

3rd Week of July
The Right Decision of God's People

- **Text:** 2 Kings 11:17~20 (July 16 text)
- **Bottom line:** When we draw close to God, we can discern and stay away from sins that God dislikes.

≡ **1. Praise**

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≡ **2. Prayer**

Thank you, God, for being always with us, for keeping us in peace. Please help our family to gain Your wisdom through Your Word and walk in the way You want us to do.

≡ **3. The Word**

Read 2 Kings 11:17~20 together

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17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and people, that they should be the Lord's people, and also between the king and the people. 18 Then all the people of the land went to the house of Baal and tore it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces, and they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest posted watchmen over the house of the Lord. 19 And he took the captains, the Carites, the guards, and all the people of the land, and they brought the king down from the house of the Lord, marching through the gate of the guards to the king's house. And he took his seat on the throne of the kings. 20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet after Athaliah had been put to death with the sword at the king's house.

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17 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord, the king, and the people, that they would be the Lord's people, and between the king and the people. 18 And all the people of the land came to the house of Baal and tore it down; they thoroughly smashed his altars and his images in pieces, and they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. Then the priest appointed sentries over the house of the Lord. 19 And he took the captains of hundreds and the Carites, and the guards and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the Lord, and came by way of the gate of the guards to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. 20 So all the people of the land rejoiced and the city was peaceful. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword at the king's house.

Understanding Text

The high priest Jehoiada made Joash king, revived the Davidic dynasty, and made a covenant between the king and the people to serve God alone. Then the people broke the altar of Baal and killed the Baal priest and walked the right path of faith. When the people were pleasing in God's sight, God gave them joy and peace.

Understanding the text for leaders

Jehu of northern Israel also killed Ahaziah, the king of Judah, who came to visit Joram. When Ahaziah died, his mother, Athaliah, took the throne. Athaliah was the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel and had been married to Judah in an arranged marriage. She was the one who brought Baal worship to Judah. Athaliah took power for herself, brutally killing her grandsons in order to take over the throne. However, God left Joash, the only blood relative of the house of David, through Jehosheba, the wife of Jehoiada, the priest. When Joash, who was secretly raised in the temple, is seven years old, Jehoiada plans a rebellion to continue the Davidic dynasty that God had promised. He does this with a thorough plan with centurions, the Garites, and the palace guards who keep their faith in God and are loyal to David. The Garitites (also known as the Crettitites, 1 Chronicles 18:17) are believed to have been the Philistines who accompanied David when he was being hunted by Saul, and who were loyal to the Davidic dynasty. So Jehoiada believed in them and worked with them to do this important work. Jehoiadiath, who succeeded in making Joash king, restored the people's broken relationship with God and reminded them of their identity as a covenant people. Then the people removed the altar of Baal and tore it down. I knew that idolatry was the sin that God hated the most.

4. Sharing

1) High Priest Jehoiada helped the king and the people make a covenant to be God's people. What did the people do? (verse 18).

Upper Grades

What did the people who identified themselves as God's people do? (verse 18).

Lower Grades

What did the Israelites destroy when they knew they were God's people? (verse 18).

Question Guide

When the king and the people made a covenant to become God's people, the hearts of the people were renewed. The people realized what God didn't like, and they did their best to turn to God by removing everything related to Baal that they had worshipped.

Comments for Leaders

Jehoiada made the people who had left God re-enter into a covenant with Him. He helped the people realize their identity and live like God. Convinced of their identity as "God's people," the people did their best to eliminate all Baal worship that was not pleasing to God. When we focus on God, we can discern our sins and have the courage to overcome them.

2) Share with one another how to live like God's people and God's children and resolve to apply them in our daily lives.

Upper Grades

When do I feel like a child of God? How should I live as a child of God?

Lower Grades

When and how do I know that God is with me?

□ Question Guide

Share when you feel that you are a child of God, and how you should live your life in your life (work, school, neighborhood, home, etc.) if you are a child of God.

□ Comments for Leaders

If I know that I am a child of God, I will also know the heart of God the Father who loves me. So I can live a life that pleases God instead of disappointing Him. Then, what does it mean to live like a child of God? It's not about being the owner and living only with my own desires and thoughts, but about being the owner of God and living according to what God wants. The life God wants us to live is written in the Bible. Let's support and encourage each other to draw close to God's word and apply it in our lives.

≡ 5. Be grateful

Thank God for allowing us to know His love and live as His children.

≡ 6. Prayer

Loving God, we cherish the authority and privilege to be Your children. Please help us not follow any idols, but only love and serve You, so that we may be recognized as your faithful servants in the last days.

- End the family worship service with the "The Lord's Prayer"
