

Courage and thankfulness



The battle against Zerah has been won. Now God, through the prophet Oded, has a message for Asa and his subjects. Why? Those who have had the courage to do something with God and have accomplished it often feel weak and worn out afterwards.

God doesn't want that. He wants that we as Christians persevere, not resting on our successes, but continuing to ask what our tasks are. That's the reason why He encourages Asa.

And Asa starts on new tasks straightaway: Together with his people he offers a sacrifice to God. God has granted them the victory and the booty. As a thank you they give something of it back to Him. – Do you give something back to God of what He has given you?



43. What does the prophet Oded encourage Asa and the people to do? Make a list of what they should do and of what God was going to do.

44. Today's passage speaks about swearing an oath (vv14-15). – What does “swearing an oath” mean? And why should you as a Christian not swear an oath? Read Matthew 5:33-37 and James 5:12.



Asa receives the encouraging promise from God that there is will be a reward for his work. It's no different in the New Testament. However, what is meant there is a reward that is given to us in heaven (Revelation 22:12).



Continue to live with God – it's worth it!

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43. They should: 1. Be with God, 2. Seek God, 3. not forsake God, 4. Work and not be weary. God will: 1. Be with him/them, 2. Be found by them, 3. Not forsake them, 4. Give them a reward for their work (v2+7)

44. By swearing an oath you give extra weight to what you have said. God wants everything we say to be true and not needing special confirmation.