



The Kingdom Sermon Series
Divine Lessons from the Kingdom of Israel & Judah

SERVANTHOOD

Overcoming the Biggest Temptation from the Devil

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INTRO:

The New Testament was begun with the message about **the kingdom of heaven** that John the Baptist preached: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand *Mat.3:2!*” And then Jesus continued exactly the same message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand *Mat.4:17.*” Jesus introduced heaven as a **kingdom** and it was emphasized throughout the Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and the New Testament (Acts, Romans, 1Corinthians, Galatians, Colossians, 2Thessalonians). While the Old Testament never make any mention neither ‘kingdom of heaven’ nor ‘kingdom of God’, somehow it gave us the divine and important lessons from the real life of the kingdom of Israel and Judah.

The kingdom of Israel and Judah had a fundamental difference compared to another kingdom in the rest of the world. The only constitution that they used is the Word of God. That’s why the book of Kings and Chronicles is not merely about the history but it is a divine lesson so that believers may learn the most important value as we prepare ourselves to live in the kingdom of God *Mat.6:9-10*. And for now we are going to learn about **servanthood**.

A Good Start

2CHRONICLES 26 ³Uzziah was 16 years old when he became king, and he reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. ⁴And he did *what was right* in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. ⁵**He sought God** in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he **sought the LORD**, God made him prosper.

1THESSALONIANS 2

¹¹ as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, ¹² that you would **walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.**



A Lesson from King Uzziah

King Uzziah began his kingdom with a fresh and good start. As the people of God, king Uzziah gave a very important example how to do the right thing in the sight of the Lord: **he sought the Lord!** Jesus told us: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you *Mat.6:33.*"

As a redeemed people, it is very important for us to **walk worthy** of the calling which we were called *Eph.4:1*. Paul told believers to **walk worthy** of God who had called us into His kingdom.

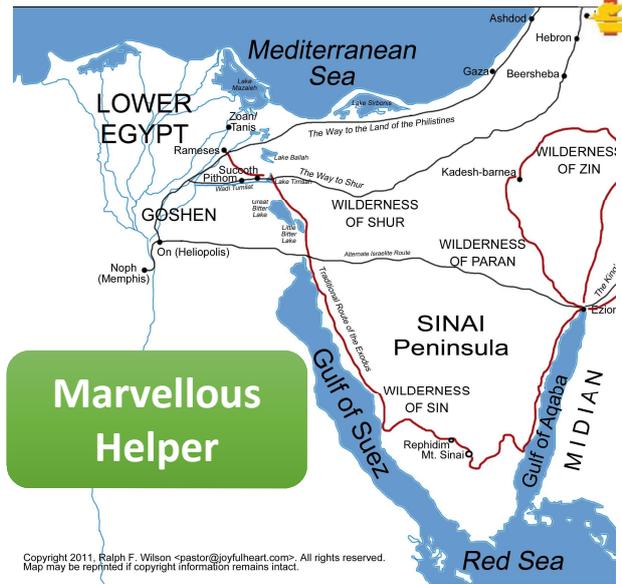
Ef.4:1 *Sebab itu aku menasihatkan kamu, aku, orang yang dipenjarakan karena Tuhan, supaya **hidupmu sebagai orang-orang yang telah dipanggil berpadanan dengan panggilan itu.***

All Because of God

2CHRONICLES 26 ⁷ God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites. ⁸ Also the Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong.

¹⁰ Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; he also had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil.

¹⁵ And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvellously helped till he became strong.



When we let God work within us, indeed He is more than able to do anything beyond our capability. King Uzziah became **exceedingly strong**, not because of his strength and strategy when doing the war, but it was all because of God who had helped him!

The Bible mentioned clearly that he **was marvellously helped!** The passive form clearly showed us that it was all because of God, and truly that is **the blessing** when we live within the kingdom of God! God who had called us into His kingdom will deliberately show us His marvellous light *1Pet.2:9* so that people may affirm that our lives is no longer us but Christ who live in us *Gal.2:20*.

Believers may have **the peace of God** which surpasses all understanding *Phil.4:7*. Believers may share **the love of Christ** which passes knowledge *Eph.3:19*. Believers may **experience more** because of Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us *Eph.3:20*.

The Black Spot!

2CHRONICLES 26 ¹⁶ But when he was strong his heart was **lifted up, to his destruction** (*NIV: his pride led to his downfall*), for he **transgressed** against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

ISAIAH 14 **The Fall of Lucifer**

¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, o Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

¹³ For you have said in your heart:

'I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

¹⁴ **I will** ascend above

the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.'



For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he *Pro.23:7*. All problems start from inside the heart. Jesus said: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts *Mat.15:19*! Out from the heart of Uzziah then proceed **evil pride** and truly this is **the black spot** for believers (*Cambridge: a place on a road that is considered to be dangerous because several accidents have happened there*).

Peter wrote: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble *1Pet.5:5*." Jesus said: "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted *Luk.14:11*."

The devil / Lucifer will always try to put this trap to every single believers because that is his behaviour *Isa.14:12-14* – **5 evil wills!**

The pride of King Uzziah led to his downfall. The pride of Lucifer led to his downfall. **The pride of believer led to his downfall!**

his heart was lifted up; pride

gâbahh (Heb.)

to be high, be exalted
to be haughty, be arrogant (bad sense)

PROVERBS 18:12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

ISAIAH 3:16-17 ¹⁶ Moreover the LORD says: "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, making a jingling with their feet, ¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will uncover their secret parts."



HAUGHTY
starts from heart,
changes the
attitude, the
eyes, the walking
style, and then
destroys
everything!

AMSA 18:12 Tinggi hati mendahului kehancuran, tetapi kerendahan hati mendahului kehormatan.

YESAYA 3:16 TUHAN berfirman: Oleh karena wanita Sion telah menjadi sombong dan telah berjalan dengan jenjang leher dan dengan main mata, berjalan dengan dibuat-buat langkahnya dan gemerencing dengan giring-giring kakinya, **17** maka Tuhan akan membuat batu kepala wanita Sion penuh kudis dan TUHAN akan mencukur rambut sebelah dahi mereka.

Haughty = arrogantly superior and disdainful; **Merriam Webster Dict.** = blatantly and disdainfully proud : having or showing an attitude of superiority and contempt for people or things perceived to be inferior

Disobey, Disrespectful & Disaster

2CHRONICLES 26 ¹⁷ So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were 80 priests of the LORD — valiant men. ¹⁸ And **they withstood** King Uzziah, and said to him, “*It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have **trespassed!** You shall have no honour from the LORD God.*”

Living in the Kingdom of God

EPHESIANS 4 ¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

ROMA 12 ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering;* he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

The pride of Uzziah made him **felt superior** than the priests! It had been so clear since the beginning that the duty within the Holy Temple is belong exclusively to the priests and the Levites.

Living within the Kingdom of God means that we must respectful to **the way how God organise His Kingdom!** Back to the days of the Kingdom of Israel, the priesthood was something so important and they had their own rule (the book of Leviticus) to do their duty. And here now, as the body of Christ, we must understand that God give some ministries, some gifts, different one another according to the grace that is given to each of us.

From the Throne to an Isolated House

2CHRONICLES 26 ¹⁹ Then Uzziah became furious; and he *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, **leprosy broke out on his forehead**, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar. ²⁰ And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he *was* leprous; so they **thrust him out of that place**. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the LORD had struck him.

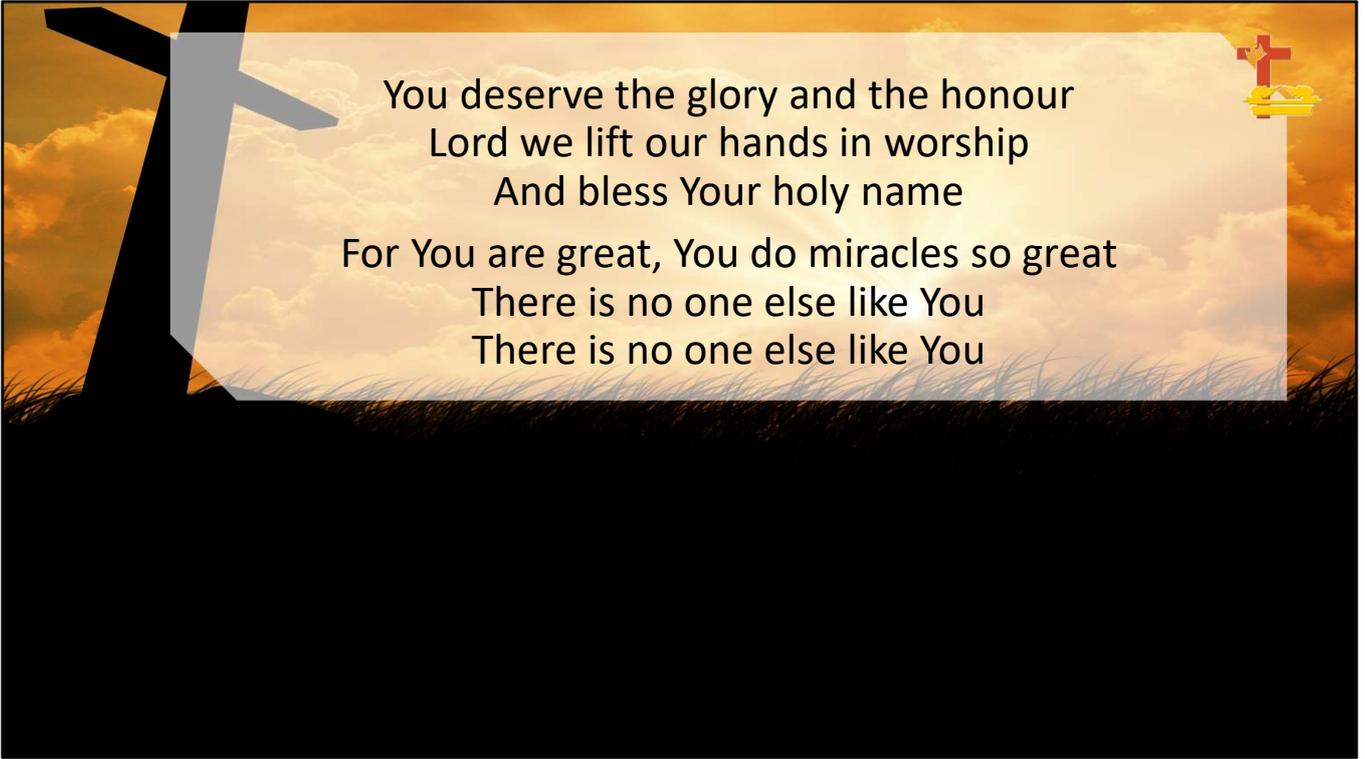
For whoever exalts
himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles
himself will be exalted
Luk.14:11



King Uzziah was thrown from his throne because of his haughtiness! Out from the throne to an isolated house because of a sudden leprosy that struck him. Indeed, Jesus told us that whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted *Luk.14:11*.

Let's keep looking unto Jesus, who is our ultimate model of servanthood.

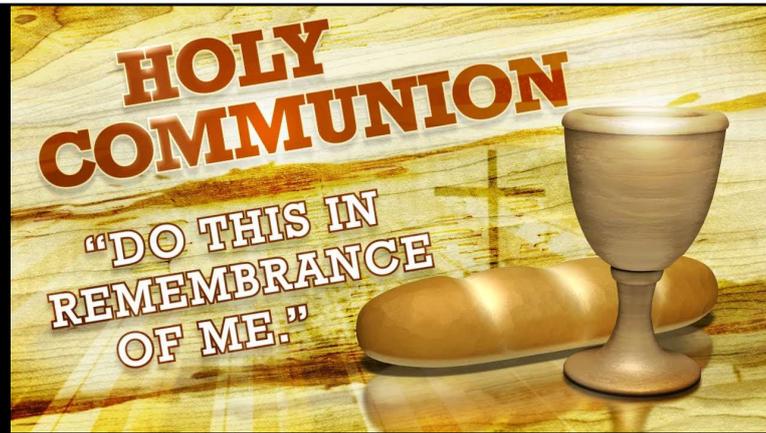
Philippians 2:5-8 ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.



You deserve the glory and the honour
Lord we lift our hands in worship
And bless Your holy name

For You are great, You do miracles so great
There is no one else like You
There is no one else like You

For as often as
you eat this
bread and drink
this cup, you
proclaim the
Lord's death till
He comes.
1Cor.11:26



1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **“Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

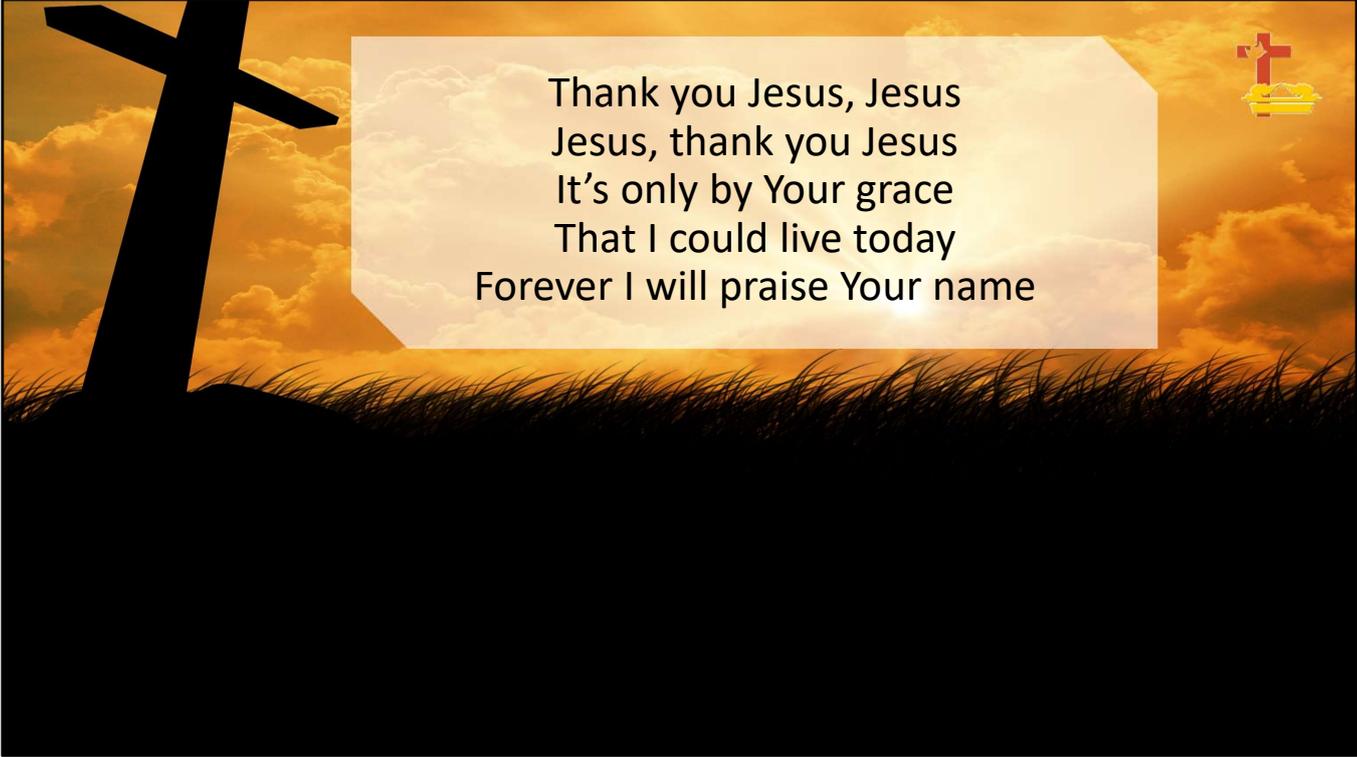
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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

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The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?



Thank you Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, thank you Jesus
It's only by Your grace
That I could live today
Forever I will praise Your name