

2 Chronicles 26:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

King Uzziah's spiritual success is attributed to seeking God: 'And 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 to prosper.' The temporal limitation 'in the days of Zechariah' and 'as long as' foreshadows Uzziah's later downfall (26:16-21). Seeking God (darash Elohim) combined with godly mentorship (Zechariah's instruction) produced prosperity. This demonstrates that spiritual success requires both personal initiative and wise counsel. Tragically, Uzziah's prosperity bred pride, showing that success can be spiritually dangerous. This warns that past faithfulness doesn't guarantee future obedience.

Historical Context

Uzziah reigned 52 years (c. 790-738 BCE), one of Judah's longest reigns. His earlier military and economic successes (26:6-15) came through seeking God, but later pride led to his striking with leprosy when he usurped priestly functions.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. Who provides godly counsel and 'understanding in the visions of God' in your spiritual life?
2. How can you guard against pride during seasons of prosperity and success?

Interlinear Text

זְכַרְיָה הוּ H1961	וַדָּשׁ וְ H1875	הָאֱלֹהִים: H430	וּבִימִי H3117	זְכַרְיָה הוּ H2148
And he sought		God	and as long as	of Zechariah
הָיָה לוֹ H995	בְּרָא ת H7200	הָאֱלֹהִים: H430	וּבִימִי H3117	וַדָּשׁ וְ H1875
who had understanding	in the visions	God	and as long as	And he sought
אֶת H853	יְהוָה ה' H3068	הָעֲלִיחַ וְ H6743	הָאֱלֹהִים: H430	
	the LORD	made him to prosper	God	

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 15:2 (References Lord): And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

2 Chronicles 24:2 (References Lord): And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

1 Chronicles 22:13 (References Lord): Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

Daniel 5:16 (Parallel theme): And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make

known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Genesis 41:15 (Parallel theme): And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

2 Chronicles 25:8 (References God): But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

Daniel 1:17 (References God): As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Daniel 2:19 (References God): Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel 10:1 (Parallel theme): In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

1 Chronicles 22:11 (References God): Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.