. He asked God to help the powerless against the mighty. By the name of God he attacked the adversary and would not let man prevail against God.

※【Firmly believe in God's promises】15-20 The church of Corinth also faced the disturbance of Satan. Paul planned to visit the church so they might benefit and be strengthened. The plans which he made and the Son of God Jesus Christ whom he preached was not 'Yes" and "No". He firmly believed in God's promise that through Him the 'Amen' is spoken. Asa cried out for God's help. He firmly believed God was faithful and would help those who belonged to Him so God might be glorified.

2.【Is granted to overcome the enemy】12-15 God granted the cry of Asa and struck down the Cushites before Asa and the people of Judah. Asa and his troops continued to pursue them and gained a lot of plunder. They overcame by God and returned triumphantly with abundance.

※【Is sealed to be strengthened】21-24 God promised He will strengthen us, anoint us and seal us in Christ. He will put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit. God's promise to Asa and the people of Judah was also firm so they might win. On one side was granted by God to triumph victoriously. On the other side was sealed by the Holy Spirit to be strengthened. Thus Paul called God as his witness that it was in order to spare the church that he did not return to Corinth, so they might overcome their inner enemy to turn sadness to joy and stand firm by faith.

**Pr 11 / Rev 19:5 Main theme: Faithful servant fear God, do good, walk in righteousness, glorify God and benefit men**

**-Fear / Walk in righteousness**

All the servants of God who fear Him will take a grateful heart to praise and glorify God. We ought to remove our unrighteousness and be a righteous servant to avoid punishment but gain reward.

(1)【We ought to remove our unrighteousness】This includes deception, arrogance, unfaithfulness, ungodliness, destroying others with the mouth, gossiping, putting up security for another (being zealously muddled), cruelty, pursuing evil, perverting, withholding unduly and selfishness, hoarding the grain (burying God's grace), trusting in one's riches, being foolish and sinful.

(2)【Implore for good and be persistent in righteousness】1-29 We ought to revere God's faithful servants, seek justice and righteousness, be humble and upright and be perfect (in thought, words and action). Treat others with favor and kindness. Do not turn to deception but sow righteousness. Give freely and refresh others like Paul preferred to suffer more so that more people would share in the blessings of the gospel.

(3)【Two kinds of different endings】30-31 The unrighteous will be hated by God. Their result is disgraceful, falling and punishment. The righteous servants who fear God, no matter great or small, will be richly blessed and be loved by God. They will prosper unceasingly.

**Central point of the wheels: Fear God and walk in righteousness, seek and trust in God and overcome to praise**

Dear Lord, may You make me seek You wholeheartedly, to trust in You to destroy my inner enemies, be comforted and delivered by You and glorify your name.

**2 Ch 15 / 2 Co 2**

**Main theme: Be bold to remove evil completely, be firm to save men with love**

**-Remove evil / Triumph**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 15:15 2 Co 2:14

A discussion on removing evil and triumph - on one side it concerned Asa returned triumphantly from the battle. He listened to the exhortation of the prophet and boldly removed all the detestable idols in the country. He led the people to enter into a covenant with God to seek Him with all their heart. On the other side it concerned Paul exhorted the church of Corinth to reaffirm the love to anyone who repented, lest he might be overwhelmed. This teaches us that we ought to be bold to remove evil, to accept with love and triumph by God.

**A. Remove evil completely and reaffirm your love**

Exhort (2 Ch 15:1-8) - Comfort (2 Co 2:1-8)

1.【Encourage to take lesson】1-8 Asa returned triumphantly. The Spirit of God came upon Azariah to go out to meet him and encouraged him and the people to take a lesson from the Israelites for their disasters as they had forsaken God. In their distress, they turned back to God and sought Him and He was found by them. Therefore we ought to submit to God and listen to Him and obey Him courageously. Then we will be rewarded for our deeds.

※【Exhort and return】1-4 Paul was also inspired by the Spirit of God. He wrote the letter to the church of Corinth in tears in order to tell them to confess and return. Now he wrote again to encourage them to take the lesson to return without grief. He had made up his mind to visit them and they should not be distressed. The exhortation of Azariah the prophet and Paul both reflected the love of God was endless and never changing.

2.【Be strong to remove evil】1-8 When Asa heard the words of the prophet, he took courage and removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah including Ephraim. He repaired the altar of God and led all the people returned to the altar to love the Lord zealously and be revived in their spirit.

※【Accept with love】5-8 The purpose of Paul's exhortation was to let whover had sinned to have a chance to confess and turn back. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority was sufficient for him. We ought to forgive him and comfort him lest he might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. God is willing to forgive. Thus we ought to reaffirm our love for those who confess. Asa obeyed to remove evil courageously and repaired the altar. Paul led the church return to the cross and remove all evil and to accept those who repent with love. The love of the cross is as strong as death and never changing. One will revive if he is willing to repent and turn from evil.

B. Enter into a covenant to remove evil, triumph by God and emit the aroma

Remove evil (2 Ch 15:9-19) - Triumph (2 Co 2:9-17)

1.【Enter into a covenant to seek】9-15 Asa assembled his people and those who settled among them to sacrifice to God. They sought the God of their predecessors with all their heart and mind. They also swore an oath and God gave them rest on every side.

※【Obey in everything】9-11 Paul wrote the first book to test if the church of Corinth was obedient or not. Only if they would repent and obey, they would be forgiven in Christ, lest Satan might take the chance to outwit them and fall into his schemes. Asa led men to God to swear an oath and sacrifice. They sought God with all their heart and all their mind. Thus they had rest on every side. The sinners have peace only if they repent and obey.

2.【Be bold to remove evil】16-19 Regardless of anything, Asa removed evil courageously. He deposed his grandmother Maacah from her position as queen mother because she had made a repulsive Asherah pole. Asa cut the pole down and broke it up. This represented a lot of the traditional rules, the ancient conscious of the church and the corruptive body ought to be removed. He brought the silver and gold and the articles that he and his father had dedicated into the temple of God.

※【Triumph by God】12-17 Paul preached in various places to attack sin boldly like Asa was courageous to remove evil. The Lord opened a door for him wherever he went. Paul was like the precious articles of the temple. He set himself apart to be holy fit for God's use. He joyfully witnessed God who always led them in triumphal procession in Christ. Wherever he went he spread the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. He was thankful and praised God! Asa dared to deposed the 'queen's' position of his grandmother. He also triumphed by God. Paul and his co-workers did not peddle the word of God for profit but by Christ with a pure heart just like Asa. The church must remove the detestable idols completely, then they may spread the fragrance of Christ. Asa reigned for thirty five years. He feared God and obeyed the Word. There was no war. Paul was also faithful to obey and spread the Word all his life.

**Pr 12 / Rev 19:6 Main theme: Be humble to take lesson, exalt the Lord as King and lead men to turn to righteousness**

**-Take lesson / Exalt the Lord**

The sound in heaven was like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder full of power. We ought to humble and take lesson, to turn from evil and do good, and be diligent to bear fruit. If we are diligent for righteousness and exalt God as King, then our words will be powerful.

(1)【Be humble to take lesson, turn from evil and seek righteousness】1-28 Be humble to take lesson all along and be willing to accept rebuke. Do not be arrogant or exalt yourself but be filled with the words and the love of God. Make every effort to be mature and be blameless in the mouth. Be able to overlook an insult. Preach the truth and lead men to righteousness. Hide yourself and exalt the Lord's Word. Be diligent to seek like Daniel to understand God's mystery. Be humble all your life to enjoy long life.

(2)【Good and evil will be rewarded】1-28 A good man obtains favor from the Lord. He will be established to glorify God and benefit men. He spreads the word of God to save and heal men. He intercedes so many will be blessed and not be disturbed. The wicked will be judged. They disgrace God and jeopardize men. They may prosper for a while but are overthrown instantly. The wicked plot evil schemes and lead men astray. They will be punished.

**Central point of the wheels: Exalt the Lord as King, take lesson and remove evil, praise and triumph**

Dear Lord, may You make me take lesson to remove evil, to be firm to love men, to overcome and triumph, and to send forth the aroma of Christ everywhere.

**2 Ch 16 / 2 Co 3**

**Main theme: Be sincere and rely on God with ever-increasing glory; rely on men will lose the glory**

**-Rely on men / Rely on God (lose the glory/increasing glory)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 16:9 2 Co 3:16-18

A discussion on relying on men and relying on God - on one side it concerned Asa relied on foreign power and rejected the rebuke of the seer. In his old age he was severely sick but did not seek God and failed without light. On the other side it concerned Paul witnessed himself to be the minister of a new covenant by the Spirit of God who had let the laws be written in our heart. By this he was more glorious than the ministers of the Old Testament. This teaches us we ought to give our heart to the Lord and remove the veil with an unveiled face to see the Lord and change to His glorious form. There were people in the church of Corinth who foolishly believed the slander of the false teachers and queried on the ministry of Paul. Paul made an explanation on this.

**A. Do not rely on men, not be oneself, rely on the Holy Spirit gain the glory**

Rely on gold and silver (2 Ch 16:1-9) - Rely on the Holy Spirit (2 Co 3:1-11)

1.【Rely on gold, silver and power】1-6 Baasha king of Israel saw that the Israelites were going to Judah and turned to Asa. (2 Ch 15:8-9) So he attacked Judah by fortifying Ramah. (a major road in the north of the city) He prevented anyone from leaving or entering Judah. Asa was unable to stand the test. So he sent gold and silver to the king of Aram to rely on the power of the foreigners. He pleaded him to break their treaty with Baasha. Baasha was forced to stop his work. Thus Asa built up his cities to defend. However his heart was not being controlled and he became a ruined city without walls. (Pro 25:28)

※【Rely on the Holy Spirit to minister】1-5 By the witness of what Christ did, Paul did not commend himself. The church of Corinth was the effect of his work, a letter of recommendation of Christ. It was written by the Spirit of the ever-living God through Paul. It was not written on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts by the Holy Spirit. Asa made a covenant with man by gold and silver. He did not rely on God or make any covenant with God. He had no testimony. Paul was made a minister of the new covenant. It was not by his competence but by trusting in the Spirit of God full of witness.

2.【The comparison between relying on God and relying on men】7-9 Hanani the seer rebuked Asa for doing a foolish thing. He relied on the king of Aram and not on God. The troops of the enemy had escaped from his hand. But from then on he would be at war. The eyes of God ranged throughout the earth. He had once helped him to overcome the Cushite troops because he relied on Him. Now he relied on men and power. He would fail greatly!

※【The comparison between the ministers of the new and old testament】6-11 Paul witnessed himself as the minister of the new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit in the letter. This was justified in grace which was more glorious than being written on tablets of stone and the ministry which caused men to be condemned. Asa had once overcame the Cushite troops, full of glory. But now he relied on men and the effect was seen immediately. It brought endless disasters. He did not rely on God and lost all the glory. The letter kills. Only if we accept the living holy word in the Holy Spirit and listen to the rebuke of the prophet, we will be favored and live.

**B. Do not take lesson and become severely sick; give the heart to the Lord and the veil is removed**

Reject God (2 Ch 16:10-14) - Give the heart to the Lord (2 Co 3:12-18)

1.【Is angry with the seer】10 Not only was Asa unwilling to humble to take lesson, instead he hated correction. (Pro 10:17; 12:1) He was angry with the seer. He put him in prison and brutally oppressed some of the people. He added sins to his sin.

※【Is still hard-hearted】12-15 The veil of Moses referred to the dull minds of the Israelites. Even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. They do not understand Christ in prophecy. Asa was hard-hearted and hated rebuke. He also had the veil and could not see the face of God.

2.【Lose the witness】11-14 Asa was afflicted with a severe disease in his feet during his last three years. He did not seek help from God, but only from the physicians. He did not turn back till he died. All his life he was faithful to God and led the whole nation to remove evil and obeyed the Word. Regret he was unable to keep his integrity in his last years. Though he was covered with spices when he died, he lost the good fragrant witness.

※【With ever-increasing glory】16-18 The Lord is the Spirit who give us freedom, freedom in the truth. (Jn 8:32) Whenever our heart turn to the Lord, the veil is removed. We who are unveiled will reflect the Lord's glory and are transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory. Asa abandoned God in his old age. He was bound by sin. He was seriously ill but still would not turn to God. He was veiled and did not understand God's love of discipline. He lost the glory and the witness. Paul controlled his body all his life. He was filled with glory and full of witness.

**Pr 13 / Rev 19:7 Main theme: Be diligent to listen and be careful to proclaim, lead men to obey the Word and be the bride of the Lord**

**-Be diligent to listen / Prepare**

If we are ready, when the time comes we will be the bride of the Lamb and be joyful to glorify God.

(1)【Be wise to prepare】1-16 We must follow the Lord's words (the teachings of the Scriptures) to prepare: (a) hear diligently - make every effort to be mature without blame in the mouth. (b) Walk in the right way - according to the words of the Lord. (c) Shun evil - the teaching of the wise turns a man from the snares of death like Joseph and Daniel shunned evil. They were guarded.

(2)【Be faithful to work】17-25 Use the Lord's words to save and heal men everywhere. Be humble to take lesson. Shun evil and remove all wickedness. Store up spiritual treasures for your descendants and be able to provide food timely. Use power to edify men. In this way, we will be commended when the Lord comes.

**Central point of the wheels: Be humble to take lesson, give your heart to the Lord, be prepared to be the bride**

Dear Lord, may You let my veil be removed, to turn to You wholeheartedly, be faithful to your assignment and become your glorious form.

**2 Ch 17 / 2 Co 4**

**Main theme: Remove the secret ways, seek God and risk your life to proclaim the Word and glorify God**

**-Obey the Word / Proclaim the Word (be strengthened / be faithful)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 17:5-6 2 Co 4:7

A discussion on obeying the Word and proclaiming the Word - on one side it concerned Jehoshaphat became the king of Judah. He imitated David and strengthened himself to obey the Word and removed evil. He also taught the people to obey the Word. God was with them. His kingdom became gradually powerful. On the other side it concerned Paul and his co-workers became the ministers of the new covenant. They were faithful and dutiful to proclaim Christ. They had the treasure in their jars of clay, thus they did not lose heart even in hardship and persecution but exhibited the all-surpassing power of God.

A. Obey and proclaim the Word, the treasure is in the heart and is unbeatable

Be bold to obey the Word (2 Ch 17:1-9) - Be unbeatable (2 Co 4:1-9)

1.【Strengthened oneself and God is with us】1-4 Jehoshaphat (whom Jehovah judges) reigned. He learned from his predecessor David to obey God's commands. He did not follow the evil practices of the Israelites. He strengthened himself and put garrisons in all the fortified cities. He increased the guard and was watchful to keep the Word. God was with him.

※【Is assigned to be dutiful without losing heart】1-4 Through God's mercy Paul was assigned to this ministry. He kept the Word firmly and was faithful and dutiful. (1) He did not lose heart - no matter in distress, he still preached the truth boldly. (2) He was not deceptive - he only preached the truth without pleasing men. (3) He did not distort the Word - he expounded the truth according to the original meaning. He recommended himself to every man's conscience. (4) He only preached about Christ and not himself. Jehoshaphat strengthened himself and was watchful in keeping the Word. He did not follow evil but was faithful to God in His assignment. He did not lose heart and thus God was with him.

2.【Be glad to obey the Word and remove evil】5-6 Jehoshaphat was devoted to the ways of the Lord. He removed all the detestable high places and the Asherah poles. God established his kingdom so he had great wealth and honor.

※【Only proclaim Christ is the Lord】4-6 Christ is the image of God. (Col 1:15; Heb 1:3) Paul only preached Christ and he presented everyone perfect in Christ. (Gal 1:28) He was also willing to be a servant for all men in order to live out the image of Christ. The glorious light of God was shown in the face of Christ. This light was already shone in Paul's heart. Thus he preached Christ faithfully, that was to reflect the glorious light of Christ. Jehoshaphat was devoted to obey the word. He removed evil completely and also manifested God's glory. He led the people to the light of God and was blessed. Paul was also established. He was given the spiritual honor and abundance.

3.【Teach the people with the Book of the Law】7-9 In the third year of Jehoshaphat's reign, he sent his officials around the cities to teach the people about the Book of the Law of God so that they might learn how to fear God and obey His Word to be blessed.

※【Put the treasure in jars of clay】7-9 Paul was an instrument that fully manifested Christ. He was righteous and holy and never manifested himself. This treasure is Christ and His salvation, which is also His Word. This was completely filled in his heart. The officials of Jehoshaphat taught the people about the Book of the Law which was also putting treasure into their hearts. The instrument itself is empty. We need to put treasure in it. If the Word is in the heart, then it will show this all-surpassing power far above than all sorts of temptation. Like Paul, he was slandered and questioned by the church of Corinth, he still could endure without losing heart and was unbeatable.

**B. Brave warriors die completely and be renewed**

Be faithful and courageous (2 Ch 17:10-19) - Be renewed (2 Co 4:10-18)

1.【The foreign nations surrender】10-13 Jehoshaphat became more and more powerful. He built forts and store cities and had large supplies in Judah. Fear fell on all the kingdoms of the lands surrounding Judah, so that they did not make war with Jehoshaphat. Instead they sent tribute to him.

※【Die completely and live out】10-13 Paul always carried around in his body the death of Jesus like a prisoner sentenced to death. He was considered as 'the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world'. (1 Co 4:11-13) But Jesus' resurrected life was manifested in him. Our old self is the enemy and must be completely submissive to be nailed together with Christ to live out the new life. Then we may benefit others. The Holy Spirit had spread the gospel throughout Asia and Europe through Paul who had died thoroughly. Jehoshaphat feared God and obeyed His Word, so he became strong. Even the surrounding kingdoms submitted to him. This was a glorious witness.

2.【The brave warriors are faithful to the king】13-19 Jehoshaphat had several hundred thousand of valiant soldiers in Jerusalem. In the tribe of Judah, there were Adnah, Hehohanan and Amasiah who volunteered willingly. They led the fighting men. From Benjamin, they were armed for battle. They served the king faithfully. Besides, there were also troops stationed in the fortified cities throughout Judah.

※【Renewed day by day and serve the Lord faithfully】14-18 Paul was a heavenly warrior. Though he had experienced a lot of hardship, due to the faith in the resurrection with Christ, he brought more benefit to the church so the gospel might extend farther bringing more thanks and glory to God. Therefore we do not lose heart. The light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. Outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed daily. A heavenly warrior controls his temper. He dies completely to be renewed for the one who cannot be seen and the hope that last forever. He is faithful till death and overcomes to the end.

**Pr 14 / Rev 19:8 Main theme: Fear God and obey the Word, be far from evil and save men to build up the home of God**

**-Build up / The righteous garment**

This holy righteous garment is clothed when favored. It is not by our power to walk in righteousness but by the faith and the blood of redemption of the Lord and through the grace of the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

(1)【Pursue to fear God】1-35 Blessed is he who is upright, righteous, truthful, humble and is far from jealousy and brutality.

(2)【Be foolish and wicked brings the Lord's wrath】1-35 Those whose ways are devious and wicked, lazy and deceptive, faithless, hotheaded and reckless, and oppress the poor will incur the Lord's wrath. We ought to be diligent, remove evil by faith and seek righteousness. We will be favored to be wise to satisfy the Lord's heart.

**Central point of the wheels: Obey the Word and proclaim the Word, be holy and die completely, and be faithful till the end**

Dear Lord, may You let me be refined and be holy fit for your use, and let your treasure be put in my jar and be watchful to wait for your coming.

**2 Ch 18 / 2 Co 5**

**Main theme: Do not follow evil, plead to please the Lord, deny oneself to love and be faithful to His assignment**

**-Do not be promiscuous / To please the Lord (follow evil/be faithful to the assignment)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 18:13 2 Co 5:21

A discussion on not to be promiscuous and pleasing the Lord - on one side it concerned Jehoshaphat went down to ally with Ahab by marriage and did not set apart to be holy. He went to Ahab as partners to attack the enemy. Micaiah the prophet boldly gave the warning and swore with determination to speak bad words. Ahab was rebellious and would not listen and sure enough he died in the battle. On the other side it concerned Paul made his goal to please the Lord and live for Him. He exhorted the church and those new creations in the Lord do not be friends of the world. They ought to prepare watchfully to be the Lord's faithful servants and set their goal to please the Lord.

**A. Swear to determine to please the Lord and be prepared to meet Him**

Be promiscuous (2 Ch 18:1-15) - Be awake (2 Co 5:1-10)

1.【Promiscuity ruins the good acts】1-3 Jehoshaphat was blessed by God with wealth and honor. But he depraved in grace. He allied himself with Ahab by marriage. His spirit went down and he did not set apart to be holy. He became a friend with the secular and brought trouble to the house of Judah. (2 Ch 21:4-7) Promiscuity ruins good acts. Jehoshaphat did not exalt God as holy. He did not inquire of God and confirmed to agree with Ahab on intimate terms. He agreed to join him to go against Ramoth Gilead which violated God's will.

※【Be watchful to prepare for the Lord's coming】1-3 Our life in the flesh is short-lived like dwelling in a tent. (2 Pe 1:13-15) We deeply wish to gain the resurrected glorious body in the future which is the eternal house in heaven just like wearing a glorious clothing without being naked. Jehoshaphat did not think of the things in heaven and only cared for the things of the earth. He allied with Ahab in marriage and became friends. He lost the glorious witness just like being naked. We ought to set apart to be holy to prepare watchfully and long for the better home, lest we will be disgraced when the Lord comes. (Col3:1-4; Heb 11:16)

2.【Swear to be faithful to proclaim God's words】4-15 Thereafter Jehoshaphat requested to inquire of the prophet of God. Ahab hated Micaiah who spoke badly. He liked to listen to the four hundred false prophets who prophesied good. They all predicted in one voice and spoke favorably to the king. Micaiah was called before them. But he swore only to speak the words of God. Faithful servants do not fear power and do not please the king but God.

※【Set a goal to please the Lord】4-10 While we are in this bodily tent, we groan and are burdened. We look forward to the promising resurrection that is to put off this and to put on heavenly dwelling so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Further the Spirit is given to us as a deposit. (Eph 1:14) We ought to learn from Micaiah to please God only and put life and death outside in order to gain a better resurrection (Heb 11:35) just like Paul set his mind to please the Lord. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, the true and false prophets, the good and the evil, that each one may receive what is due him according to his action. On one side was Paul and Micaiah had a different spirit. They were calm without fear and they dwelled with the Lord. On the other side was the false prophets only pleased men. They would be disgraced in sorrow!

**B. Deny yourself to proclaim, live for the Lord, be faithful to the Lord's assignment and do not be afraid**

Be faithful (2 Ch 18:16-34) - Deny oneself (2 Co 5:11-21)

1.【Be bold to speak directly for the flock】16-27 Micaiah was discerned in the spirit. On one hand he saw God sat on His throne. On the other hand he saw the people scattered like sheep without a shepherd. He bore the heart of God and boldly proclaimed the warning. He pointed out that there was a lying spirit in the mouths of the false prophets to entice Ahab to go to his death. Though Micaiah was beaten and put to prison, he still was faithful to declare God's words. Finally he cried to the people to mark God's words.

※ 【Be careful to keep oneself for the church】11-13 Paul had insight in the spirit like Micaiah. He exhorted the church of Corinth to fear the Lord. He persuaded them to obey God's will and not to judge God's servants rashly because God would judge us righteously. Ahab disdained God and obeyed the false prophets. He was finally destroyed. Paul testified himself was naked before God and he hoped that their conscience would also be the same. He did not commend himself but he gave them an opportunity to take pride in him, so that they could answer those who slandered Paul by his outward appearance. Paul was out of his mind before God, but for the sake of the church he was in his right mind just like Micaiah the prophet. He denied himself and was faithful, willing to suffer hardship. Everything was for the flock, the church and in everything he glorified God.

2.【Is afraid of death and enters the battle in disguise】28-30 Though Micaiah faced hardship, he gave a final declaration to Ahab - if he ever returned safely, the Lord had not spoken through him. But Ahab was stubborn and rebellious. He was crafty and self-deceiving. He did not listen to the bad words of the prophet. He intended to go his way. God was not with him and he felt uneasy. As he was afraid of death, he entered the battle in disguise. But he still told King Jehoshaphat to put on his royal robes. So the two kings went together to attack the Aramites.

※【Live for the Lord and be a new creation】14-17 Christ denied His life for us on the cross. He died for us. His love compelled us not to live for ourselves any more but to live for Him who died for us, so we may become a new creation in Christ. Ahab let his old self be king. He did not take the warning of the prophet and only lived for himself. He was unwilling to turn back. Despite his disguise in battle, he could not escape the desperate doom.

3.【Cries out and is saved, is rebellious and destroyed】31-34 The king Aram ordered his chariot commanders not to fight with anyone except the king of Israel. Jehoshaphat was wounded. In his distress he cried out to God and was granted. The enemy left him. Though Ahab disguised in battle and he thought that nothing would be lost and he could be spared, someone drew a bow at random and hit him. He was severely wounded and fell, fulfilling the prophecy of Micaiah the prophet.

※【Confess and is justified, and reconcile with God】18-21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. He reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. Jehoshaphat cried in distress and was saved. He reconciled with God. Ahab was against God and was unwilling to repent. Thus he was destroyed. We ought to follow the footpath of the prophet and the apostle to be dutiful to bring the good news to the people far and near. We should lead people to reconcile with God so we will not perish but gain everlasting life.

**Pr 15 / Rev 19:9 Main theme: Be willing to attend the spiritual feast, be humble to take lesson and provide food timely**

**-Listen humbly / Attend the feast**

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb! These are the true words of God and ought to be written for all generations. Today we ought to attend the Lord's spiritual feast (Is 25:6), by then we will have the share to the Lord's wedding supper.

(1)【Be tender and humble to God and to men】1-19 God favors the humble. Tender intention and words may be free from great offense. Seek humbly and listen with humility may gain prudence. Then you may preach the words of the Lord, pursue diligently and walk a righteous path.

(2)【The benefits of being tender and humble】20-25 Receive the Lord's Word with a humble and tender heart, so the Lord's heart may rejoice. He who has spiritual counsel to battle in the spirit will be able to provide food timely. His spiritual life will ascend full of God's love and delight.

(3)【We ought to take warning】26-33 Do not plot evil lest we may deprave in grace. We ought to remove all greed and die completely to fame, profit and the sinful nature, hate bribes and revere the Lord in all our actions. In this way, the prayers of the righteous are effective. Preach the good news so all generations may be blessed. He who disdains the Lord's words is doomed to destruction.

**Central point of the wheels: Do not follow evil, be humble to take lesson, please the Lord and attend His feast**

Dear Lord, may You let me not to be friends of the world, but gain your approval, to proclaim the good news to the people near and far and be watchful to prepare your coming!

**2 Ch 19 / 2 Co 6**

**Main theme: Do not receive grace vainly, set apart to be holy and lead men to God**

**-Take lesson / Be a servant (be careful / be dutiful)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 19:6-7 2 Co 6:2-3

A discussion on taking lesson and being a servant - on one side it concerned that after Jehoshaphat came back from the battle, he took the lesson from the prophet. Then he led the people turned to God and governed the country with righteousness. On the other side it concerned Paul was faithful and dutiful. He personally set himself as the example. He exhorted the church not to receive grace vainly and set apart to be holy to serve God.

A. Do not receive grace vainly, take lesson and turn to the right path and be God's servant

Take lesson (2 Ch 19:1-7) - Suffer hardship (2 Co 6:1-10)

1.【Merely escaped from death and ought to take lesson】1-3 Jehoshaphat was saved in distress. He merely escaped from death and returned safe and sound. Jehu the prophet came to rebuke him, (2 Ch 19:1-2) "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord?" Thus wrath came upon them. From then, Judah was repeatedly disturbed by the foreigners due to the alliance with the northern nation. However, he still had some good in him. He rid the land of the Asherah poles and set their heart on seeking God.

※【Do not receive grace vainly and return to the right path】1-3 Paul worked with God and exhorted the church of Corinth not to receive God's grace in vain. They ought to return to God in the time of God's favor and salvation to produce fruit of repentance like Paul who never put stumbling block in anyone's path. Jehu the prophet's rebuke to Jehoshaphat was also to advise him to take the lesson timely and to turn from evil back to God lest he would receive God's grace in vain and his ministry might be discredited.

2.【Lead the people to God】4-7 Jehoshaphat took the lesson due to the rebuke of the prophet. Thereafter he went out among the people and led them to God. He also appointed judges in all the fortified cities and encouraged them to act carefully, be just and fair without taking bribes. God was not partial and He would be with them.

※【Be others' example】4-10 Paul preached in all the places. He denied himself to suffer and became the model. He commended himself as the servant of God to lead men to Him. Jehoshaphat went out among the people to lead them to God. He even delighted in persecutions, in hardships, in difficulties and in insults. (2 Co 12:10) He endured all the affliction boldly without yielding. How diligent, watchful and kind it was for him. He was filled in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love with weapons of righteousness. He was more than conquerors. (Ro 8:35-37) He did not take a penny but he made many gain an abundant life. Though he had nothing, he possessed everything. Jehoshaphat also encouraged the judges of the cities to be careful in their work, be righteous to keep the Word and in everything be the model.

**B. Govern the people with righteousness and set apart to serve the Lord**

Be righteous (2 Ch 19:8-11) - Be holy (2 Co 6:11-18)

1.【Govern the people with righteousness】8-10 Jehoshaphat appointed priests and the Levites and heads of Israelite families to administer and settle disputes. He gave them orders to fear God and judge for God and serve faithfully. They were to warn the people whether bloodshed or other concerns of the law, lest they might sin against God and incur God's wrath.

※【Be liberal to others】11-13 Paul was full of the heart of a parent. To the church of Corinth, his heart was wide opened and enduring. He too hoped they would in turn open their hearts to repay him just like a father required from his children. Not only should the judges be fair to minister the people, they ought to be like Paul with all sorts of endurance and a broad mind. Then they might lead the people from evil toward God.

2.【Be dutiful】11 Jehoshaphat appoint Amariah the chief priest over the matters concerning the Lord. He also appointed Zebadiah over the matters concerning the king (in charge of the troops and tax). He set the Levites as officials. They were all faithful and dutiful. The king told them to act with courage. May God be with those who do well.

※【Set apart to be holy】14-18 Paul pointed out the spiritual principle to set apart to be holy. He claimed that the believers cannot be yoked together with unbelievers. Light could not have fellowship with darkness. He encouraged the church to set apart to be holy and be insistent in truth. Those who served God should all the more be holy, self-controlled and not to touch unclean things. (Isa 52:11; 1 Pe 1:14-16) The officials whom Jehoshaphat appointed ought to be like this without touching the secular. Then God would be with them and accept their good acts.

**Pr 16 / Rev 19:10 Main theme: Control one's temper, be righteous and humble, and lead men to worship God**

**-Control the heart / Worship God**

The angel did not allow John to worship him for he always stood at the position of a servant. This chapter discussed on controlling the temper.

(1)【Inquire for a humble mind】1-7 Be meek and humble, weigh ourselves with the words of the Lord. A good heart will reflect kind words. Do not allow men to worship me but lead men to God. Seek humbly and our sins will be redeemed. Fear God and avoid evil, then God will guard us.

(2)【Inquire for a righteous heart】8-17 God takes pleasure in him who can speak the words of God. He will be established and guarded. He who confesses and intercedes will stop God's wrath.

(3)【To exhort】18-26 He who is arrogant and haughty will fall quickly. He who is humble and goes among the oppressed will be remembered and rewarded by God. He who fears God will pour out living water. His mouth speaks gracious words to save and heal men.

(4)【Take warning】27-30 Do not plot evil. The result of the wicked is destruction.

(5)【Control one's temper and be greatly blessed】31-32 The heart is the wellspring of life. We ought to keep a heart of righteousness and humility to do good, and then we will be greatly blessed.

(6)【Every decision is from God】33 It does not depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy to accomplish. Therefore men of the land ought to lift up to the Lord and submit in humility to gain the everlasting true blessings.

**Central point of the wheels: Control one's temper, suffer to proclaim the Word and obey the Word in trembling**

Dear Lord, may You not let me receive grace vainly, to take lesson and return to the right, lead men to set apart to be holy and serve You faithfully and honestly.

**2 Ch 20 / 2 Co 7**

**Main theme: Consecrate and seek, praise to overcome the enemies and obey the Word in trembling**

**-Seek / To comfort (overcome the enemies greatly/truly repent)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 20:20 2 Co 7:1

A discussion on seeking and comfort - on one side it concerned Jehoshaphat met the allied attack from the enemies. He fasted and prayed in distress and sought God. Finally he sang by faith and praised to overcame the enemies. On the other side it concerned Paul was comforted because the church of Corinth repented and returned. They were freed from the confusion of sins. Satan will attack God's children internally and externally and so force them to pray and seek God to be consecrated and blessed. However, we ought to take the warning not to be like Jehoshaphat who was favored and became presumptuous again and fell into the original weakness and failure.

A. Resolved to inquire, consecrate and be holy, praise to overcome the enemies

Inquire (2 Ch 20:1-23) - Be sanctified (2 Co 7:1-10)

1.【Resolved to inquire】1-4 Jehoshaphat was attacked by the alliance of the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Meunites (Edom). These three enemies also represented the power of the dragon, the beast and the false prophets. (Rev 16:13) They attached the children of God. Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of God. He gathered all the people of Judah and proclaimed a fast. They controlled their temper and sought the help of the Lord.

※【Consecrate and be sanctified】1 The church of Corinth was also attacked by the enemy. (1 Jn 2:16) Paul wrote the first book so they might grab God's promise to remove all the filth of the body and the soul to fear God and be sanctified. Due to the allied attack, Jehoshaphat was forced to come before God to resolve to inquire and was purified with favor. The Lord's promise is the most holy faith so we may be sanctified by the Word. (Jn 17:17)

2.【Grab the promise and inquire fervently】5-13 In distress Jehoshaphat prayed to God. He grabbed the promise which God gave to the descendants of Abraham and pleaded, 'We have no power to face this vast army, but our eyes are upon you.'

※【Deny oneself and one's life to pay the price】2-9 Paul wanted the church of Corinth to make room for him in their hearts. He was compelled to do it. He testified he had wronged no one and corrupted no one. He had exploited no one. In distress Jehoshaphat paid the price to pray for his people. Paul even paid the price of his life for the church of Corinth. He always put them in his heart and would live or die with them; in order that they might escape from the attack of the inner and outer enemies. They both paid the price of love and prayer. They were granted by God.

3.【Sing with faith and praise to overcome the enemies】14-23 The Spirit of God came upon Jahaziel to strengthen Jehoshaphat and the people not to be afraid of the vast army. "For the battle is not yours, but God's." He ordered them to face the army by faith and just to take up their positions. Then they would see the deliverance of God. The king and the people bowed with face to the ground. The Levites praised aloud and put on their holy robes. They sang and worshiped. As a result, God set ambushes against the enemy. Their victory was the victory of faith and of praise. God is holy and He is the praise of Israel. (Ps 22:3)

※【Lead to repentance and is greatly comforted】2-10 Paul was greatly comforted by the news Titus brought. The sorrow of the people of Corinth was led to repentance. Paul was preaching in Macedonia and just facing the inner and outer enemies. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted Paul through Titus because he rejoiced for he heard the people of Corinth longed for him, their deep sorrow and ardent concern for him. They became sorrowful as God intended and were led to salvation and left no regret. Jehoshaphat and the people were rejoiced due to God's deliverance. Paul sowed in tears for the church. Now he reaped in rejoice. His joy was unspeakable.

**B. Praise and triumph, produce the fruit of repentance and do not be presumptuous again**

Triumph (2 Ch 20:24-37) - Be confident (2 Co 7:11-16)

1.【Carry off the plunder, give thanks and triumph】24-30 The dead bodies of the enemy lied on the ground and no one had escaped. Thus the people of Judah carried off the plunder which took them three days. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah and praised God because He made them triumph over the enemy. They went to the temple of God with harps and trumpets. They gave all the glory to God for He had given them rest on every side. All the kingdoms of the countries feared when they heard this.

※【Produce the fruit of repentance and give thanks in joy】11-13 According to the godly sorrow the church of Corinth had produced earnestness, eagerness to clear themselves, indignation, alarm, longing, concern and readiness showing they had bore the fruit of repentance. Paul was especially delighted to see Titus was refreshed in the spirit by them. The favor of the church of Corinth and the victory of the people of Judah were all the deeds of God. The name of God is to be praised!

2.【Made God worry】31-37 Thereafter, Jehoshaphat did not set apart to be holy. He repeated his error and made an alliance with Ahaziah the most evil king. He agreed with him to construct a fleet of ships to Tarshish to deliver gold. A servant of God prophesied and warned him that the ships would be wrecked. Sure enough it was fulfilled afterward. (1 Ki 22:48) When Jehoshaphat was favored, he did not tremble to obey and acted presumptuously and grieved God!

※【Have complete confidence in everything】14-16 The words which Paul boasted to Titus about the church of Corinth were testified to be true. Further Titus witnessed their obedience and how they received him with fear and trembling. Thus his affection for them was all the greater. For this, Paul was very glad and he could have complete confidence in them. The sickness of Jehoshaphat re-occurred and he went with the king of Israel in their evil deeds. They took mutual advantage. He rejected God's will and grieved Him. Paul and his co-workers and the church united in love. God's will was unimpeded with blessings upon blessings. As an anointed one of God, Jehoshaphat associated with the wicked. He lost God's grace.

**Pr 17 / Rev 19:11 Main theme: Do not contend but fight according to the Lord's words for the truth**

-**To contend / To fight**

The Lord is the Word who is Faithful and True. He judges according to righteousness. He fights not by the flesh but through prayer and by the Spirit of God. He rides on a white horse.

(1)【Do not contend and be away from evil】1-2 Abraham did not strive with his kinsmen and he was given the whole land as his possession.

(2)【Do not be a fool】3-15 The fool pays attention to a malicious tongue. He gloats over disaster and pretends to be kind. He gives gift and takes bribe. He confuses the black and white. He picks on people and deceives with his tongue. He pays back evil for good. He loves to contend. His eyes are ever on the ground and breaks God's heart.

(3)【Do not judge wrongly or be talkative】16-28 We ought to keep a tender and quiet heart before God to gain wisdom to discern everything. Do not be foolish to strive at things on the earth. But we should strive for the truth of the Lord and be faithful to guard the Word to be His warrior! Just like Stephen, he martyred and was greatly rewarded.

**Central point of the wheels: Consecrate and seek, remove all folly, and praise to overcome the enemies**

Dear Lord, may You make me be consecrated to remove all filth in my body, soul and spirit, be sanctified by the Word and overcome and to praise and triumph.

**2 Ch 21 /2 Co 8**

**Main theme: Be severely wicked will bring calamity, deny oneself and be willing to be generous will be greatly blessed**

**-Evil actions / Kind deeds (to hate / to love)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 21:7, 2 Co 8:9

A discussion on evil actions and kind deeds - on one side it concerned Jehoram became king of Judah. He did all kinds of evil and walked the wicked way of Ahab. He killed all his brothers and rejected the warning of the prophet. His ending was miserable. On the other side it concerned Paul encouraged the church of Corinth to imitate from the beautiful and kind deeds of the Macedonian churches. Out of their extreme poverty and trial, they welled up in rich generosity. This forms an strong comparison with Jehoram who was full of evil actions.

**A. Is jealous and killed; deny oneself and be generous to give**

Is jealous (2 Ch 21:1-10) - Generous to give (2 Co 81-12)

1.【Is jealous and killed】1-4 Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat succeeded his father as king. He brutally killed his six brothers and some princes. This exposed his brutal nature. He led his old self to reign. He was presumptuous and arrogant. He was overweening and his jealous heart was unyielding as the grave.

※【Generous to give with love】1-4 Paul commended the grace of the Macedonian churches to the church of Corinth. Out of the most severe trial and in their extreme poverty they welled up in rich generosity. They also urgently pleaded for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints showing they were full of God's love. Jehoram reigned and he established himself. He brutally killed his brothers and was full of jealousy.

2.【Turn away to wicked way】5-7 Jehoram walked the path of the kings of Israel just like the house of Ahab because he married the daughter of Ahab. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord. But due to the covenant made with David, God was unwilling to destroy the house of David. He still maintained a lamp for David and his descendants.

※【Willing to walk the way of love】5-9 The Macedonian churches did according to God's will. First they gave themselves to the Lord and then to Paul. So Paul urged Titus to complete this act of grace in the church of Corinth. He exhorted them to rejoice in this love act and remember Christ's love of denial. Though He was rich, He became poor so that they through His poverty might become rich. Jehoram turned to his wicked path and did evil blindly. He did not learn from the way of love of David to deny himself and be generous to others.

3.【Reject God and the enemy betrays】8-10 Jehoram forsook the Lord, the God of his fathers. Thus God raised external troubles. The Edomites rebelled against Judah and set up their own king. He led his army to attack them but it was in vain. The army fled back home. (2 Ki 8:21-22) Following that the people of Libnah also revolted. These people of Libnah were once being conquered by Joshua. (Jos 10:29-30)

※【Obey God and is accepted】10-12 The church of Corinth had decided to do this good act for a year. Paul encouraged them to obey God and accomplish this work and they would be acceptable by God that was according to what one had and not according to what he did not have. Jehoram rebelled against God and forsook His good path and His way and love. Thus the people of Edom and Libnah also rebelled against him.

**B. Do not take lesson and the intestines fall; exhibit love and glorify God**

Retribution (2 Ch 21:11-20) - Praise (2 Co 8:13-24)

1.【Ought to take lesson】11-15 Jehoram also built high places on the hills of Judah and caused the people to be led astray to prostitute themselves. Elijah wrote a letter to Jehoram to warn him of his violating acts against God. God would strike a heavy blow at him and everything that was his. He had a lingering disease of the bowels. He became very ill and the disease caused his bowels to come out.

※【Ought to take the exhortation】13-15 Paul quoted from the Scriptures and exhorted the church of Corinth to bear the mind of God to help the poor churches. They ought to help one another so that in their plenty, they might supply what they needed. As it was written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little." Jehoram acted wickedly and provoked God's anger. But God still warned him through the prophet. On one side we ought to take the lesson to stop our evil action. On the other side we ought to accept exhortation to act generously. The two servants of God Elijah and Paul had an abundant life. They bear the mind of God and took God's words to warn and exhort men.

2.【Retribution and punishment】16-20 Jehoram did not take any lesson. He continued to do evil. Thus God aroused the hostility of the Philistines and the Arabians to attack him and carry off all the goods together with his sons and wives except his youngest son. But he still did not take the lesson. He was not contrite and thus he had the disease of the bowels. This disease lingered for long. Finally the bowels came out and he died. He got his deserved retribution. He passed away, to no one's regret and was not even buried in the tombs of the kings.

※【Praise and encouragement】16-24 Finally Paul commended Titus and his co-workers. They received the praise and trust by all the churches to be selected to go with Paul. They became the representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. Paul encouraged the church of Corinth to show the proof of their love and the reason for his pride. Paul and his co-workers did a lot of generous acts. They did what was right, not only in the eyes of God but also in the eyes of men. They glorified God and benefited men and were praised. The mind of Jehoram was vicious. He plotted evil to kill. He sinned heinously. Thus no one regretted his death. He fell in the everlasting darkness. (1 Jn 2:9-11)

**Pr 18 / Rev 19:12 Main theme: Do not be unfriendly, do not be promiscuous, be humble to thirst and seek to know the Lord's name**

**-To thirst to inquire / The Lord's name**

The Lord's name is the Lord's Word. Unless he reveals to men, no one will know.

(1)【The hindrance to gain true wisdom and knowledge】1-24 An unfriendly man pursued selfish ends. He does not thirst for the words of wisdom of the Lord. (the living water) He is partial and deprive the innocent of justice. His heart is proud and his mouth is evil. He slanders and offends others. He worries for the world and when he is grieved he desires others' pity. He is a man of many companions.

(2)【How to gain true wisdom and knowledge】1-24 (a) Be humble and plead persistently and you will be granted. (b) Run into the Lord by faith and by His blood to gain knowledge. (c) Do not be an unfriendly man but establish one another. God is always with us in our gathering and His spiritual grace will be poured on us. But we must never be a man of many companions. Do not be friends of the earth and do not associate with the false prophets and anti-Christ. (d) Maintain the closest fellowship with the Lord. He is our friend more closer than our brothers. Thus we must love the Lord above everything. The Lord's eyes examine men's heart. If we seek Him with sincerity, we will find Him and gain Him. We will receive the reward of the crown. We ought to make every effort to know the Lord.

**Central point of the wheels: Reject evil and seek good, reveal the sign of love and be a friend of the Lord**

Dear Lord, may You make me reject evil and seek good, to learn the way of love, to imitate You to exhibit the sign of love and glorify your name!

**2 Ch 22 / 2 Co 9**

**Main theme: Follow evil brings harm, follow good will be favored, the more you sow the more you reap**

**-Follow evil / Follow good (encounter harm/is favored)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 22:11, 2 Co 9:6-9

A discussion on following evil and following good - on one side it concerned Ahaziah was made king of Judah. He imitated the evil way of the house of Ahab. He went after the kings of Israel and did evil in the eyes of God and brought calamities to the nation. On the other side it concerned Paul encouraged the church of Corinth to be generous and do good to give thanks and glorify God. We ought to come back to our senses and do not be misled for bad company corrupts good character.

A. Do not follow evil, do not be ungrateful, prepare to be generous and do good

Be ungrateful (2 Ch 22:1-6) - Do good (2 Co 9:1-7)

1.【Ungrateful and do evil】1-4 Ahaziah, the youngest son of Jehoram merely escaped from death and reigned. All his brothers were killed by the enemy leaving himself as a survivor. But he reigned only for a year due to his ungratefulness. He took God's grace in vain because he walked the evil path of the house of Ahab and also due to the wrong ways encouraged by his mother, Athaliah who was the daughter of Jezebel. He was thus corrupted.

※【Be zealous to do good】1-5 Paul exhorted the church of Corinth not to take God's grace in vain and be zealous to do good about the service to the saints. They ought to be ready to give lest his boasting of them proved hollow and shameful. Ahaziah reigned but did not follow the good. He followed evil and was ungrateful. He failed God's grace.

2.【Follow the evil plot and God detests】5-6 Ahaziah did not set apart to be holy. He did not walked the way of David. He followed the counsel of the house of Ahab to go with Joram the king of Israel to war against the king of Aram. As a result king Joram returned with wounds and Ahaziah was spared. But he still did not take the lesson to turn from evil. Thereafter he went down to Jezreel to see Joram. He associated with the wicked just like Jehoshaphat. (2 Ch 19:2)

※【Listen to the Lord's words and God is pleased】6-7 "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." (Pro 11:24-25) Therefore we ought to give generously according to the Lord's words for God loves a cheerful giver. Ahaziah followed the evil plot of the wicked and considered only the desires of men and affection. He blindly did evil and was hated by God.

B. Do not help the wicked, do more good, risk your life to save men glorify God

Help the wicked (2 Ch 22:7-12) - Help the good (2 Ch 9:8-15)

1.【Help the wicked and is harmed】7-9 The kinship of Ahaziah and the house of Ahab was unbreakable. He did not have a jealous heart and did not bear the mind of God. He only considered men's affection. He went down to see Joram and joined to attack Jehu. He resisted the anointed one of God that was the one whom God had set to destroy the house of Ahab. Joram was thus killed (2 Ki 9:21-28) and Ahaziah helped the evil. He escaped to Samaria but was also killed. As such the house of Judah was in danger.

※【Do good and be more favored】8-10 Paul exhorted the church of Corinth to do good zealously for God would make all grace abound to them so that they might have what they needed and abound in every good work and increase the fruit of righteousness. (Ps 112:9) Ahaziah was unwilling to turn from evil. Instead he helped the wicked king of Israel to revolt. Finally he was unable to escape from the ending of evil doing. On one side was eager to do good and grace abound. On the other side was rebellion and evil. They both were killed.

2.【Risk one's life to save the country satisfies God】10-11 Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah attempted to seize the throne. When she saw her son was dead, she took the chance to destroy the whole royal family. This was Satan who took the chance to destroy the redemption plan of God to snuff out the light of David. But God raised Jehosheba, the daughter of Jehoram and wife of the priest Jehoiada. She risked her life and stole Joash away from among the royal princes who were murdered, lest he might be killed. She saved the fate of the nation of Judah.

※【Give more and donate more glorifies God】11-13 Paul exhorted the church to obey the Lord's command to give generously and they would be made rich in every way and overflow in many expressions of thanks to God and glorify God. The church gave generously and had good witness. Jehosheba bore the mind of God and risked her life to save the royal family. Though she was the daughter of Athaliah, she set apart to be holy. She hated evil and regardless of herself, she preferred to sacrifice her life to hide the prince. She also made a good witness.

3.【Is favored to hide in the temple】11-12 Jehosheba was willing to sacrifice to grab to save the prince and his nurse and hid them in the temple of God despite the darkest moment when Athaliah was trying to annihilate the royal family. They had hidden there for six years.

※【God gives His surpassing grace】14-15 The church of Corinth was willing to give to the saints who were in need showing God's surpassing grace. This inspired the love of the saints to remember them in the prayers for their hearts were with them. Jehosheba and Jehoiada were full of God's love. They were willing to sacrifice to grab to save the prince. They had turned the crisis showing the surpassing grace of God so that the desperate house of David had hope which was also the victory of God's will.

**Pr 19 / Rev 19:13 Main theme: Remove the folly, be diligent to seek the Word, obey the Word forever and proclaim It extensively**

**-The truth / Proclaim the Word**

The Lord is the Word. When the time comes the Lord's Word will judge all people. He will trod down the enemies and the blood will stain on His garments (Isa 63:1-4) to avenge for the redeemed people. Obey the Word will be blessed and be wayward will be punished.

(1)【Obey the Word will be blessed】1-29 We ought to obey the Lord's right path, good way and the way of love. Better be poor but the walk is blameless. Do not be greedy for wealth and do evil. Do not give false witness. Do not be lazy and covet in feasts. Do not quarrel and be angry. Have a mercy heart to give so many will enjoy the Lord's grace.

(2)【Fear God and keep the Word firmly】1-28 Do not swerve but be guarded and gain rich blessings.

(3)【To turn from the Word will be punished】26-29 He who strays or disdains the Lord's Word will be punished and beaten.

**Central point of the wheels: Keep the Word firmly, often be generous and grab to save men**

Dear Lord, may You let me be inspired by your love, be willing to offer, be eager to do good, to grab to save the souls and glorify your name!

**2 Ch 23 / 2 Co 10**

**Main theme: Be strengthened to obey the Lord and act, restore men's heart to God**

**-Destroy the enemy / The spiritual war**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 23:6-7, 2 Co 10:4-8

A discussion on destroying the enemies and a spiritual war - on one side it concerned Jehoiada strengthened himself and led the priests and Levites together with the army to annihilate the rebellious power of Athaliah the evil woman. He managed to maintain the royal family of the house of Judah. On the other side it concerned Paul used his spiritual power to resist the false apostles and restored the men's heart to God. We ought to use the power of prayer to be watchful to fight and discern the enemies' plot. This is not by the flesh but by overcoming our inner and outer enemies and boast in the Lord only.

A. Be strengthened to obey the will, be watchful to be on guard and contend before God

Be on guard (2 Ch 23:1-11) - A spiritual war (2 Co 10:1-9)

1.【Be strengthened to obey the will】1-3 Jehoiada (known of God) the priest showed his strength and gathered the commanders of units of a hundred, the Levites and the heads of families at the temple of God during the time of the usurp of Athaliah which was the darkest moment. They assembled and made a covenant with the king in order to obey God's will and to establish the king's son as God promised concerning the descendants of David.

※【Be bold to defeat crime】1-5 As an apostle of Christ, Paul had to face the challenge of the false apostles. He was full of courage and a heart of jealousy. He did not live by the standards of this world but he attacked the power of the false way and the anti-God just like Jehoiada. When he appealed to the church of Corinth, he was meek. But when he was not with them, he was bold. Jehoiada also loved God and loved the people. But to the rebellious power of Athaliah, he did not yield for an inch or compromise.

2.【Be watchful to keep the gate】4-7 Not only Jehoiada himself was watchful on the assignment of God, he also appointed the priests and Levites to set three divisions to watchful faithfully on all the gates. No one was to enter the temple of God except those who were consecrated and assigned.

※【Attack the enemy's strong fortress】1-6 Both Paul and Jehoiada fought not with the weapons of the world. Their weapons were the divine power which could demolish strongholds of Satan. They demolished every pretension of Athaliah and the false apostles that set itself up against the knowledge of God and to take captive every thought to Christ. (2 Co 10:3-5) On one hand they had spiritually hit the evil plot of the wicked and their strategic point. On the other hand they were watchful to attack the enemy. God was with them and contended for them.

3.【Bring weapons to guard the king】7-11 The Levites brought weapons and stationed around the king. Jehoiada the priest gave the weapons of David to the commanders of the units of a hundred. He stationed all the men, each with his weapon in his hand around the king. Then he brought out the king and put the crown on him. He presented the king with a copy of the covenant, (Deu 17:18-20) and proclaimed him king so he might read it all the days of his life to learn to revere God. Then the people shouted.

※【Gain the power to edify men】7-9 Paul expounded the authority of the apostle which was to build up the church and not to pull it down just like the Levites took the weapons of David (Eph 6:17-18) in order to guard the king. Paul said this to aim at those who claimed to belong to Christ. He was not ashamed of it even if he boasted of this. He was not trying to frighten them because he had the Word of God and the weapon of prayer. He also had God to rule in his heart. Thus he was full of authority.

**B. Destroy the enemies completely and boast in the Lord**

Destroy the enemies (2 Ch 23:12-21) - Triumph (2 Co 10:10-18)

1.【Kill the evil woman】12-15 The doom day of the evil woman Athaliah had come. She heard the noise of the people running and cheering the king. Then she went to the temple and saw the people rejoicing and singing praises. The commanders of units of a hundred were beside the king. She tore her robes and shouted hopelessly, 'treason! treason!' Jehoiada commanded to bring her out and put her to the sword.

※【Overcome the false apostles】10-13 Though Paul the apostle was unimpressive and his speaking amounted to nothing, he was full of the spiritual authority and power. His letters were weighty and forceful. This was not to compare with those who wanted to recommend themselves. He did this according to what God had weighed for his boundary to construct the church of Corinth. Same was the case of Jehoiada the priest. Once he commanded, Athaliah was killed. Paul also overcame the challenge of the false apostles.

2.【Make a covenant to remove evil】16-21 Jehoiada led the people and the king to make a covenant to be a people who kept the covenant of God. They tore down the temple of Baal and smashed the altars and idols. They killed the priest of Baal. Thereafter Jehoiada assigned men to guard the temple according to what was written in the Law to station gatekeepers. The gates of the temple were strictly guarded not allowing anyone who was unclean to enter. Thus the king went into the palace and reigned. The people rejoiced!

※【Boast in the Lord】14-18 Paul paid the price to preach the gospel to establish the church of Corinth. He did not go beyond his limit by boasting of the work done by others. He only hoped that faith continued to grow in the church so that the gospel might be preached beyond their region. He only boasted in the Lord. Jehoiada who made a covenant with the people and the king was also boasting in the Lord. They were commended and accepted by God.

**Pr 20 / Rev 19:14 Main theme: Remove the unrighteous, be diligent to prepare for the spiritual food and be the heavenly army of the Lord**

**-Be clean and white / The heavenly army**

The heavenly armies are white and clean. They followed the Lord closely and rode on white horses. This is not by men's intention, the flesh or sorcery but according to the pattern of the Lord's instruction to contend and work through the Word and by the Spirit. We ought to possess the following requirement to be a faithful servant or a brave warrior of the Lord.

(1) Do not be drunk and be presumptuous, but set apart for the Lord without being stained by the secular.

(2) Be far from contention and do not be boastful and self-righteous.

(3) Be diligent and faithful, do not mind others' business and do not gossip.

(4) Pursue righteousness, be clean and upright in heart like children.

(5) Let our spiritual eyes see and the spiritual ears hear, let the mouth proclaim the living Word of the Lord full of spiritual resourcefulness to fight the spiritual war.

(6) Our footsteps be decided completely by the Lord and do not turn to one's own way.

(7) Be able to repay evil with good with mercy and honesty.

**Central point of the wheels: Be clean to follow the Lord, and overcome the enemy in the spiritual war**

Dear Lord, may You make me loyal to follow You, be able to use the spiritual power to pray watchfully and overcome Satan and the evil power.

**2 Ch 24 / 2 Co 11**

**Main theme: Turn from the Word and do evil brings disasters; deny your life to proclaim the Word brings blessings**

**-Be ungrateful / Be led astray**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 24:22, 2 Co 11:2-3

A discussion on being ungrateful and being led astray - on one side it concerned that after Jehoiada passed away, Joash was ungrateful. He did not remember the grace of Jehoiada and forsook God. He followed others gods and did not take warning. He even killed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada. Finally he had his retribution. On the other side it concerned the church of Corinth failed Paul who paid the price for them. They were led astray and put up with the false apostles. Thus they were tempted. On one hand Paul rebuked them. On the other hand he pointed out the hypocrisy and the deceit of the enemy. He boldly witnessed his proof how he became the apostle of Christ.

A. Live before God, do not be led astray, to love as denying oneself, repair the temple

Repair the temple (2 Ch 24:1-14) - Breach the gap (2 Co 11:1-17)

1.【Only live before men】1-3 Joash was greatly favored by God. He merely escaped death and reigned when he was seven years old. In the years of Jehoiada he did what was right in the eyes of God. But he only lived before men and not before God. (Ps 16:8)

※【The heart is led astray】1-3 Paul was the worst of sinners but favored. All his life he repaid the grace and was faithful to God's assignment. He brought the church to live before God unlike Joash who lived before men. He had the jealousy of God and warned the church to be a pure virgin presented to Christ lest their hearts be led astray just as Eve was deceived by the serpent.

2.【Collect the money to repair the temple】4-14 Joash decided to restore the temple of God because the people of the evil woman Athaliah had damaged the temple. They had used the devote articles to worship Baal. The king called together the priests and Levites to use the money devoted from the people to repair the temple quickly.

※【Breach the gap for the church】4-15 Paul pointed out that in the church of Corinth, some people put up with the false apostles to preach a different Jesus, a different spirit and a different gospel just like the temple of God was ruined. On one side was to collect the money (representing the redemption) to repair the temple. On the other side was to use the truth of the gospel to breach the gap to restore to the original ministry and the pure faith.

3.【Personally lead to repair the temple】4-14 Joash ordered to repair the temple. But the Levites did not act at once. Only Jehoiada personally led to repair the temple. (2 Ki 12:9) He made a chest so the people were willing to give their money and put it in the chest. The stonecutters and the carpenters started to repair. Finally the temple was reinforced and the repair was completed. When Jehoiada was on earth, the people always offered and served God.

※【Personally be the example】4-17 Paul lowered himself to preach the gospel to the people of Corinth free of charge. He even robbed other churches but he did not burden the people of Corinth. He was the same as Jehoiada, willing to sacrifice and full of God's love. He personally was the model but Joash was not a model. Even the Levites did not act at once to repair the temple. Paul was discerned in the spirit. He had the insight of the masquerading nature of the false apostles. They masqueraded as an angel of light. God would judge them according to their action. He was self-confident and boasting as a fool before the people of Corinth. He had no other alternative. This was to witness his authority on the church,. Paul and his co-workers and Jehoiada and his temple workers worked with honesty to breach the gap. (2 Ki 12:15)

**B. Do not be ungrateful, do not forsake God, risk the life repeatedly and deny oneself to proclaim**

Forsake God (2 Ch 24:15-27) - Be ungrateful (2 Co 11:18-33)

1.【Was ungrateful, forsook God and killed the priest】15-22 Jehoiada was faithful and did good all his life. He served God and repaired the temple. He was honored and buried among the tombs of the kings. After his death Joash listened to the officials and abandoned God to serve other gods. Thus the wrath of God came. Though God still sent prophets to warn them, they did not listen. The Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada. He boldly rebuked them for their heinous sin in violating God's command. Joash was ungrateful. He harbored his hatred in the heart and requited kindness with emnity. He killed the son of Jehoiada. As Zechariah was dying, he asked God to see this and called him to account.

※【Ungrateful and did not acknowledge the true apostle】16-23 There was someone in the church of Corinth who did not acknowledge the authority of Paul as the apostle of Christ. He was also ungrateful like Joash. Paul was courageous and boasted a little, not by the way of the world. He did this to pinpoint at the deception of the false apostles to restore the church from the captivity of the false apostles so they might not be enslaved. Both Paul and Zechariah were utterly devoted and did not fear power. They were not afraid to sacrifice and guarded the Word boldly. They were indeed God's faithful servants!

2.【Do wicked and receive the retribution】23-27 Thereafter the army of Aram marched against Joash. They killed all the leaders. God delivered a much larger army into the hands of a few men because they forsook God. Joash was severely wounded but he did not repent. His officials conspired against him and killed him for shedding the blood of the son of Jehoiada. He died but was not buried in the tombs of the kings because he was ungrateful and he sinned against God.

※【Do good and is saved】23-33 Paul testified he had suffered a lot and experienced much danger. He also faced daily the pressure of his concern for all the churches. He had concern for the weak exhibiting his mind as an apostle of Christ. Through all the sufferings he was delivered by God from the danger of the enemies. Joash abandoned God, thus his officials conspired against him. He did evil and hurt himself. He deserved his death.

**Pr 21 / Rev 19:15 Main theme: Let the heart turns after the Lord, remove evil and do good and be full of power**

**-The heart turns / Power**

The Lord's mouth comes out God's words like sharp sword that pierces the heart. He obeys God's Word till the end thus He has the iron scepter that shatters nations. He has full power to trod down the enemy and lead all people to God. We ought to be far from evil and be firm to do good for God is with us and we will overcome in the battle.

(1)【The heart turns according to the Lord's words】1-2 Do not take yourself as right.

(2)【Walk in righteousness and justice】3-31 Do not be proud and arrogant, do not quarrel and be ill-tempered. Do not convict with deception or to give or accept a bribe. Be pure and upright and do justice.

(3)【Be diligent to plan】3-31 Pursue righteousness and kindness, store up your wealth to be ready for the day of battle. Do not be hasty.

(4)【Be careful to keep the mouth and tongue】3-31 Make every effort to train yourself to be godly to be mature without giving false witness.

(5)【Be willing to give and not be a miser】3-31Be filled with God's mind and God's love. Do not be a sluggard and refuse to work but only care for your own pleasure.

(6)【Be firm in action】3-31 Obey God's will and never be double-minded. In this way God will be with you and you will be unbeatable.

**Central point of the wheels: Do not be led astray, do not be ungrateful, deny oneself to proclaim is powerful**

Dear Lord, may You guard my heart never to be led astray, and repay your goodness all my life and be willing to suffer to carry the cross to follow You till the end.

**2 Ch 25 / 2 Co 12**

**Main theme: Forsake God in grace fail miserably; the benefits of boasting of grace and doing for others**

**-Be arrogant / Be humble to deny**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 25:7,9, 2 Co 12:9

A discussion on arrogance and denying humbly - on one side it concerned Amaziah became king. He was not wholehearted to God. He was arrogant and contended in flesh. Finally he was killed for not taking the lesson. On the other side it concerned the witness of Paul. He humbled and hid himself. He denied himself to love men. Though he had the great revelation, he did not boast of himself. He only boast of his weakness and God's grace.

**A. Not by the flesh, boast of the weakness and boast of the grace**

By the natural instinct (2 Ch 25:1-13) - Boast of the grace (2 Co 12:1-10)

1.【Work in the flesh】1-6 Amaziah succeeded Joash as king of Judah. Though he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and according to the law, he was not wholehearted. He mustered three hundred thousand men from Judah and Benjamin ready for military service. He also hired a hundred thousand fighting men from Israel for a hundred talents of silver to fight against Edom which was not according to the will of God. He acted rashly by his flesh.

※【Boast in the Lord】1-5 Paul was dedicated to God all his life. He loved God and obeyed His Word. He advanced deeply in the spirit and was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things. But he did not boast by his flesh. He humbly boasted in Christ to testify "a man in Christ". Amaziah hired the fighting men by flesh and boasted by his numbers. But Paul would not boast of himself, except about his weakness.

2.【By natural instinct results in loss】7-13 A man of God came to prevent Amaziah to unite with the Israelites to attack the enemy for the whole nation worshiped the gold calf from top to bottom. Thus God would not be with the descendants of Ephraim. (2 Ch 11:15) Amaziah listened to the advice of the man of God and told them to return home. In their fury, they killed three thousand people of Judah and took off great quantities of plunder. Though Amaziah had killed ten thousand men of Edom by flesh, the people of Judah had much loss.

※ 【Boast of weakness and grace is sufficient】6-10 Paul was greatly revealed but he humbly hid himself. He prevented himself to speak about this lest he was highly esteemed. Amaziah suffered loss due to his flesh and dependency on power. Paul had a thorn in his flesh. Though he suffered all his life, God did not promise to take it away. This was due to God's love so he was guarded lest he might become conceited and fall. Thus he boasted all the more gladly about his weaknesses and experienced more of God's abundant love and his sufficient grace.

**B. Be arrogant and contend will be punished; be humble to deny and set oneself as the example**

Forsake God (2 Ch 25:14-28) - Glorify God (2 Co 12:11-21)

1.【Walk in vileness and forsake God】14-16 After slaughtering the Edomites, Amaziah brought back their gods. He then set them up as his own gods. Thus he forsook God and provoked Him to anger. A prophet came to rebuke him. He did not listen and even wanted to strike him. So the prophet proclaimed God would destroy him.

※【Be an apostle and glorify God】11-13 Paul testified himself as an apostle with great perseverance and through signs, wonders and miracles. He was willing to deny himself. He worked hard with his own hands and was never a burden to the church. He was not in the least inferior to the super-apostles. Yet he was treated as a fool. As the king of Judah, Amaziah acted in vileness. He worshiped the gods of Edom and forsook the Most High God. Paul had lived out the glorious image of Christ completely.

2.【Be arrogant and contend will fail miserably】17-24 After Amaziah had defeated the Edomites, he became arrogant and wanted to contend with the king of Israel. He was unwilling to listen to admonishment and thus was tragically defeated before the Israelites. He was captured and the holy city was destroyed. Treasures were plundered and the articles in the holy temple were carried away.

※【With the same spirit and the same footsteps】14-18 Paul treated the church of Corinth with the heart of a father and a mother. Everywhere he revealed his love for them. He gladly spent everything and expended himself. Yet there was still some who thought him as crafty and caught them by trickery. Amaziah was arrogant and contending. He did not listen to admonishment and brought a great loss to the nation and the people. On one side was hatred between the two kings on the north and the south. They contended in the flesh. On the other side was Paul and his co-workers acted in the same spirit and followed the same course. They overcame the slander and disturbance of the enemies by the truth and love.

3.【Not willing to take lesson and forsake God】25-28 Amaziah returned with defeat. He lived for fifteen year in vain. He did not repent and take his lesson to repay God's grace. Instead he abandoned God and thus the traitors conspired against him. Though he fled, he was finally killed.

※【Repent, take lesson and turn to God】19-21 Paul exhorted the church of Corinth with love in the sight of God. He was afraid that when he came again, they would still be quarreling, in jealousy and disorder. He grieved that they might take God's grace in vain and did not repent. Amaziah took God's grace in vain for the last fifteen years. He did not take his lesson to turn from evil. Instead he abandoned God and was seriously punished by God.

**Pr 22 / Rev 19:16 Main theme: Be humble to bear the cross, obey and gain a good name and be exalted**

**-Be humble / A beautiful name**

Due to the Lord's humility and obedience and His death on the cross, God raised Him to the highest, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. How to gain the beautiful name - 1-29:

(1) Humility and the fear of God, be patient in everything and restrain your temper and wrath

(2) Hide deeply in the Lord, be watchful to remove evil, do not fall into the pit of sin

(3) Be good in educating, full of mercy, share the living bread with the poor and be diligent and strong to work

(4) Pay attention to receive the Lord's words everyday, keep them in the heart and have all of them ready on your lips, be a close friend with the Lord full of counsel and knowledge to accomplish His mission

(5) Do not be silly and zealous outside the Lord as to strike hands in pledge

(6) Be contented with what the Lord gives, do not move the boundary stone and infringe on others' boundary.

**Central point of the wheels: Do not be arrogant, boast of your weakness, obey the Word and gain the beautiful name**

Dear Lord, may You make me humble and rely on your grace all my life, do not be boastful, do not be arrogant, do not contend and wait to reign with You.

**2 Ch 26 / 2 Co 13**

**Main theme: Be powerful but arrogant bring disasters; lead men with every effort into perfection**

**-Vile / Perfect**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 26:5, 2 Co 13:3-5

A discussion on vileness and perfection - on one side it concerned Uzziah became king. He was very powerful and received great help from God. Then he became proud and burned incense without authorization. Thus he provoked God to anger. He even rejected the priests of God. As a result he was infected with leprosy till death. On the other side it concerned Paul humbled and used the spiritual power in trembling to edify the church. Not only did he warned the sinners, he exhorted the church to enter into holy and perfect condition.

**A. Determine to seek, be a perfect man, and gain God's help**

God helps (2 Ch 26-1-15) - Be perfect (2 Co 13:1-9)

1.【Seek God will be successful】1-5 Uzziah succeeded Amaziah as king. He did what was right in the eyes of God. He sought God in His vision and God gave him success. He rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah.

※ 【Do not repent will be not spared】1-3 Paul cited the principle from the Scriptures in dealing with offenders that every matter had to be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. (Deu 17:6) He did this to state that when he would come again for the third time, he would not spare those who sinned earlier. In everything Paul sought God and by His authority to punish those who did not repent. Christ was not weak in dealing with them , but was powerful among them. Uzziah sought God and had success. God would not spare whoever did not repent.

2.【Receive God's help and become powerful】6-15 Uzziah gained the help of God to attack the Philistines and broke down their walls. He also went to war against the Arabs and the Meunites. He built towers at the Corner Gate and Valley Gate to strengthen the guard. His fame spread far and wide and he became powerful.

※【Live with the Lord and enter perfection】4-9 Christ humbled and denied Himself. He was taken as weak. He willingly obeyed God's will to be nailed on the cross but was risen due to the power of God. We too ought to humble and die completely. Yet by God's power we will live with Him. Paul was always watchful for the church. He gained the help of God and strengthened the towers. He deeply drew the living water to exhort the church to examine their faith to show that the church should not fail the test. He also prayed for them : (1) they would not do anything wrong; (2) in everything for the truth and not against the truth; (3) to be complete. Uzziah had the help of God internally and externally. He became very powerful. Paul brought men to die and to live with God and be abundant in life to become perfect.

**B. Be arrogant and abuse the authority; be humble and use power aptly**

Violate God (2 Ch 26:16-23) - Edify men (2 Co 13:10-14)

1.【Be arrogant, vile and violate God】16-20 After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He entered the temple and burned incense without authorization. He neglected the confrontation of eighty courageous priests and greatly sinned against God. As he became angry, leprosy broke out on his forehead. He was being driven out of the temple in disgrace because God had afflicted him.

※【Use power to edify men】10-12 Paul wrote in advance to the church of Corinth, lest when he saw them he had to be harsh to them by his authority. Uzziah was arrogant and abused his authority. Paul was humble and rightfully exercised his authority to build them up and not to tear them down. Finally he encouraged the church to be joyful, listen to his appeal, to be in one mind and in peace, be holy and aim for perfection. Uzziah was proud and angry. This brought him lifelong sickness and suffering. The priests had a jealous heart of God like Paul and they exercised their spiritual power to resist. They were holy and fit for use. They were perfect before God.

2.【Do not realize till death】21-23 Uzziah was proud and arrogant. He acted presumptuously and profaned God. (Pro 21:24) He had leprosy and did not realize till death. He was not cured. He was sick and was excluded from the temple of God. He was also excluded from God. Jotham his son took charge and governed the people.

※【God be with us】13-14 Paul represented the saints and greeted the church. He sent blessings to them that may God's grace and love and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them all. Uzziah was not humble till death. He did not repent and had no peace. Nor did he have the grace and the presence of God. Paul united with God all his life. His life was abundant and became the blessings of the churches.

**Pr 23 / Rev 19:17 Main theme: Ought to take warning, remove all greediness lest you become the supper of the birds**

**-Covetous / The birds' supper**

The Lord's words are like the righteous sun which can shine and heal those who fear Him. Do not covet anything on earth lest you become the great supper of the birds and be devoured by the evil one. We ought to remove all greediness, to love and proclaim the Word to satisfy the Lord's heart lest we may be harmed by the enemies.

(1)【Remove any greediness】Do not covet in food, money, benefit and sleep. Further, never be greedy in lust lest you may fall into the pit of the prostitute. She will poison you like a viper and make you faint till death.

(2)【Pay attention to listen to the Lord's words】Pay the price to advance to seek the truth and keep it till the end.

(3)【Lead men to righteousness】 Discipline a child and speak what is right. Give your heart to the Lord and let your eyes keep to the narrow path of the Lord's cross. Deny yourself to save men and lead them to righteousness. Comfort the Lord's heart and you will gain rich blessings.

**Central point of the wheels: Do not covet, do not be proud and be a perfect man**

Dear Lord, may You let me not be proud in grace, not be greedy but be humble to deny myself and make every effort to enter into perfection to please You!

**2 Ch 27 / Gal 1**

**Main theme: Advance to seek further to understand the true Word, rebuke severely on other gospel**

**-Ought to enter the temple / Understand the revelation (seek / turn to God)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 27:2, Gal 1:10-12

A discussion on ought to enter the temple and understanding the revelation - on one side it concerned Jotham became king of Judah. Though he built a lot and was able to overcome the enemies, he did not enter God's temple. The people still did vile things. On the other side it concerned Paul retreated deeply in Christ and was revealed to understand the mystery of the gospel. He rescued the church of Galatia to return to the truth. God's workers must first retreat to the desert and understand deeply the truth of the mystery and revelation of God's will, then they may proclaim the gospel, be strong to guard the Word and lead men to turn to God.

A. Enter God's temple, gain God's heart, guard the truth to avoid the vileness

Ener the temple (2 Ch 27:1-4) - Guard the Word (Gal 1:1-11)

1.【Do not enter the temple and people walk in vileness】1-2 Jotham succeeded Uzziah as king and he did what was right in the eyes of God. But as his father burned incense without authorization and provoked God's anger, he was afraid and would not enter God's temple or seek God. Thus he could not see God's face. David sought God all his life. He dwelled in God's temple and took God as his delight. He led men to seek God. But Jotham did not follow David. Thus he could not lead men to the right way and the people walked in vileness.

※【Do not seek and swerve from the truth】1-6 Paul as an apostle of Christ was not sent from men nor by man. He had the revelation from Christ and the God who rose Him from death. He deeply understood the mystery of Christ and the perfect gospel. He was able to correct the church of Galatia timely from other gospel. Jotham reigned but did not enter God's temple. Nor did he seek God. His people walked in vileness but he did not prevent them. The church of Galatia soon turned from the truth because they did not seek God or His Word deeply. Thus they easily accepted other gospel.

2.【Only focus on the outer building】3-4 Jotham was busy with external built up more than in spiritual pursuit. Jotham rebuilt the Upper Gate of the temple of God and did extensive work on the wall at the hill of Ophel. He built towns in the Judean hills and forts and towers in the wooded areas. But he did not care when the people walked in vileness against God. He did not lead the people to rebuild their lives.

※【Focus on the inner edification】7-11 Paul was watchful for the church. He paid attention in the built up of their life and faith. He sharply pointed out that what the church of Galatia followed was not gospel at all. Some people confused them and tried to pervert the gospel. These people ought to be condemned. As a servant of God, Paul only wanted to please God and not men so that the church might be strengthened in the truth. He set the doors and gate so they would not be shaken. Though Jothan rebuilt the temple gate, he did not lead the people to enter God's temple to seek and worship God.

**B. Do not advance deeply is not complete, gain the revelation and proclaim to the Gentiles**

Do not advance deeply (2 Ch 27:5-9) - Gain the revelation (Gal 1:12-24)

1.【Overcome the enemy and make them surrender only for three years】5-6 Jotham conquered the king of Ammon and made him subdue to restore the tribute paid to Judah as in the years of Uzziah. (2 Ch 26:8) But they only did this for three years. Later when the northern nation united with the army of Aram against Judah, Ammon took the chance to betray without sending their tribute. (2 Ki 15:37) Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before God. Regrettably he never entered God's temple all his life and did not lead the people to walk the right path.

※【Fight the good fight all his life】12-17 Paul was led by God to retreat to the desert of Arabia. He was edified by God for three years. His life was being dealt with and he ate up the scroll. He died completely to his old self and united with the Lord. God revealed His Son to him. The gospel he used to preach was not something that man made up but was received by revelation from Jesus Christ. Thus he overcame all his internal and external enemies by the Lord all his life and fought a good fight. Jotham did not advance in his life. He was not thorough and his work was not thorough. Therefore he was able to subdue his enemy only for three years. In his later years, the northern nation and Aram became his trouble and he was unable to triumph. (2 Ki 15:37-38)

2.【There is a record on what he did the whole life】7-9 Jotham rested with his fathers. Whatever he did all his life and his wars and results were written in the book of the kings. God would judge.

※【The life is changed with witness】18-24 After three years of retreat, Paul's life was changed. He lived out Christ. He went up to Jerusalem and stayed for fifteen days as testified by Barnabas. He then boldly preached the Word in the name of the Lord. Later due to the persecution of the Jews, he went to Syria and Cilicia. Though the Jewish churches had not met him before, they heard of the one who formerly persecuted the church had now preached the faith he once tried to destroy. They gave glory to God. All the life of Jotham's success and failure were recorded. We too ought to have good testimony like Paul to give an account before the judgment seat of Christ to be fearless and be remembered by God!

**Pr 24 / Rev 19:18 Main theme: Do wicked will be avenged; be diligent to seek the Word and be brave to save men will be rewarded**

**-Good reward / Bad reward**

Whoever does wicked will be avenged and becomes the feast of the evil one who devours. We ought to do the following:

(1)【Be diligent to prepare】Do not be lazy and learn from Elisha not to be jealous of the evil. Nor do we associate with the wicked but follow the word of the prophet to gain double portion of the spirit to enter abundance. Further we do not consider we have yet taken hold of it. We come every day to receive from the Lord the honey from the comb and to preach the message of the age and provide food timely.

(2)【Be strong to save men】To risk death to grab to save men and lift up those who fall full of God's love will receive rich blessings from Him.

(3)【Do not be partial】Rebuke the wicked and be God's faithful preachers. In this way we may avoid trouble and be rewarded. But the evil will receive their retribution.

**Central point of the wheels: Seek God, be diligent to prepare, gain the revelation and be bold to guard the Word**

Dear Lord, may You let me retreat deeply in You, be diligent to prepare, understand your salvation deeply, be brave to proclaim it and guard the true Word.

**2 Ch 28 / Gal 2**

**Main theme: Be wanton and do evil angers God; be strong to guard the Word pleases God**

-**Do evil / Guard the Word**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 28:9-11, Gal 2:20

A discussion on doing evil and guarding the Word - on one side it concerned Ahaz became king of Judah. He was wanton and did evil. He greatly violated God and still did not take lesson when punished. Instead he relied on the power of the foreign nations and thus angered God. On the other side it concerned Paul bravely guarded the truth. He defended salvation of justification by faith without partiality. He was dutiful to God and he pleased Him.

**A. Do not do detestable things, be strong to guard the true Word**

Abandon God (2 Ch 28:1-15) - Guard the Word (Gal 2:1-12)

1.【Abandon God and do evil】1-7 Ahaz succeeded Jotham as the king of Judah. He did not learn from David to walk in the right way. Instead he followed the evil way of the kings of Israel. He cast idols and sacrificed his sons in the fire. He acted all the detestable things. Thus God gave him into the hands of the king of Aram and Israel. So the people of Judah were inflicted with heavy casualties and taken as prisoners because they forsook God.

※【Be brave to guard the Word】1-5 Paul learned from Christ all his life. He obeyed the will of the Father God and guarded the truth bravely. As to those false brothers who stole to come in to force to make men slave, Paul did not give in to them for a moment. To resist the error of the circumcised group, Paul argued greatly with them. He set before them the testimony and the gospel that he preached to the Gentiles and he went to Jerusalem in response to a revelation. (Ac 15:1-5) Ahaz did not learn from David to obey God's will in every matter. Instead he abandoned God and did evil, thus leading the people to be captured and killed. Paul resisted the false word so God's children might turn from the bondage of the circumcised group and be freed.

2.【Listen to exhortation and show mercy to the brothers】8-15 The Israelites brutally captured their brothers. For this Oded the prophet was sent to rebuke them. They should not intend to make the people of Judah their slaves and slaughter them. Thus the leaders of Ephraim took the exhortation and prevented the army to do evil. So they pitied the weak and released the prisoners. They gave them food and clothes and took them back home.

※【Keep the Word firmly and be zealous to do good】6-12 James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship showing the apostles of the circumcised and the apostles of the Gentiles respected one another. Everyone was dutiful to complete the mission of the gospel together. Paul had been always eager to be kind. But the army of the Israel was without compassion. They inflicted all the more and sinned against the Lord. Later on, due to the fear of the circumcised group Peter drew back and separated himself from the Gentiles in Antioch. This created some confusion and bad influence. Thus Paul opposed him to his face without partiality. Oded considered the compassionate mind of God and bravely rebuked the Israelites for treating the brother brutally. He was also impartial. God's faithful servant ought to hold fast to the truth and also to be steadfast in love.

**B. Do not be wanton and violate God, defend the gospel and die to the old self**

Plead men (2 Ch 28:16-27) - Be afraid of men (Gal 2:13-21)

1.【Ask help from men】16-21 Ahaz still did not take his lesson when he was rebuked. The Edomites had come to carry away prisoners, while the Philistines had raided many towns. He was still hard-hearted and did not repent. He did not rely on God. Instead he asked help from the king of Assyria and was bullied by him. He sent treasures to the king but that did not help hm.

※【Pretend to be afraid of men】13-18 The other Jews and even Barnabas joined in hypocrisy and were afraid of the circumcised group. Ahaz was also afraid of men but not afraid of God. He preferred to ask help from men and not from God. Paul rebuked them in front of the people for their wrong act as it was not according to the truth. It violated the basic faith of justice by faith. Men were justified not because they had observed the law but by faith. What Paul destroyed he would not rebuild! Ahaz broke faith with God and rebuilt the idols of the high places which the previous kings had built and greatly violated God. When he saw that the king of Assyria did not help him, he presented treasures to the king of Aram. He added sins to himself. Only the humble people who trust in God will be favored to be justified.

2.【Become more wanton】22-27 In his time of trouble King Ahaz became even more unfaithful to God. He offered sacrifices to the gods of Damascus, who had defeated him. But he did not seek help from the Lord God of Israel. Furthermore he even destroyed the articles of God’s temple and shut the doors. He burned incense to other gods in the high places and provoked God’s wrath. He was not placed in the tombs of the kings of Israel and no one remembered him.

※【Nail down the old self】19-21 Not only did Paul expound the truth of faith by justification, he explained about his personal experience of the perfection salvation. Due to faith, he not only died to the law and lived for God; he nailed down his old self because of his belief to crucify with Christ. He no longer lived, but Christ lived in him. Ahaz led his old self rule and was unwilling to deal with his old self. He blindly did evil and sinned against God all the more in his trouble. Paul helped the church to strengthen them in faith and to act justly by grace in order to restore the church whose faith was captivated. Ahaz destroyed the ministry of the temple. He did not enter the temple and he also prevented others to enter. He failed God’s love. He was punished repeatedly but was still stubborn. He was suddenly destroyed without remedy. (Pro 29:1)

**Pr 25 / Rev 19:19 Main theme: Control one's temper, be righteous and humble and deal with the enemy with mercy**

**-Control the heart / Deal with the enemy**

The enemies gathered together to contend with the Lord and those who followed Him. God's children ought to prepare according to the Lord's instructions and get up to face the battle. We should not proclaim or write to others but we ourselves know it without doing it. We would then be a defeated army. Those who believe and follow the Lord will overcome.

(1)【Ought to consecrate and be humble】1-10 Understand the concealed matter of God and His heart deeply.

(2)【Be a faithful messenger】11-25 Do not bring hastily to court, be careful to proclaim the Lord’s words. Be patient always and pray to wait. Use wisdom and gentleness to persuade men.

(3)【Control one's temper and be filled with God's love, do not accept men's honor and be strong for the truth】26-28 Cry with those who are saddened, love your enemies and help them according to their needs, then you will be rewarded by God. Only seek the praise from God. Do not give away, do not be afraid of death. Stand firm in the truth by the Lord.

**Central point of the wheels: Die to the old self, do not be wanton, guard the true Word and be a fighting warrior**

Dear Lord, may You let me die completely to my old self, to control my temper, be faithful to guard the Word and be your fighting warrior.

**2 Ch 29 / Gal 3**

**Main theme: Observe the law and be led astray, follow the Lord's salvation and be blessed**

**-Consecrate / Be justified**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 29:35-36, Gal 3:3-4

A discussion on consecration and justification - on one side it concerned Hezekiah became king of Judah. He led the priests and Levites to consecrate, to purify the temple and offer sacrifices to atone for the sins. They restored the worship in the temple and led the whole nation to give thanks and serve God. On the other side it concerned Paul led the Galatians to restore to the salvation of the cross and run a path of justification by faith instead of justification by the law which is the only path to redemption by blood.

A. Consecrate and repair the temple, return to the cross and be justified by faith

Consecrate (2 Ch 29:1-19) - Be redeemed (Gal 3:1-16)

1.【Lead men to consecrate and repair the temple】1-5 Hezekiah reigned and learned from David in all his acts. He led all the people of the nation to walk in the right path. He took God’s heart as his heart. Once he reigned, he opened the doors of the temple. He repaired the temple and told the priests and the Levites to consecrate themselves and the temple and to remove all defilement from the sanctuary.

※【Lead men to return to the cross】1-4 Paul took God’s heart as his heart. He led the ignorant Galatians return to the salvation of the cross. He used the truth and love to restore the church which had drawn back in faith. Paul was like Hezekiah. He repaired the temple of the heart of the Galatians. He removed the confusion from the circumcised group and reminded them to hear and believe in the gospel. Since they had begun with the Spirit, they should not attain the goal by human effort. (Gal 5:25) He led men from the deception and influence of the heresy and circumcision.

2.【Make a covenant with God without delay】6-11 Hezekiah set his mind to make a covenant with God. He encouraged that since the priests and Levites were chosen by God to minister and burn incense before God, they ought not be negligent. As their forefathers had sinned and abandoned God to do evil and defiled the temple, God’s wrath was on them. This great lesson could not be forgotten.

※【Those who believe will gain blessing】5-9 Paul led the church to restore the path of faith of Abraham. He emphasized that those who believed were children of Abraham, so the Gentiles were blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. While all who relied on observing the law, he was under a curse. Hezekiah stated his forefathers had violated God’s command and destroyed the ministry of the temple to follow the false belief. They would also be under a curse. We ought to make a covenant with God and serve Him in a godly manner, then we will be blessed.

3.【Purify the temple and the instruments】12-19 Then the Levites consecrated themselves and purified the temple. They brought out everything unclean to the courtyard. They purified the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils. Without holiness no one will see the Lord, nor can he serve the Lord because the Lord is holy!

※【Live by faith and be purified】10-16 No one can be justified by the law before God. “The righteous will live by faith.” All who rely on observing the law are under a curse. However, Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law on the cross, (Deu 21:23) so the blessings of Abraham may come upon the Gentiles and by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. The promised covenant cannot be abandoned and this is Christ as the center so we may inherit the possession by faith. The Levites consecrated the temple and the articles. They were also by faith and by the Spirit. Thus they were redeemed and cleansed.

**B. Redemption by blood and clothe yourself with Christ**

By blood (2 Ch 29:20-36) - By faith (Gal 3:17-29)

1.【Redeem by blood】20-24 Hezekiah gathered the city officials together and went up to the temple of God to offer sacrifices and redeem for the nation, the people and the temple. The descendants of Aaron slaughtered the bulls and the priests sprinkled the blood on the altar. Next they slaughtered a ram for the sin offering. The king and the assembly laid their hands on the goat.

※【Make a covenant by blood】17-19 The law introduced later could not set aside the covenant previously established by God. God gave the inheritance to Abraham through a promise. The purpose of the law was added because of transgressions so men might become conscious of sin (Ro 3:20) until ‘Issac’ to whom the promise referred to – Jesus Christ come to fulfill. Moses was the mediator of the Old Testament while Jesus is the mediator of the New Testament. Both were set by the blood. (Heb 9:18-22) Hezekiah gathered the officials to sacrifice and they were also redeemed by blood. This blood represented the blood of Christ which set the new covenant. (Lk 22:20; Heb 9:13-14)

2.【Give thanks, sing and praise】25-30 The king stationed the Levites to play the harp, to sing and praise the Lord. They used the trumpets with David’s instruments to extol God with the psalms of David and Asaph.

※【Be justified by faith freely】20-24 The Scripture declared that the whole world was a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believed. The law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified freely by faith. (Ro 3:20-24; 10:4) We ought to be like David and Hezekiah to sing praise of God’s great salvation!

3.【Be willing to offer】31-36 Hezekiah led the assembly offer thanksgiving sacrifices willingly. In this way, the service in the temple was restored. The king and the people rejoiced with gladness.

※【Live out Christ】25-29 Through faith in Christ we are all sons of God and no longer under the supervision of the law. We baptize into Christ and clothe ourselves with Christ without any distinction of Jews or Gentiles. We are all one in Christ and heirs according to the promise. For this, we ought to be like Hezekiah and the assembly to offer willingly and serve with thanksgiving. We should dedicate what we have set apart to repay before God His great love of redemption and live out Christ!

**Pr 26 / Rev 19:20 Main theme: Remove all folly, lest we will be like the beast and go down the fiery lake of burning sulfur**

**-Folly / The fiery lake of burning sulfur**

The beast which is of the flesh without any spirit, is an instrument controlled by Satan. Our body and old self are also the flood and ferocious beasts. The false prophets take godliness as a means to financial gain to mislead men to worship the beast. Their result is to go down the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This chapter discussed on the folly.

(1) If the foolish men are exalted, they will misuse God's words. They can speak but cannot do and cannot be trusted. They are hired workers and only go after money. They are bonded by sin and do presumptuous things. They do and re-do them. They think themselves are wise and plot evil. Their eyes fix on the environment and consider only for the flesh. They are lazy to work for the Lord but mind others' business. They give flattering words and gossip to contend. They use deceit to cover up. They are malicious and harm others.

(2) The folly is the beast and the false prophets. Their ending will be beaten and punishment. They harm others and themselves.

**Central point of the wheels: Remove all folly, consecrate by faith and be clothed with Christ**

Dear Lord, may You make me be completely consecrated without folly, to tremble in grace, be willing to serve and live out your glorious form!

**2 Ch 30 / Gal 4**

**Main theme: Do not be a slave, trust in the Lord's redemption and gain the promised blessings**

**-Observe the feasts / Be redeemed (turn back/take lesson)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 30:26-27, Gal 4:19

A discussion on observing the feasts and being redeemed - on one side it concerned Hezekiah the king of Judah led the people to observe the Passover to remember God's love of redemption. He restored the spiritual ministry and rejoiced with grace together. On the other side it concerned Paul led the church to understand Christ's great work of redemption. They returned to the cross and restored their faith. Thus they would no longer be slaves but be God's sons to inherit the everlasting blessings.

A. Observe God's feasts, proclaim the king's order quickly and do not be a slave anymore

Observe the feast (2 Ch 30:1-14) - Remove the yeast (Gal 4:1-16)

1.【Observe the feast and return to God】1-8 Hezekiah and his officials decided to celebrate the Passover in the second month to the Lord God of Israel. They led the whole assembly to remember the love of the Lord, to recollect their iniquity and burn their love of fire for the Lord. So the couriers went throughout Israel and Judah with letters from the king to assemble the people to observe the Passover with practical action to revere and love God. In the letter, the king encouraged the Israelites not to follow their forefathers to be unfaithful to God, nor to be stiff-necked. They ought to submit to God so His wrath might turn away.

※【Do not be a slave anymore】1-7 Paul also wrote to the Galatians to remind them that since salvation had come upon them they would not be slaves under the law. They were sons and an heir to eternal life by God. Though the Jews were heir to the possession under the law, they were like a child and no different from a slave. As they did not understand the prophesied Christ and the true meaning of the law, not until the grace set by God to send His Son born of a woman and under the law, to redeem those under law. Hezekiah led the Israelites observed the Passover and restored the original love for God, so they might turn to God without being slaves to the idols and sins.

2.【Remove the yeast and observe the feast】9-14 The couriers went throughout the towns of Ephraim, Manasseh, as far as Zebulun. But the people scorned and ridiculed them. Nevertheless, some humbled themselves and came to celebrate the Feast. In Judah, the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out the king’s order. They gathered the assembly in the second month to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread. They abandoned the altars of the idols and cleared away the incense altars.

※【Spur one another on toward love】8-16 Paul was like a courier running everywhere to preach the salvation. He admonished the church of Galatia. Before they did not know God, they were slaves. Now that they had known God, why would they turn back to those weak and miserable principles – secularism and willing to be enslaved? Paul was afraid they would observe special days and seasons. Not only did they reverse in their faith, their love had changed. From the outset, how they had received Paul with love. They would have torn out their eyes and given them to him. Now he became their enemy by telling them the truth. The couriers speedily passed the king’s order and had to pay the price to endure the scorn and ridicule from the tribes. Only by removing the old yeast and then we may restore the truth and love.

**B. Intercede for the people, to bear the pain of childbirth, be favored in rejoice**

Intercede (2 Ch 30:15-27) - The price (Gal 4:17-31)

1.【Intercede for the people and is granted】15-20 They slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed and consecrated themselves and brought in offerings according to the Law of Moses. Since many had not consecrated themselves, the Levites had to kill the Passover lambs so they might be sanctified by the blood. Although most of the many people who came from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not purified themselves, they ate the Passover. Hezekiah confessed and prayed for them. He asked for forgiveness from God and was granted.

※ 【To take the pain of childbirth again】17-20 Paul stated that the church of Galatia did not understand the truth. They could not tell the right from wrong. They were even ungrateful. They did not know that those people who were zealous to win them over were to alienate them from Paul. His reminder was to make them shameful and remorse. Paul was willing to pay the price for the pains of childbirth for the church of Galatia until Christ was formed in them. Hezekiah interceded with love for the people who had not consecrated themselves. He revealed the love of God and was heard by Him.

2.【Praise together and enjoy the rich feast】21-27 The Israelites celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days and pursued the inner purification. The priests and the Levites sang to God every day. The king spoke encouragingly to all the Levites. Thus the people enjoyed the Feast for seven days and offered fellowship offerings filled with thanks and joy. The whole assembly then agreed to celebrate the festival seven more days. This was unprecedentedly joyous since the time of Solomon till now. The priests and the Levites blessed the people and God heard them. Their prayers reached heaven, His holy dwelling place.

※【Inherit the everlasting blessings】21-31 Hagar represented the covenant of the law from Mount Sinai. Sarah represented the covenant of the promise which was above from Jerusalem. There is a difference between the ordinary way which is worldly and the result of a promise which is from heaven. We are born as a result of a promise by faith and through the Holy Spirit (Ro 9:8; Jn 1:12-13) like Isaac. Those Jews who were slaves under the law and rejected the grace also belonged to the ordinary way. They also persecuted those who were justified by faith. On one side was the priests and the Levites blessed the people. On the other side was Paul strengthened the faith of the church and held on the blessing of eternity without turning back to be slaves of the law. We must drive out the ordinary way, then we may join and celebrate the Feast to be thankful and joyous.

**Ps 27 / Rev 19:21 Main theme: The Lord's words destroy the remaining evil, trust in the Lord and be faithful to the assignment, then grace is evermore**

**-Be faithful to the Lord's assignment / Destroy the remaining foes**

The sword that came out of the mouth of the Lord killed the rest of the foes.Following evil will be avenged. God's Word is sharper than any double-edged sword and can purify all inner filth of the body, soul and spirit. We ought to remove all remaining evil, be faithful to the Lord's assignment and not be punished but be rewarded.

(1)【Ought to remove evil】1-27 We must remove the evil of being boastful and self-praising, be angry or jealous, hypocritical and arrogant. Or if we have disjointed with God, we should return quickly to Him. We should not be simple and under-estimate the enemy, be nosy about others or be presumptuous to bless others.

(2)【Be watchful and faithful to the Lord's assignment】1-27 Be careful to examine and give careful attention to watch the herds and flocks entrusted to you by God. Look after his master and His grace will be abundant and sufficient.

**Central point of the wheels: Observe the feast and revive, do not be a slave anymore, take lesson and be faithful to the assignment**

Dear Lord, may You make me remember your great love of redemption forever, remove all my old yeast and no longer be a slave and hold on to the everlasting blessings.

**2 Ch 31 / Gal 5**

**Main theme: Destroy evil completely, do according to the Spirit, bear spiritual fruit fully**

**-Destroy evil / Bear fruit**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 31:10, Gal 5:22-23

A discussion on destroying evil and bearing fruit - on one side it concerned Hezekiah led the people to demolish the high places and idols. Then he appointed the priests and Levites to serve God on duty. The king also ordered the people to bring in the portion of the priests and Levites. They enjoyed God's grace with abundance. They extolled and praised God. On the other side it concerned Paul led the church of Galatia to be freed in Christ by the Holy Spirit and through the cross to overcome the sinful nature of the body, so that they might enjoy an abundant life and bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit to serve one another with love.

A. Be on duty according to the roster, God's grace is abundant, so serve with love

Offer (2 Ch 31:1-12) - Love one another (Gal 5:1-15)

1.【Remove the idols and serve the Lord according to the roster】1-4 Under the leadership of Hezekiah the Israelites went out to the towns of Judah to smash all the idols in the high places after celebrating the Passover. Thereafter Hezekiah assigned the priests and the Levites according to their duties to offer burnt offerings to give thanks and to sing praise to God to devote them to the Law of God.

※【Be freed from the yoke of slavery and serve the Lord in grace】1-5 Paul led the Galatians to remove the heresy and disturbances of the circumcised group so they might be released in Christ without being burdened by the yoke of the slave. Then they might serve God in grace and eagerly await by faith and through the Spirit without being obligated by the law. Hezekiah led the people to destroy all the idols of the nation from the power of Satan and assigned the priests and the Levites to give thanks and praise to serve God.

2.【Offer the tithes and grace is abundant】4-12 After the order of the king was sent, the people brought their firstfruits of their grain, a tithe of their herds and flocks. They piled up in heaps and were blessed by God. Not only did the priests and the Levites have plenty to eat and plenty to spare. Then the king blessed them and ordered to prepare storerooms to be stored.

※【Serve one another with love】6-15 In Christ, there is no value in circumcision except the faith which is expressed through love like the offerings of love and faith sacrificed by the people so the priests in duty had nothing in lacking but be favored together. Therefore we should not be disturbed by the circumcision, and then we may see the plentiful abundance like the restoration under the leadership of Hezekiah. On one side was to order to prepare storerooms and assign men to manage with one heart. On the other side was to remind not to be presumptuous in grace, but to serve one another in love to enjoy the abundance in Christ.

**B. Trust in the Holy Spirit, walk the Way wholeheartedly, overcome and be fruitful**

Be dutiful (2 Ch 31:13-21) - Overcome (Gal 5:16-26)

1.【Obey the king's order and be faithful to serve】13-19 Hezekiah assigned Conaniah the Levite to be in charge of the storerooms. His brother Shimei was next in rank. Ten Levites supervised to distribute the contributions and consecrated gifts. They were dutiful keepers who acted according to the king’s orders and God’s will.

※【Live by the Spirit and overcome the sinful nature】16-21 The sinful nature and the Spirit are in conflict with each other. We must live by the Spirit and by the Spirit, then we may overcome the sinful nature (Ro 8:13) and not be condemned under the law. The Levites who were in charge of the storerooms of God’s temple also had to be away from the corruption of the flesh, then they might obey the king’s order to be faithful in their assignment.

2.【Serve the important duty without lacking】13-19 The priests and the Levites of the towns assisted faithfully in their duty. They purified themselves and were sanctified. They served faithfully according to their divisions and were given their portion, and even to their wives and children. They enjoyed God’s grace together without lacking. They praised God with all their heart and served wholeheartedly without distraction.

※【Die to the sinful nature and bear spiritual fruit】22-24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature on the cross. Then they can bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace and patience. The priests and the Levites assisted in their duty and enjoyed God’s grace with their family. They too had to crucify the sinful nature to be holy to love one another. They bore fully the choice fruit of the Holy Spirit and glorified God.

3.【Walk the Way wholeheartedly and prosper】20-21 Hezekiah obeyed the laws and commands wholeheartedly. He did what was good and right and faithful in the eyes of God. (Mic 6:8; Eze 18:5-9; Heb 3:2) God was with him and so he prospered.

※【Live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit】25-26 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. We cannot attain anything by the sinful nature. (Gal 3:3) Hezekiah walked the Way wholeheartedly and he was also by the Spirit of God and not by himself. Therefore the church must be in harmony with love in the Spirit. We must walk the Way wholeheartedly and nail the old self without being conceited, provoking and envying each other. Then we will have God’s presence and blessings.

**Pr 28 / Rev 20:1 Main theme: Do evil and harm others will be punished; walk in righteousness and save men will be blessed**

**-Walk in righteousness / Do evil**

The angel was holding an instrument of torture. The day of punishment for the wicked is near. We ought to hate sin and evil, to make every effort to be perfect and grab to save the souls by the Lord's power lest they may go down the Abyss.

(1)【Hate sin and evil】1-28 Confess our sin and turn from it and hate it. One who hates ill-gotten gain is not a companion of gluttons, oppresses others or rules over others. He does not walk perversely or chases fantasies. He does not show partiality or does wrong. He does not flatter or be greedy or trusts in himself.

(2)【Make every effort to be perfect】1-28 Seek God unceasingly and be filled with the knowledge of the truth. Keep the word of the Lord and be perfect before God. Follow the Lord’s words and bear His mind to pray. Be courageous by the Lord and resist the wicked for the truth. Be compassionate and save men with God’s love.

(3)【Always keep the fear】1-28 Do not trust in oneself and be arrogant due to the rich grace. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

**Central point of the wheels: By the Spirit turn from evil forever, be dutiful to the holy ministry and see the abundance**

Dear Lord, may You let me be freed in You, to be faithful to my ministry and keep the Word in trembling by the Holy Spirit till the end!

**2 Ch 32 / Gal 6**

**Main theme: Be positive to prepare, inquire of the Lord to overcome the enemy and die completely to the world**

**-Failure / Triumph**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 32:7-8, Gal 6:9

A discussion on failure and triumph - on one side it concerned Hezekiah and the people of Judah met the attack of the king of Assyria. They were saved because they trusted in God. But after Hezekiah was favored, he became arrogant. Thus he failed in the test and left a gap. On the other side it taught us not to be self-deceiving. We ought to sow to please the Spirit and do not boast of anything but boast of the cross of Christ so we may triumph in Christ and be protected forever.

A. Do not be self-deceiving, do not be shaken, by prayer God will strengthen

By God (2 Ch 32:1-15) - Love one another (Gal 6:1-8)

1.【Enhance the defense】1-6 After the house of Judah had revived the godly service, they were faced with the invasion of Sennacherib king of Assyria. The enemy attempted to besiege the holy city Jerusalem. Hezekiah worked hard and tried to block the waterway and increased his guard. He made weapons and expropriate the militia.

※【Restore in love】1 If someone is caught in a sin, the spiritual brothers should restore him gently. But you must watch yourself, or you may be tempted. (Jude 1:23) Faced with the invasion of the Assyrian, Hezekiah had to be strong, courageous and witty and be prepared to resist the enemy in order to restore the fate of the nation. When we face any internal and external enemies, we must have a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline, and then we may save ourselves and save others.

2.【Be bold by God and do not fear】6-8 Hezekiah admonished the people to be strong and not be discouraged by the strong enemy because a greater power was with them than with him. God would help them and fight their battles. The people were thus strengthened without fear.

※【Carry each other's burden and do not be self-deceiving】2-6 Paul encouraged the church to carry each other’s burdens with love. In this way they might fulfill the law of Christ of loving others like themselves. Hezekiah too ought to carry the burden to encourage the afflicted people. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. On one side we ought to be like Hezekiah to trust in God’s help completely. On the other side we ought to test our own actions, and then we may be at peace without fear to be strengthened in the truth and to carry each other’s burdens without shaking.

3.【The enemy is presumptuous and slanders God】9-15 Thereafter the whole army of Assyria besieged Lachish and surrounded the holy city. They sent officers to slander the Lord to frustrate the morale and confidence of the Jews. The enemy was arrogant and was supercilious. They thought there would be no god of any nation or kingdom who had been able to deliver the people from them.

※【Reaps what one sows】7-8 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The king of Assyria was arrogant and self-deceiving. He dared to slander the everlasting Lord. He sowed to please the sinful nature and reaped destruction. Hezekiah and the people did not listen to the enemy’s voice of confusing the truth. They trusted God and followed the Spirit. They called on God and He would free them from the enemy’s hand.

**B. Do good till the end, die completely and triumph, do not be troubled**

Fail (2 Ch 32:16-33) - Triumph (Gal 6:9-18)

1.【Forced to come before God to implore and is granted】16-23 The officers of the king of Assyria purposely used the language of Judah to speak to the people in order to terrify and confuse them. Thereafter the king also wrote letters to insult Hezekiah and his God. (2 Ki 18 – 19) Affliction caused Hezekiah and Isaiah to call upon God and they were granted. In a night’s time God sent an angel to annihilate all the leaders and fighting men. The king of Assyria withdrew to his own land in disgrace. There he was killed by his sons in the temple. In this way God saved Hezekiah from the hands of the king of Assyria and he was highly regarded by all the nations.

※【Do good often and reap a harvest】9-11 Let us not become weary in doing good. If we do not give up like Hezekiah and Isaiah prayed fervently, we will reap a harvest at the proper time. Therefore let us do good, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. How large were Paul’s letters as he wrote to the church. Every word and sentence was full of spiritual power and weight. The prayers of Hezekiah and Isaiah were also powerful and full of God’s love.

2.【Will fail if do not die completely】24-33 Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. He prayed and was granted a sign for the shadow to go back ten steps representing the loving Son of God’s great love of self-denial. So he was able to live out of death. He was given a great favor but he was arrogant and ungrateful. As he repented of his pride, God withdrew His wrath. Thereafter Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. He made treasuries for his valuables. But when envoys of Babylon came to visit him, he could not stand the test. He exposed the entire nation’s wealth and secrets, thus his descendants were troubled and captured.

※【Die completely and overcome the trouble】12-18 Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. This is because they are afraid to be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Paul never boasted except in the cross of Christ. He had already crucified ‘the world’ and ‘himself’ on the cross. He had become a new creation. Hezekiah greatly exposed himself before the enemy and boasted of his wealth. He failed in his test. He still lived in the old world. Paul had the sign of Jesus and His cross and no one could cause him trouble. Hezekiah could not stand the trouble of the world. He did not die completely and left trouble behind which we must take the warning.

**Pr 29 / Rev 20:2 Main theme: Discern the enemy and overpower the enemy, Be diligent to obey the Word, and deny oneself to save men**

**-Obey the Word / overpower the enemy**

The evil one will use all forms to persecute, tempt, induce, deceive and jeopardize men. We ought to know him and use the power of the throne through faith and by the Lord to bind him and withstand him. How to escape from the evil one's snare?

To identify the wicked's plot we must turn from evil and obey the Word. We must thirst for wisdom and pursue righteousness and humility. Do not listen to flattering words, do not contend and be angry. We must be humble in heart and judge by faith. We ought to discipline the young generation. Do not share in others' sins. We must witness for the truth without closing the mouth. Do not be afraid of men but trust only in God. Hate what God hates and walk in upright things. Do not be afraid to be hated by the wicked. (1-27) :

Discern the evil plot and ensure to turn from evil and obey the Word. Love wisdom and pursue righteousness and humility. Do not listen to flattering words. Do not quarrel and be angry. Be humble in the heart and judge by honesty. Discipline the young and do not share in others’ wrong. Do not close your mouth to testify for the truth. Do not be afraid of men but trust in God. Hate what God hates and walk in the right path. Do not be afraid to be hated by the wicked.

**Central point of the wheels: Do not be self-deceiving, know the enemy's plot, rely on the cross to triumph**

Dear Lord, may You let me boast only of the cross, to die completely to the world, be humble to obey the Word, to triumph by You and be a new creation!

**2 Ch 33 / Eph 1**

**Main theme: Do not serve other gods, be careful to obey the Lord's words, grace is abundant in the Lord**

**-Abandon the Lord / Know the Lord better**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 33:12-13, Eph 1:13-14

A discussion on abandoning the Lord and knowing the Lord better - on one side it concerned Manasseh imitated the foreign nations and did all sorts of detestable things. He allured the people to sin. But in his punishment he humbled and confessed and received God's mercy. On the other side it concerned Paul brought the church to enjoy all sorts of spiritual blessings. We ought to ask for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so we may know Him better. Manasseh and his son did all sorts of detestable things of the foreign nations. They were blind and did not know God. They followed the foreign nations and abandoned God and His Word. They sinned greatly against Him.

A. Act detestably will be punished; be in the Lord and gain heavenly blessings

Be humble (2 Ch 33:1-13) - Is redeemed (Eph 1:1-11)

1.【Allure the people to do detestable things】1-9 Manasseh became the king of Judah. He did evil in the eyes of God and followed the detestable practices of the other nations. He worshiped the idols and all the starry hosts. He sacrificed his sons in the fire. He practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He allured the people to sin and violated God’s order. He greatly provoked God’s wrath and did more evil than the nations.

※【Lead men to gain the heavenly blessings】1-11 Paul became an apostle of Christ by the will of God. Though he suffered and was imprisoned, he cared for the church. He wrote to the saints in Ephesus and brought grace and peace of God to the church. He also led the saints to gain the spiritual blessing of the heavenly realms promised by God. But Manasseh allured his people to do evil and provoked God’s wrath. Not only was there no blessing or peace, it led to the subjugation and captivity of Judah. (2 Ki 24:3-4)

2.【Do not listen to warning and be disgraced】10-11 God warned Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. As a result they were greatly defeated before the enemy and deeply ashamed. He was bound with bronze shackles and taken to Babylon.

※【Is chosen by God to gain the inheritance】1-11 God chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. He predestined us to be adopted as His sons and everlasting heirs to the praise of His glorious grace. Manasseh failed God’s grace of selection. He did not take warning and was thus disgraced.

3.【Humble in trouble】12-13 In his distress, Manasseh sought the favor of God. He humbled himself greatly before God and prayed to Him. He was granted by God to be brought back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then he knew that the Lord was God.

※【Redeemed by blood】1-11 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Manasseh was willing to humble and pray in his distress. He was forgiven and redeemed due to God’s abundant compassion. He was brought back to the holy city.

**B. Remove evil and do good, pray to know the Lord better, rebel and bring disasters**

1.【Remove evil but not thorough】14-19 Manasseh got rid of the foreign images and destroyed the high places. He rebuilt the altar and sacrificed on it. He led the people served God and rebuilt the city wall to strengthen the guard. But he was not complete in removing evil. The people continued to sacrifice at the high places and left great trouble behind.

※【Be protected in the Holy Spirit】12-14 We have heard and believed the word of truth and accepted the seal of the Holy Spirit who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of His glory. (Ro 8:23) Though Manasseh had humbled and removed evil to do good, he was not complete. We ought to repent thoroughly and demolish all the idols in our heart because we believe we will be kept in the Holy Spirit to wait for the redemption and enjoy the everlasting glory!

2.【Sinned more and rebel against God】20-25 Amon the son of Manasseh succeeded him as king. But he did evil in the eyes of God. He followed Manasseh’s actions and sacrificed the idols. He did not humble like his father. Instead he increased his guilt. He betrayed God and thus his officials conspired against him and assassinated him.

※【Pray to open the eye in the heart to know the Lord better】15-23 Paul heard of the faith of the church of Ephesus and their love for all the saints. Thus he had not stopped giving thanks for them. He asked God to bestow the Spirit of wisdom and revelation and that the eyes of their heart might be enlightened in order that they might know how much abundant grace and glory God of the Lord Jesus Christ have been given them and His incomparably great power for us who believe. God has placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church. How abundant is His glory! Amon was presumptuous and did evil. He was stiff-necked and rebellious. He was blind and did not know God. He did not see God’s glorious abundance. He did evil and hurt himself. His result was tragic!

**Pr 30 / Rev 20:3 Listen quietly to the true words, seek the Word and guard against the foes, be bold to save men quickly**

**-Seek the Word / Guard against the foes**

The evil one is being locked. When the time comes he will be set free for a short while. We ought to have wisdom to prepare according to the Lord's words to guards against the future.

(1)【Be humble to read the Lord's words】1-6 Know that we are the most ignorant of men, so seek without stopping and do not increase or decrease God’s words by our own desire.

(2)【We ought to seek in righteousness and mercy】1-20 Do not slander, do not deceive yourself and be arrogant. Do not covet the world but honor the Lord’s words. Seek to understand the mystery of the gospel deeply and to discern the evil plot of the wicked.

(3)【Pay attention to the four types of horrible things】21-23 a. A servant becomes king – darkness reigns. b. A fool who is full of food – the false prophets rule. c. An unloved woman who is married – the false church (the church is invaded by the world, Anti-Christ and the heresy), then how can it be caught like the new bride of the Lamb? d. A maidservant who displaces her mistress (Gal 4:22-31) – the philosophy and basic principles of men replace God’s Word. (Col 2:18-22)

(4)【Imitate the four small things】24-28 Learn from the ants that store food for the winter, the coneys build their home in the crags. They listen to God’s words and act upon them (Mt 7:24). The locusts advance together in ranks. They honor the Lord as the head and go out to preach the Word by divisions. A lizard catches with its hands and is found in kings’ palaces. They keep the Word and dwell in the Lord.

(5)【Be strong, loyal and courageous】29-31 Be strong like a lion, be faithful like a strutting rooster, turn from evil to do good like a he-goat. They run to the foremost without fear. They press forward and are ever triumphant after the Lord.

(6)【Ought to fear and tremble】32-33 Do not exalt yourself but continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

**Central point of the wheels: Remove the detestable, be diligent to prepare, know the Lord better and gain the heavenly blessings**

Dear Lord, may You bestow me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, to understand your inner abundance, to be diligent to obey the Word and wait to be redeemed!

**2 Ch 34 / Eph 2**

**Main theme: Remove evil and seek, lead men to trust in grace, keep the covenant and obey the Word**

**-Obey the Word / Proclaim the Word**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 34:26-27, Eph 2:8-10

A discussion on obeying the Word and proclaiming the Word - on one side it concerned Josiah became king of Judah. He sought the God of David his forefather wholeheartedly. He thoroughly demolished all the high places of the false teachings, the idols and the malicious practices in Israel and Judah. He also led the people to keep God's covenant, obey His Word and repair His temple. On the other side it concerned Paul expounded the teaching of salvation which was the Gentiles would reconcile with God through the cross of Christ. Further they would be edified together with the elect to be the Lord's temple.

**A. Fear the Lord's words, destroy all evil and be saved by grace**

Remove evil (2 Ch 34:1-21) - Gain salvation (Eph 2:1-14)

1.【Lead men to destroy evil】1-7 Josiah reigned and walked in the ways of David. He did what was right in the eyes of God. While he was still young, he began to purge Jerusalem and all the places in the Northern nation. He destroyed all the high places and images. He burned the bones of the priests on their altars and fulfilled the prophecy of the man of God three hundred years ago.

※【Save men to escape from sin】1-5 Paul walked in the ways of Christ all his life. He led the saints to know the salvation of God and to recollect that they had followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air and the disobedient spirit. They also gratified the cravings of their sinful nature. But due to the great love of God, He saved us from our transgressions and from death to life. Josiah led his people to remove the idols and this was also turning from sins and the power of the evil spirit. He saved the nation in faith and ethics from depravation.

2.【Offer silver to repair the temple】8-13 Thereafter Josiah sent men to repair the temple of God. He gave the money from the people to the priests, (Exo 30:11-16) and then from the supervisors to the carpenters and builders who purchased dress stone, and timber for joists and beams to repair the temple destroyed by the various kings of Judah. They worked faithfully. There were supervisors and in-charge to oversee all the work.

※【Saved for believing in salvation】5-10 It is by grace through faith we have been saved and not by works. It is the incomparable riches of God’s grace that we may be raised up with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly realms. Josiah ordered to use the money from the people to repair the temple also represented God’s redemption work to repair the temple of the heart. We are God’s temple and God’s workmanship, completed in Christ that cannot be boasted. Paul was like a builder. He was also a supervisor. He used the Way of the gospel to breach the broken places in the church. (Ac 20:29-32)

3.【Tremble due to the book of law】14-21 Hilkiah the chief priest found the Book of the Law. He gave it to Shaphan the secretary who read it to the king. When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. He repented humbly and trembled due to the words of the Lord. He ordered the attendant to inquire of God for him and for the people about what was written in the book that had been found. It was because his fathers had not kept the word and God’s anger had poured out on them!

※【Be close to God due to the Lord's blood】11-14 Paul reminded the church of the Gentiles that formerly they who were Gentiles by birth and they were excluded from citizenship to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God. But now in Christ and through the blood of Christ they were brought near and reconciled with God. The dividing wall of hostility was destroyed. Similarly, the Book of the Law of God also made Josiah trembled and favored. He sought God. He came near God and reconciled with God.

**B. Make a covenant, obey the Word and complete building the temple**

Obey the Word (2 Ch 34:22-33) - Build up (Eph 2:15-22)

1.【Be faithful to proclaim God's words】22-28 Huldah the prophetess was faithful to declare the word of God. She said that God would bring the curses written in the book and bring disasters on the people of Judah because they had forsaken God and burned incense to other gods. Therefore His anger would be poured out on the place. But after Josiah heard of the words, his heart was responsive. He humbled and wept before God. So God answered him and he was buried in peace.

※【Proclaim the peaceful gospel】15-19 Christ abolished the law with its commandments and regulations by His flesh and made the Jews and the Gentiles a new creation in Christ, thus making peace and preached peace to those who were far away and near. We are no longer aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household. Huldah and Paul were faithful to preach God’s words. The wicked will be in trouble. Those who humble and repent have peace. We too ought to preach the peaceful gospel till the ends of the world.

2.【Make a covenant together and walk according to the Way】29-33 The king called together all the people to the temple of God to read the Book of the Law to them. They renewed the covenant in the presence of God to follow God with all their heart and all their soul and to keep God’s commandments. Josiah removed all the detestable things so the people might serve God in a godly manner and a pure heart.

※【Be edified together to be the temple】20-22 The church is built on the foundation of the truth revealed by the apostles and prophets and becomes a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. Josiah led his people to make a covenant with God to obey the Word. They were also created on the foundation of the law, so God lived within them forever. (Ac 20:32; Jude 1:20-21)

**Pr 31 / Rev 20:4 Main theme: Be watchful and not be led astray, be faithful and diligent to work, and resurrect to reign**

**-Be watchful and faithful / To reign**

Noble women are those who lives are mature, can nourish children, will not worship idols despite death, love the Lord wholeheartedly and follow Him closely. They will have a part in the first resurrection and reign with the Lord.

(1)【Pay the price of childbirth】1-9 Pay the price for the posterity to labor, pray and train, exhort them not to please the sinful nature lest they may reap destruction. Do not set your mind on what nature desires to eat and be drunk such that you forget what the law decrees. We shall not close our mouth to stop preaching the gospel and save all the oppressed of the world.

(2)【Be diligent to work day and night】10-31 Be diligent to pursue the inner and outer holiness. Be willing to work and provide food in a timely manner. By filled with the power of the truth by the Lord to establish the home of God and be alert day and night. Do not stop to open the arms to the poor and extend the hands to the needy. Lead the whole family to take root in the Lord. Be prepared so you will not worry about the future. We ought to be holy, honored and self-controlled. Do not turn to vanity but serve the Lord faithfully and lead men to know Him. With such wife of noble character is better than seven sons. (Ru 4:15) This is really priceless in the eyes of the Lord.

**Central point of the wheels: Remove evil and obey the Word, be diligent to work and reign with the Lord**

Dear Lord, may You make me tremble to obey, to breach the gap, proclaim the peaceful gospel, be diligent to work and reign with You!

**2 Ch 35 / Eph 3**

**Main theme: Understand the gospel deeply, lead men to love God and do not mind others' business**

**-The Lamb / The mystery (understand love/proclaim the love)**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 35:21, Eph 3:6

A discussion on the Lamb and the mystery - on one side it concerned Josiah led the whole nation to celebrate the Passover to the Lord and to remember God's great love of redemption. On the other side it concerned Paul expounded the mystery of Christ and to let the Gentiles to understand how wide and long and high and deep was the love of Christ. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of the Passover is the mystery. He was killed and sacrificed for us. We ought to remember forever and proclaim His great love of redemption. (1 Co 5:7, Col 2:2) May the Holy Spirit reveal the Lamb of the Passover, Christ and His salvation accordingly in our heart.

**A. Celebrate the feast and love God, understand the mystery deeply**

Be willing to offer (2 Ch 35:1-9) - To suffer and proclaim (Eph 3:1-7)

1.【Celebrate the Passover to the Lord】1-6 Josiah led all his people to celebrate the Passover and remember the great love of God’s redemption. He appointed the priests to their duties and be holy to God. He taught the Levites to serve God and his people, and to obey the command of Moses to prepare the Passover lamb for themselves and their brothers.

※【Know the mystery of the gospel deeply】1-7 Paul became the prisoner of Christ for the sake of the Gentiles. He was revealed by God to understand deeply of the mystery of the gospel. This mystery was Jesus Christ the Lamb of the Passover has taken away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29) so that the Gentiles in Christ are heirs together with the elect of God, members together of one body, and share together in the promise in Christ. Both Paul and Josiah served faithfully and led the people to love God and love men according to the gift and power given by God.

2.【Be willing to offer more】7-9 King Josiah loved God and his people. He was willing to deny himself and took from his possession thirty thousand sheep and goats and three thousand cattle as offerings. His officials also contributed voluntarily to the people and the priests and Levites.

※【Be willing to sacrifice】1-7 God’s mystery is Christ who willingly sacrificed for the sins of men to be crucified on the cross to be the Lamb of the Passover. Paul also willingly denied himself to suffer for the mystery of the gospel to be an ambassador in chains. (Eph 6:20) Josiah and the officials were also willing to sacrifice a lot of offerings for the people. Who is willing to consecrate himself today to the Lord? (1 Ch 29:5)

**B. Proclaim God's love quickly, take root in love for violating the order will be harmed**

Keep the Word (2 Ch 35:10-27) - Take root (Eph 3:8-21)

1.【Bring to the people to eat quickly】10-14 When the service was arranged, the Levites slaughtered the Passover lambs. The priests sprinkled the blood on the altar. They gave the roasted meat and the holy offerings quickly to the people to enjoy. After this, they made preparations for themselves and the priests. The Lord’s meat is the living Word and real food. (Jn 6:55) We enjoy ourselves and also share with all nations and all peoples.

※【Proclaim God's mystery】8-11 Paul humbled himself. He was favored to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ to make plain to everyone the mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God. The Levites quickly gave the sacrificed meat to the people to eat to enjoy together God’s unsearchable abundance and great love.

2.【Keep the Word without turning away】15-19 The musicians were in the places prescribed by David, Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun. They praised and sang of God’s great favor and love. The gatekeepers did not leave their posts. They obeyed God’s will faithfully without leaving the Word. The fellow Levites made the preparations for them.

※【Believe firmly without doubt】12-13 In Him and through faith in Him, Paul and his co-workers approached God with freedom and confidence. They hoped that the church of Ephesus would not be discouraged because of his sufferings for them but to have confidence. The musicians and the gatekeepers were faithful and dutiful. They did not leave their posts to keep God’s orders. We too ought to be faithful in our ministry to share in God’s abundance and future glory.

3.【Violate and is harmed and sinned against God】20-27 After all this, Neco king of Egypt went north to assist Assyria to fight against Carchemish of Babylon. Josiah wantonly went out to resist. He did not listen to God who spoke through Neco and was shot and died. Josiah walked a right path all his life. He was remembered by God. But due to arrogance in grace, he died in an unusual death which was a blemish in an otherwise perfect thing. Jeremiah composed laments for him.

※【To take root in love and glorify God】14-21 Paul knelt to intercede for the church so they might be strengthened in their inner being and be rooted and established in love to have the power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Josiah did not take the warning due to his arrogance. He minded other’s business. Though he disguised himself, he was shot and died. Therefore we ought to humble always and obey, to take root in God’s love and be guarded forever. (Jude :20-21) God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Regret that God did not have the full glory in Josiah. This is our warning!

**Ecc 1 / Rev 20:6 Main theme: It is meaningless to work for the world; be diligent for resurrection is blessed**

**-Meaningless / True blessings**

(1)【The worldly things are meaningless】1-4 The wisest king of the age enjoyed all the worldly splendor and enjoyment but could not escape death. The result is meaningless.

(2)【We ought to accept the true light】5 The Lord is the sun of righteousness. He is the true light. Whoever receives Him will have eternity. Whoever reveres His name (Word) will be healed. (Mal 4:2) His body, soul and mind will be healthy.

(3)【We ought to ask for the Holy Spirit】6 The Holy Spirit is like wind, given to whoever asks for Him. (Jn 3:4-8)

(4)【Enter into the Lord's river of love】7 He who always obeys the Lord’s Word will enter the Lord’s river of love (Eze 47:3-12) and be fruitful.

(5)【Die to the worldly things】8-14 As a Teacher, if he does not die to the world, to himself and everything every day, or if he does not dwell with the Lord by faith (Eph 1:17-22), he can only preach to others, but he himself will not be disqualified for the prize.

(6)【There is nothing new on earth】9-10, 15 What is twisted cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted. But those who believe and obey the Lord’s words will always see God working new things and great things for them. With man this is impossible; all things are possible with God. Sinners become saints; nothing turns to something; dead becomes alive.

(7)【The worldly wisdom is like chasing after wind】16-18 The more wisdom and knowledge, the more trouble and sadness on earth. If you have the true wisdom to fear God, you will be secured all your life with a rich store of salvation (Isa 33:6) and rich reward after resurrection.

**Central point of the wheels: Understand love and proclaim love, prepare for the resurrection and never be meaningless**

Dear Lord, I am willing to offer myself to proclaim your great love extensively to repay your love, to wait for the resurrection and dwell with You forever!

**2 Ch 36 / Eph 4**

**Main theme: Do evil and be captivated, put off the old and put on the new, and rebuild the temple**

**-Demolish / Build**

Golden verses: 2 Ch 36:21, Eph 4:2-3

A discussion on demolishing and building - on one side it concerned the final kings of Judah did not imitate Josiah to serve God wholeheartedly. They did evil in the eyes of God. On top of this, Judah was right at the torrent where Babylon and Egypt the two great countries at his north and south were contending. Judah was finally captivated because they forsook God. On the other side it concerned Paul who was jailed for the Lord, used the truth of the gospel and the holy Word of love to encourage the church of Ephesus, so they might be established to be the body of Christ.

A. Do evil and turn from God will be captivated; obey the Word with one heart will be established

Be captivated (2 Ch 36:1-10) - Establish (Eph 4:1-14)

1.【Forsake good and do evil will be punished】1-4 Jehoahaz succeeded Josiah as king. He received God’s grace in vain. He did not follow his father’s good acts. Instead he went after the evil of his predecessors. He only reigned for three months and was dethroned by the king of Egypt. The king of Egypt also imposed a levy of talents of gold and silver on Judah. Jehoahaz was carried off to Egypt and died there.

※【Be in one in the spirit will be favored】1-6 As a prisoner for the Lord Paul exhorted the church of Ephesus to live a life worthy of the calling they had received in his affliction. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. This is also in unity with the seven ‘one’. Jehoahaz sat on the throne of David but turned from God’s Word. He failed God’s grace and was without love. Thus danger came from all sides and no one was united. He himself was also captivated.

2.【Do evil and be disgraced and taken captive】5-8 Jehoiakim reigned for eleven years. He did not follow his father Josiah and was even more corrupt. He did evil and forsook God. He burned the scroll and caught the prophet. He allowed the false prophets to lead the whole nation worship evil. He followed the foreign nations to do detestable things, thus resulting both himself and Judah were captivated. (Jer 22:13-19; 36:20-32)

※ 【Die and resurrect will be established】7-12 Christ rose from the dead and led captives in His train. He ascended on high and gave various gifts through the Holy Spirit to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Jehoiakim blindly did evil. He did not do according to the gift God gave him to lead the whole nation serve God. This led to the kingdom of David being destroyed.

3.【The precious instruments are captivated together】9-10 Jehoiachin succeeded Jekoiakim as king. He also did evil in the eyes of God. He only reigned for three months and ten days and was taken captive to Babylon. All the dedicated articles of value in the temple were carried off to the temple of Babylon. The king of Babylon set Zedekiah the son of Josiah on the throne.

※【Attain the whole measure of the fullness without following the deceitful scheming】13-14 The church must reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ, lest they will be like infants to follow the deceitful scheming. The articles in the temple represented those who have set apart to serve God but they did not hold fast to God’s Word. Their lives are weak and have followed king Jehoiachin being captured. They are defiled by sin and followed the deceitful scheming and thus suffer a loss.

**B. Put off the old and put on the new, be refined and return**

Be refined (2 ch 36:11-23) - Renew (Eph 4:15-32)

1.【Be stubborn and sinned will be destroyed completely】11-21 Zedekiah reigned. He sinned and did evil. He was unwilling to humble before Jeremiah the prophet. He did not submit to the Lord God of Israel. All the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful, following all the detestable practices and defiled the temple. They scoffed at the prophets until God’s wrath was aroused against His people and there was no remedy. God gave them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. The temple was burned and the holy city was destroyed, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Jeremiah the prophet.

※【Grow up into the Head, put off the old and put on the new】15-24 The saints ought to speak the truth in love, then we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Paul exhorted since the church had learned from Christ and received His Word, they were to put off their old self and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Zedekiah was stubborn till the end. He did not exalt God as the head, nor did he listen to the exhortation of the prophet. The whole nation from top to bottom sinned and did evil leading to the final subjugation and captivity of the nation. God wanted them to be refined in the burning furnace of Babylon so they might put off the old and put on the new. They had to be refined full of the glorious image of God before they might return to the holy place to serve God.

2.【Return to build the temple】22-23 Judah was taken captive for seventy five years. To fulfill the words of God through Jeremiah, God moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm to allow the people of God to be restored from the place of captivity to rebuild God’s temple.

※【Wait to be redeemed】25-32 The saints must put off falsehood and greed, but work with his own hands and forgive one another in love to wait for the redemption. God’s people were completely destroyed by God to refine all the corruption in the body. Then they might be holy and love one another. They would not leave any chance for Satan or grieve the Spirit of God. They would be redeemed to return and rebuild God’s temple.

**Ecc 2 / Rev 20:6 Main theme: To labor for oneself is chasing after the wind, to labor for the Lord is blessed**

**-For oneself / For the Lord**

(1)【For self is all empty】1-23 King Solomon sought pleasure for himself on earth and undertook great projects. He gathered a lot of gold and silver and had a lot of wives and concubines. He ate and let himself drunk. His sinful nature greatly enjoyed. He also had great wisdom and accomplishment. But he did not have peace day and night. He toiled and was weary. As a result, it was all trouble. He could not escape death. Whatever he had was given to someone. How meaningless!

(2)【Deny for the Lord and be blessed on resurrection】24-26 Rev 20:6 Discard the world to follow the Lord and the body seems to suffer. Eat up the scroll and the mouth is as sweet as honey. Save all the people and your heart will be filled with rejoice. Follow the Lord and drift along, but there is peace in Him. We can do greater things than the Lord by Him. (Jn 14:12) Even if we die for the Lord, the effect will follow and we will be greatly rewarded by Him. Blessed are those who have part in the first resurrection. They serve the Lord in a godly manner and reign with Him. They are delighted by God. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul.

**Central point of the wheels: Sin and be captivated; take away the illusion and reign after resurrection**

Dear Lord, I am willing to unite with You, to put off the old and put on the new, to rebuild my spiritual temple, to wait for the resurrection and reign together with You!