

# SIMPLE PRAYER

PART 4

The Prayer of Asa: **Getting God On Your Side**

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## SIMPLE PRAYER NEHEMIAH

*“O God, help! I’m facing challenges that will overcome me without your protection, guidance and favor. I don’t know all that is before me, but what I do know is that you are already there. So I simply ask you to guide me into the victory that you have already secured. For your glory alone, I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen!”*

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## The DIVIDED Kingdom

→ **ISRAEL**  
*the Northern Kingdom*

→ **JUDAH**  
*the Southern Kingdom*

JUDAH’S KINGS    1. Solomon    3. Abijah  
                         2. Rehoboam    4. Asa

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# GOOD KING ASA

- ▶ Ruled Judah 41 years
- ▶ Destroyed the pagan altars
- ▶ Called the people back to God
- ▶ National prosperity & military might—580,000 man army
- ▶ National peace for first 10 years

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## *Peace Interrupted!*

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**THE ENEMY:**

*Invaded by an army of  
1,000,000 from Ethiopia*

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## **TIMELESS** *Reality #1*

### **TRUTH**

Times of peace do not necessarily mean freedom from conflict

### **PRINCIPLE**

Peace is not the absence of a storm; it's the exercise of trust in the storm.

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# TIMELESS *Reality #2*

## TRUTH

Times of conflict will often be sudden and surprising

## PRINCIPLE

Don't be surprised—be prepared.

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## ASA'S SIMPLE PRAYER

*"O Lord, no one but you can help the powerless against the mighty! Help us, Lord God, for we trust in you alone. It is in your name that we have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God; do not let mere men prevail against you!"*

II CHRONICLES 14:11

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## SIMPLE PRAYER PRINCIPLES

1

*When I appeal to God in prayer, I am appealing to the Highest Authority possible.*

*"Lord, it's nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power." NKJ*

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# SIMPLE PRAYER PRINCIPLES

2

*When I appeal to God in prayer, my request is always dwarfed by God's inexhaustible grace.*

*"Lord, it's nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power." NKJ*

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When you pray,  
you declare:  
*Nothing is  
bigger  
than God!*



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# SIMPLE PRAYER PRINCIPLES

3

*When I appeal to God in prayer, I am enlisting the Divine helper.*

*"Lord, it's nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power." NKJ*

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# JEHOVAH EZER

*"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield." PSALM 33:20*

*"In all times of danger from men our wisest course is to fly to the Lord our Helper. He has ways and means for delivering us which we know not of. He can either turn our enemies into friends or else so check all their efforts that they shall do us no real injury."*

**CHARLES SPURGEON**

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*Our capabilities are not the deciding factors in the outcome of what we're praying bigly for.*

**God has the best solution to even the simplest of our problems.**

*God should be the first inclusion in our thoughts, reactions and prayers regardless of how capable or incapable we perceive ourselves to be.*



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*God is so gracious in allowing us to associate our lives so intimately with him that we see his action on our behalf benefitting himself.*



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*“There is a God in heaven who over-  
rules all things for the best; and this  
is the comfort of my soul.”*

DAVID BRAINERD

*“We serve a gracious Master who knows  
how to overrule even our mistakes to His  
glory and our own advantage.”*

JOHN NEWTON

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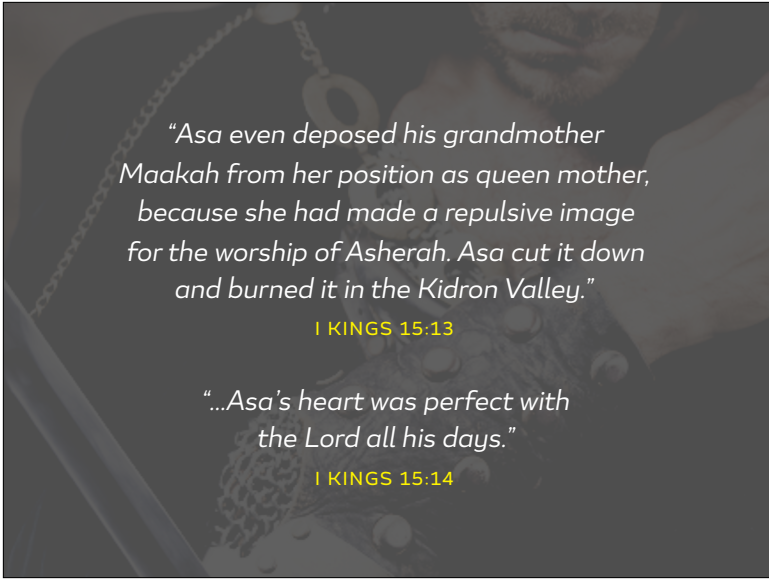
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*“Asa even deposed his grandmother  
Maakah from her position as queen mother,  
because she had made a repulsive image  
for the worship of Asherah. Asa cut it down  
and burned it in the Kidron Valley.”*

I KINGS 15:13

*“...Asa’s heart was perfect with  
the Lord all his days.”*

I KINGS 15:14

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*“If I cherish wickedness in my heart,  
The Lord will not hear.”*

PSALM 66:18

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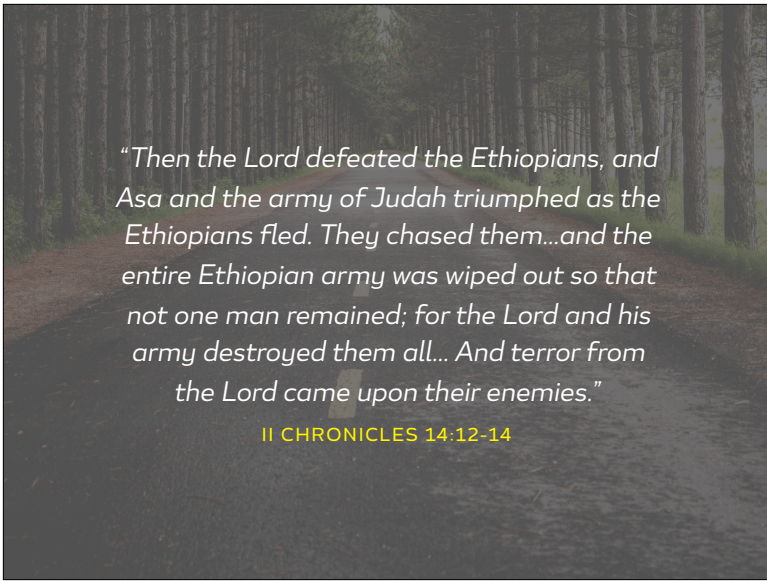
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*"Then the Lord defeated the Ethiopians, and Asa and the army of Judah triumphed as the Ethiopians fled. They chased them...and the entire Ethiopian army was wiped out so that not one man remained; for the Lord and his army destroyed them all... And terror from the Lord came upon their enemies."*

**II CHRONICLES 14:12-14**

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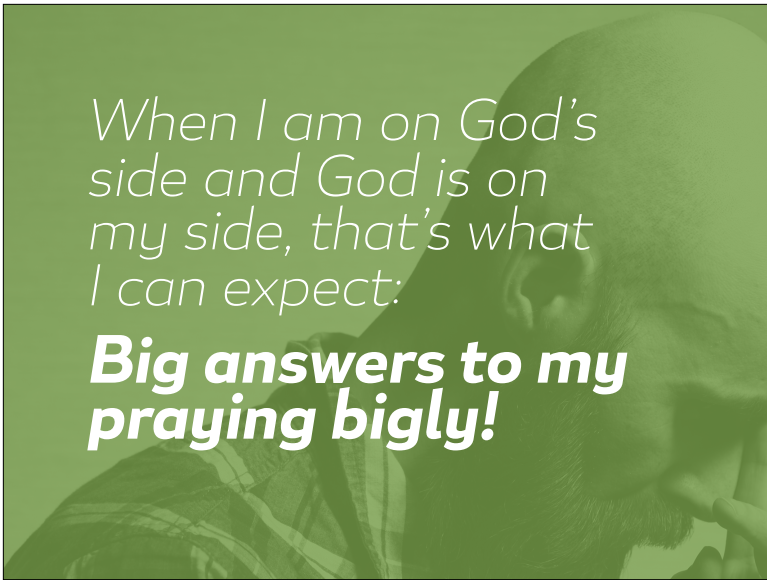
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*When I am on God's side and God is on my side, that's what I can expect:*

***Big answers to my praying bigly!***

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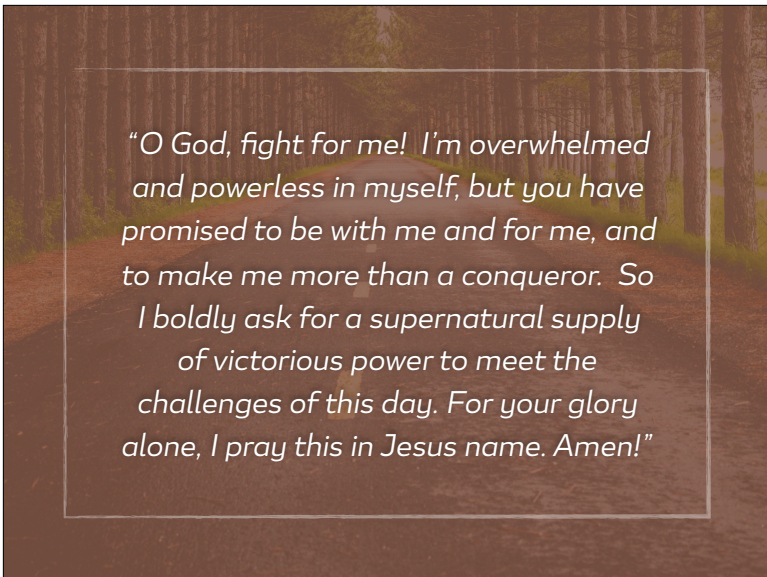
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*"O God, fight for me! I'm overwhelmed and powerless in myself, but you have promised to be with me and for me, and to make me more than a conqueror. So I boldly ask for a supernatural supply of victorious power to meet the challenges of this day. For your glory alone, I pray this in Jesus name. Amen!"*

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