

Rest on Every Side | 2 Chronicles 15

2 Chronicles 15 paints a vivid picture of a nation in turmoil—distress, confusion, fear, and spiritual drift. Yet in the middle of chaos, the prophet Azariah issues a timeless invitation: “If you seek Him, He will be found by you.” King Asa’s reforms show what happens when God’s people return wholeheartedly: idols are removed, the altar is repaired, strength returns, and God gives rest. This theme echoes throughout Scripture, culminating in Jesus’ call to come to Him for peace, strength, and rest. Let’s see what God’s Word has to say!

Read 2 Chronicles 15

1 The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. 2 He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. 4 But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them. 5 In those days it was not safe to travel about, for all the inhabitants of the lands were in great turmoil. 6 One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress. 7 But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.” 8 When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah son of Oded the prophet, he took courage. He removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he had captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the portico of the Lord’s temple.

12 The people entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul.

15 All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the Lord gave them rest on every side. 16 King Asa also 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, broke it up and burned it in the Kidron Valley. 17 Although he did not remove the high places from Israel, Asa’s heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life. 18 He brought into the temple of God the silver and gold and the articles that he and his father had dedicated. 19 There was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of Asa’s reign.

Additional Verses

- Psalm 25:17 - Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.
- John 14:1 - Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
- John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- John 16:33 - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
- Matthew 11:28, 29 - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- Galatians 6:9 - Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Questions for Reflection

1. What speaks to you the most? What words stand out to you? Is there a key verse?
2. What does 2 Chronicles 15 teach us about turning to God when the world is in turmoil? Can you give examples of what it means to be crushed, troubled, or distressed?
3. The people sought God “with all their heart and soul.” What does wholehearted seeking look like in your life today?
4. What are some examples of “detestable idols” today? What would it mean to remove them? What would it look like to repair the altar of your heart, home, or church?
5. How do Jesus’ words above deepen your understanding of God’s rest? How does God strengthen His people in seasons of distress and trouble?
6. What parallels do you see between Asa’s reforms and the spiritual renewal needed in our generation today?
7. Identify one major takeaway from this lesson. What insight did you gain? Summarize it in one or two sentences.

Closing Reflection: Is your heart fully committed to the Lord? Where do you need the peace, strength, and rest Jesus offers? What idols must be removed? Does the altar of your heart and home need to be repaired? Where is God inviting you to seek Him more deeply?

“Jesus, I come to You with my whole heart. When I am troubled, strengthen me—where I am weary, give me Your rest. Remove anything in me that competes with You, and repair the altar of my heart. I seek You today with all that I am—meet me with Your peace, Your strength, and Your presence. Amen.”

Bible Refs: [2 Chronicles 15](#); [Galatians 6:9](#); [Psalm 25:17](#); [John 12:27](#); [John 14:1, 27](#); [John 16:33](#); [Matthew 11:28-29](#) [**SPANISH**]