

Sunday Morning

January 25, 2015

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I KINGS 22:43

I. THE PROBLEM OF HIGH PLACES

INSIGHT: Israel made poor decisions, missed the leadership of God and lost God's blessing because there was always a place of disobedience... the High Place (*I Kings 3:3; II Kings 12:2-3; II Kings 14:3-4; II Kings 15:3-4; II Kings 15:34-35*).

II. THE POWER OF SMALL THINGS, *Song of Solomon 2:15*

INSIGHT: 95% obedience is laudable but 5% disobedience is an open door for Satan. 5% disobedience is capable of bringing everything crashing down (*Ephesians 4:27; Jude 9; I Peter 5:8*).

INSIGHT: Like the good kings of old we can turn toward God and walk in obedience yet leave a high place or two untouched.

III. WHY HIGH PLACES EXIST

- A. Fear
- B. Stubbornness

IV. THE COST OF HIGH PLACES, *Proverbs 8:34 (NIV)*

INSIGHT: As long as you live in stubbornness to hold the high place intact, blessings that God would do for you will never come.

INSIGHT: When God blesses your life, your needs are met.

INSIGHT: Every Bible promise has a premise.

INSIGHT: You get to decide how much God blesses you (*Deuteronomy 28:2*).

INSIGHT: God has blessings stored up for the next decade that He wants to give you, but they are not automatic.

INSIGHT: The blessings of God are only for those who honor Him (*Psalms 31:19 NLT*).

V. THE CURE

INSIGHT: 95% devotion is 5% short (*I Kings 3:3; I Kings 22:43; II Kings 12:2-3*).

INSIGHT: Any "however" in your walk with God is your 5%, and 95% is 5% short.