

KINGS OF JUDAH



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Words to Find:	Abijah	Athaliah	Ahaz
Rehoboam	Ahaziah	Jotham	Josiah
Jehoram	Uzziah	Amon	Zedekiah
Amaziah	Manasseh	Jehoiachin	
Hezekiah	Jehoiakim	Jehoshaphat	
Jehoahaz	Asa	Joash	

Two Mountains

Author Unknown

There are two great mountain peaks in God's Word -- Mount Sinai and Mount Calvary.

On the first great mountain, God gave His law amid the thunder and lightnings.

On the second great mountain, God gave His only Son amid a darkness that lay over the whole land.

Man received a set of laws on Mount Sinai, which blessed him in so far as he kept them, and that made him guilty before God



wherein he broke them. On Mount Calvary, man received the final right to have his guilt washed away.

Sinai gave us a law written on tables of stone. Calvary makes it possible for these laws to be written upon the heart.

Sinai caused the people to back away in fear; Calvary bids us come close. Sinai was terrible. Calvary is tender.

Sinai was a great mountain peak in the history of redemption, but Calvary is greater and over shadows it.

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Many Walked Away

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“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.” John 6:66

Jesus had many of the same problems we have today. In the context of this verse, He had just finished preaching a difficult topic. There was a lot of head-scratching and I-don't-get-its. Rather than considering that what was taught was the word from God, and that their understanding had nothing to do with the truth, they quit. They walked off. Fortunately, the twelve disciples stayed with Him. One of the first church splits had occurred.

Nothing has changed. People are pretty much the same today. Folks hear something taught

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Who Prayed?

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I Did you think of us this morning
As you breathed a word of prayer?
Did you ask for strength to help us
All our heavy burdens bear?

I Someone prayed, and strength was given
For the long and weary road,
Someone prayed and faith grew stronger
As we bent beneath our load.

I Someone prayed - the way grew brighter,
And we walked all unafraid.
In our heart a song of gladness-
Tell me, was it you who prayed?

If Christians spent as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about.

- Anonymous

Many Walked Away

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from the Word of God, and rather than accept, change, or obey it, and acknowledge from whom the commandment is coming, they reject the truth and walk away. Sometimes they move to another church where the preaching is not so demanding, and the Spirit's convicting of their heart is not so strong. Their downward spiral of "walking away" has begun.

Since I've been saved there have been a lot of folks working with me – for awhile; then they disappear. They walk off, never to be seen serving God again or in attendance at a good church. Here is a brief look at why many walk away and stop serving or obeying the Lord.

One of the primary reasons why a person loses interest in the things of God and leaves a godly lifestyle is that they are not children of God. To be a child of God you have to be born into God's family with the spiritual birth – "born again" or saved. Just standing in a garage does not make you a car, as just attending a Christian church does not make you a Christian. You have to be born into the family of God by the spiritual birth.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

Those that are not saved may try to understand and participate in

the things of God. They may even start reading their Bible or start attending church. An unspiritual person cannot understand spiritual things. They can hear with their ears; apply the teachings to their brain, but they can not understand in their spiritual heart, because it is not spiritually regenerated. Soon they hear something with which they can not abide. It irritates or rubs them the wrong way. Because they are not saved, they don't really understand it, and they leave.

"But the natural man (the unsaved person) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14

Some saved folks leave the place of following Jesus, because they made the wrong decisions. Preaching or Bible reading may have tugged at their heart to obey God. By not obeying the Spirit's calling, they disobeyed God. Maybe they think everyone else has to change, but not them; or maybe they were too proud to change. Perhaps, they think that God could not possibly be angry at their sin. For whatever reason, they did not obey God's commandment. Continual disobedience to the Spirit may stop His speaking to one's heart. Why talk to the person, if he doesn't obey. Soon their hearts are hardened, and they are far from the will and direction of God. It won't take much to get them to walk off.



**A CHRISTIAN IS
THE KEYHOLE
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OTHER FOLK SEE
GOD.**

-Gibson

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Romans 1:21

Other well-meaning Christians walk off because they never learned God's way. They never read their Bible; never attended a strong Bible-believing church, or never had good strong Christians as examples. If one is not grounded with a strong Biblical foundation, it does not take much to blow him off course. When something is heard that is against their way of living, they bound off, rather than change direction. Having an if-it's-in-the-Word-of-God-I'll-believe-and-obey-it attitude will keep many from walking off.

One of the greatest kidnapers of Christians is the unsaved world. Its trappings can lure them away from following after God. That is why God commands Christians to be separated from ungodly things. Guard what the eye sees. Restrict what the ears hear. Limit what worldly influences they are exposed to. If not, they may be drawn closer to the world. Soon they will find themselves farther from God and "walking away".

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," 2 Corinthians 6:17

Living God's way is the only way to have a successful life. However, in this world, there are many temptations to live an ungodly life. To keep on the course, one must follow the map. Reading and feeding on the Word of God, listening to biblical preaching, and associating with godly people are some ways to fight the temptations of walking away. It is possible to be one of the faithful, and stay the course.

Ascertaining The Will of God

Gleaned from A George Muller Article.

- * Surrender your own will. Nine-tenths of the problem is with a person's stubbornness and self-will.
- * Do not depend on feelings.
- * Seek the Spirit's will through God's Word. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.
- * Note providential circumstances. These often indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.
- * Pray. Ask God in prayer to reveal His will.
- * Wait. Through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of your ability and knowledge and wait.

When a man who professes to be converted says that he goes into the world and into sin for pleasure, it is as if an angel went to hell for enjoyment.

-Spurgeon