

2nd week of May
[What is right in God's sight](#)

- **Text:** 1 Kings 15:11~15 (May 10 text)
- **Bottom line:** Those who are honest before God forsake and shun things that are not pleasing to God.

≡ **1. Praise**

(Hymn 214) Jesus, My Lord to Thee I Cry

≡ **2. Prayer**

God, we want to worship you with a heart that pleases You at this time. When we focus on You, please give us the wisdom to understand Your words and engrave them in our hearts.

≡ **3. The Word**

Read 1 Kings 15:11~15 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

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11 And Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as David his father had done. 12 He put away the male cult prostitutes out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 He also removed Maacah his mother from being queen mother because she had made an abominable image for Asherah. And Asa cut down her image and burned it at the brook Kidron. 14 But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was wholly true to the Lord all his days. 15 And he brought into the house of the Lord the sacred gifts of his father and his own sacred gifts, silver, and gold, and vessels.

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11 Now Asa did what was right in the sight of the Lord, like his father David. 12 He also removed the male cult prostitutes from the land and removed all the idols which his fathers had made. 13 And even his mother Maacah, he also removed her from the position of queen mother, because she had made an abominable image as an Asherah; and Asa cut down her abominable image and burned it at the brook Kidron. 14 But the high places were not eliminated; nevertheless Asa's heart was wholly devoted to the Lord all his days. 15 And he brought into the house of the Lord the holy gifts of his father and his own holy gifts: silver, gold, and valuable utensils.

Understanding Text

Asa, the king of Judah, was upright before God, just like David. They destroyed all the idols so that the people wouldn't do what God didn't like. His grandmother, who had made a wooden statue of Asherah, also resigned from her position. They didn't destroy the high places, but Asa tried to serve God rightly.

Understanding the text for leaders

Rehoboam, king of Judah, died, and his son Abijam became king and ruled for three years. After that, Asa became king and ruled Judah for 41 years (911~870 B.C.). Abijam was judged to be incomplete before God and did not turn away from sin, just like his father Rehoboam, but Asa was praised for walking uprightly before God and not turning to the left or right. Asa tried to get rid of everything that wasn't pleasing to God. First, he drove out all the male harlots in Judah. At that time, those who worshipped Baal and Asherah, symbolizing fertility and abundance, considered it a blessing to have a prostitute in the temple and perform lewd acts. That's why male prostitutes were allowed everywhere. This was an abomination before God. On the other hand, Asa's grandmother Maachah was the main person who encouraged the people to worship idols by erecting a wooden statue of Asherah (the Hebrew word 'em' is broadly translated as 'mother, grandmother, great-grandmother', etc., and in 1 Kings 15:1~2, it is appropriate to see Maacha as the mother of Asa's father, Abijam). Asa set an example by deposing his grandmother from her position, demonstrating his determination to eradicate idolatry once and for all. I tried to get rid of all idolatry and culture, but I couldn't touch the high places. It was deeply rooted in the lives of the people. Nevertheless, because Asa worked hard to eradicate idols, God commended him for walking with a single-minded heart before God all his life.

4. Sharing

1) What are the things that King Asa of Judah got rid of? (Verses 12~13) How did God evaluate such actions? (verses 11, 14).

Upper Grades

What did King Asa try to get rid of the land of Judah? (verses 12~13) Why did you do that?

Lower Grades

Did King Asa try to get rid of what his ancestors had created? (verse 12).

Question Guide

Asa was upright in God's eyes, and he did his best to get rid of everything that was not pleasing to God. Even my family didn't forgive me and held me accountable. Asa's actions confirm his determination and determination toward God.

Comments for Leaders

Asa, who acted honestly before God, dared to throw away and get rid of things that were not pleasing to God. If I hadn't followed God completely, I wouldn't have been able to do these things. The Bible tells us that Asa's actions were following his father David. Think about what it means to live an honest life "before God," and resolve to live a life where you have nothing to be ashamed of or hide from God.

2) What are some wrong habits or behaviors that I should decide to break because they are sins that God hates?

Lower grades

What are my words, actions, and thoughts that I need to get rid of because God hates them?

Infant, infant

What are the things that I need to stop doing or saying before God?

□ Question Guide

Examine your life honestly before God and see what bad habits or behaviors you have, or thoughts and plans that are not pleasing to Him. And share how you can get rid of these things and cut them off.

□ Comments for Leaders

If we want to live honestly before God, we need to distinguish between what pleases God and what He doesn't. Only then can we get rid of things that are not pleasing to God and stop doing them. This determination and courage comes from complete love and faith in God. And since the habit of sin cannot be broken overnight, it must be repeated and trained constantly. Please confess your embarrassment and weakness to each other honestly. And give them praise and encouragement for their commitment to quitting.

≡ 5. Thanksgiving

Say a prayer of thanks to God for reminding you of what is wrong before Him and making you resolve to forsake it.

≡ 6. Prayer

God, we want our family to love You more and live an honest life in Your eyes. Before we say or do anything, help us think about how You see, what you like and give it the courage to boldly let go of what you hate.

- End the family worship service with the Lord's Prayer.
