



LONGING FOR THE

KING



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³ And they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴ “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke on us, and we will serve you.” ⁵ He said to them, “Come to me again in three days.”

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So the people went away.

⁶ Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” ⁷ And they said to him,

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“If you will be good to this people and please them and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”⁸ But he abandoned the counsel that the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him.

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⁹ And he said to them, “What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, ‘Lighten the yoke that your father put on us’?” ¹⁰ And the young men who had grown up with him said to him, “Thus shall you speak to the people who said to you,

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‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you lighten it for us’; thus shall you say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s thighs. ¹¹ And now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’”

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¹² So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king said, “Come to me again the third day.” ¹³ And

the king answered them harshly; and forsaking the counsel of the old men,

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saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.” ¹⁵ So the king did not listen to the people, for it was a turn of affairs brought about by God that the LORD might fulfill his word,

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which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. ¹⁶ And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, “What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Each of you to your tents, O Israel!

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Look now to your own house, David.” So all Israel went to their tents. ¹⁷ But

Rehoboam reigned over the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

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and the people of Israel stoned him to death with stones. And King Rehoboam quickly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹ So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.



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1 Kings 12:7

And they said to him, “If today you will be a servant to this people and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever.

2 Chronicles 10:8-11

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James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

James 3:13-18

¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

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¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

2 Chronicles 10:12-14

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2 Chronicles 10:12-14

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2 Chronicles 10:15-17

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2 Chronicles 10:15-17

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Lessons & Longings

Wherever the Lord has given you *some* power/authority, be like Jesus and use it to serve.

Willful sin will bring about a regression in your spiritual life.

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King Jesus is the King who has ALL
power and authority and:

He serves us

He lightens our yokes

He listens to us

He represents us



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