

# The Strength of Jehoshaphat

## Part 1 — Learning from the Mistake of His Father

2 Chronicles 16 & 17

### History of the Kings of Judah

1 Samuel	1 Chronicles	Saul	Kings of the united kingdom
2 Samuel		David	
1 Kings	2 Chronicles	Solomon	Kings of Judah after civil war
		Rehoboam	
		Abijah	
		Asa	
		<b>Jehoshaphat</b>	
2 Kings		... the rest of them	

### The Tainted Legacy of Jehoshaphat’s Father, King Asa (2 Chron. 16)

- Asa’s overall legacy is good. “Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God.” (2 Chron. 14:2)
- Asa trusted the LORD during a great crisis. The Ethiopians greatly outnumbered his army, and he responded to the crisis with a beautiful model prayer, “Help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You.” (2 Chron. 14:11)
- Asa was a faithful leader for many years, helping others to seek the LORD. (2 Chron. 15)
- Asa failed to trust the LORD in a crisis which came upon him after decades of faithfulness, distancing himself from the God who loves him. (2 Chron. 16:1-6)
- When confronted, Asa hardened himself into independence. (2 Chron. 16:10-12)

## Theology from 2 Chronicles 16:9

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

- Principle for us: God honors the person who seeks Him wholeheartedly.
- Balance: Consider the unique setting of Israel under the Mosaic Covenant.
- Warning: Do not dismiss this principle as unimportant.

## The Beginning of Loyal Jehoshaphat’s Strength (2 Chron. 17)

Evidence of Jehoshaphat’s loyal heart:

- “he did not seek the Baals” (v3)
- “he sought the God of his father” (v4)
- “he walked in His commandments” (v4)
- “his heart took delight in His word” (v6)

Evidence of the LORD’s strength:

- “Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat” (17:3)
- honor in Judah (17:5, 10-11)
- prosperity and military strength = faithfulness to the covenant (17:12-19)

### 3 Tenses of Salvation

TENSE:	1	2	3
	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
FROM WHAT:	PENALTY of Sin (in Hell)	POWER of Sin (in your life)	PRESENCE of Sin (in Heaven)
DIAGRAM:			
SCRIPTURE:	Titus 3:5 Ephesians 2:8-9	James 1:21 Philippians 2:12-13	Romans 5:9 Romans 13:11
THEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION:	JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION	GLORIFICATION
TIME FACTOR:	POINT OF TIME	PROCESS OF TIME	POINT OF TIME

**Application note:** The principles of faith we learn from 2 Chronicles apply most directly to a Christian’s 2<sup>nd</sup> tense salvation – as we walk by faith in the Lord, over time we will grow and glorify Jesus Christ.