

But then it was said, “*Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God*” (Dte. 1:26). When individuals let their personal fears and doubts rise up over their trust and faith in God, it is not a good situation.

3) DAVID’S SIN OF NUMBERING THE PEOPLE. David ordered Joab, “*Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people*” (II Sam. 24:2). Joab rightly pushed back on this endeavor and asked, “*but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing*” (II Sam. 24:3)? Yet, it is stated, “*Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host*” (II Sam. 24:4). It is known this was a sin of pride, and promptly David would say, “*I have done very foolishly*” (I Chr. 21:8). When individuals allow pride to drive their life, the destination is not a good one.

4) THE OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL. In the first chapter of Philippians, Paul addresses various motives for preaching. Some preach through “*envy*” and “*strife*” (Php. 1:15). Others preach out of “*contention*” (Php. 1:16). Yet other correctly preach with the motive of “*love*” (Php. 1:17). About these, Paul utters, “*What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice*” (Php. 1:18). Yes, we should strive to always have love as the motive for our preaching, but obedience to the Gospel is always an occasion for rejoicing.

5) PAUL’S FAITHFULNESS. Paul simply said, “*all men forsook me...notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me*” (II Tim. 4:16-17). Thanks be for God’s love!

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“...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...” (Matt. 3:3)

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“NOTWITHSTANDING”

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The long word “notwithstanding” is discovered 36 times in the Bible. It carries with it the same idea of “nevertheless.” In some ways, it is a word used to compare the actions of different parties in the same circumstances. The word notwithstanding was involved with...

1) THE GATHERING OF MANNA. As the children were first undertaking their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, God would feed them miraculously with manna and quail. In Exodus 16:16-19, Moses offered instruction as to the gathering of the manna, and said “*Let no man leave of it till the morning.*” But the Bible reports, “*Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them*” (Exo. 16:20). When individuals clearly know the rules, and yet disobey them, it always leads to very unpleasant circumstances.

2) THE DELAYED ENTRY INTO THE PROMISED LAND. In a review, Moses quoted God as saying, “*go up and possess*” the Promised Land, and not to be “*discouraged*” (Dte. 1:21). Prudently, twelve spies were appointed to “*search...out the land*” (Dte. 1:2). They brought back great news saying, “*It is a good land which the LORD our God doth give us*” (Dte. 1:25).

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

Read II Kings 10:18-27.

Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) In what ways did Ahab and Jehu serve Baal (II Kgs. 10:18)?

- 2) Jehu called for all prophets of Baal, “*But Jehu did it in _____, to the _____ that he might _____ the worshippers of Baal*” (II Kgs. 10:19).
- 3) After Jehu’s invitation, how full was the “*house of Baal*” (II Kgs. 10:21)? _____
- 4) “*And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the _____ of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, _____, and _____ that there be here with you _____ of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal _____*” (II Kgs. 10:23).
- 5) How many men did Jehu appoint to ensure no Baal worshippers escape (II Kgs. 10:24)?

- 6) “*And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an _____ of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, _____ in, and _____ them; let _____ come forth*” (II Kgs. 10:25).
- 7) What was done to the “*house of Baal*” (II Kgs. 10:26-27)?

TOPIC OF THE WEEK: PRIDE **FOR THE DAYS OF MAR. 4 - MAR. 8, 2024**

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

Pride: Arrogant or disdainful conduct or treatment; haughtiness; an excessively high opinion of oneself; conceit.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

Old Testament passages dealing with pride

Dte. 8:11-17; Psa. 10:2-6; Prov. 16:5,18-19; Mal. 4:1

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

New Testament passages dealing with pride

Matt. 23:6-12; Rom. 12:3,16; I Tim. 6:3-4,17; Jam. 4:6

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

Haman’s pride

Esther 3:5-6; 5:9-13; 6:6-12; 7:10

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

Application: It is an ever-present battle not to lift one’s self higher than he ought to, and this we must be very aware of.

Every person in this world is of equal importance to God.

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