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Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; but when in their trouble they turned to the Lord God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. 2 Chronicles 15:2-4

Loved Ones, Asa was in over his head. Israel had backslidden, and nothing seemed in order. The Scribe wrote "And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands. So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them by every type of adversity."

It was about that time the prophet told Asa that although the situation seemed utterly hopeless, God would be found if the people would seek Him. Well, they did seek God under Asa's leadership. And God did show up! Asa's story is that of one of the few revivals in Judah's history.

In retrospect we know the people were not pursuing God - but in this passage we see the steps that created the hopelessness of their lives.

- #1. They had substituted false gods for Jehovah. (v.3)**
- #2. They were without a teaching priest. (v.3)**
- #3. They were without the law. (v.3)**

We are living in a nation that is hell-bent on rebuilding on a foundation of secularism, We have marginalized, villainized, and are in the process of criminalizing Christianity. We have re-written our history, bowed to a false science, and have perverted any sense of justice and reason. And we, like the people in Asa's day, have to admit that most things are falling apart.

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Let's look a little deeper to see the parallels.

#1. They were still a very “spiritual” people, but were severing ties with the One True God. They basically ignored God on the front end of their societal breakdown, and then blamed Him on the back end. Jonathan Cahn explains this in his recent book, *The Return of the Gods*.

#2. They were without spiritual leaders who diligently expounded God's Word. The teaching in many churches today is anemic with carnal self-help teaching that is spiritually powerless. Laws are put forth that categorize the Scriptures as “hate speech.” Christian persecution is growing on a world-wide scale possibly unprecedented in history. At the heart of the matter is an utter rejection of God's Word.

#3. They were without “The Law.” We have laws-a-plenty, but we have forsaken the Judeo-Christian ethic in large measure, and every year it seems the laws move further away from true Justice.

We must remember: The Good News is that if we turn back to God, He will turn back to us! (v.4)

I am so thankful that we are on the right side of history at Christian Life! Thank God for His Presence that permeates our atmosphere. Thank God for giving us a true Teaching Priest in Pastor Cory and his staff! Thank God for the commitment we have to the Truth of Scripture. Theology Matters!

Rise up, Loved Ones. The Harvest is upon us! Pray fervently, and be part of calling America back to Faith. God has brought you to the Kingdom for such a time as this!

I love you,
Pastor Stephen