

SERMON

2 CHRONICLES 26: 1-23

DO YOU **FEAR** GOD?

- ❑ The **SOURCE** of *Uzziah's success*, *he feared God* (v4-5)
- ❑ ⁴ He did what was right
- ❑ ⁵ He sought God.

The **SCALE** of His Success v 6-15

- ❑ 6 He went to.
- ❑ 7 God helped him.
- ❑ 8 his fame spread
- ❑ 9 Uzziah built towers
- ❑ 10 He also built towers
- ❑ 11 Uzziah had a well-trained
- ❑ 13 Under their command was an army

The **SCALE** of His Success v 6-15

- ¹⁴ Uzziah provided
- ^{15a} His fame spread far and wide,
- ^{15b} for he was greatly helped
- ^{15c} **until** he became powerful.

The **DANGER** of Success... v16

- ❑ ^{16a} But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall.
- ❑ ^{16b} He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

- But then the strength and success went to his head. Arrogant and proud, he fell.
- One day, contemptuous of GOD, he walked into The Temple of GOD like he owned it and took over, burning incense on the Incense Altar.
- The priest Azariah, backed up by eighty brave priests of GOD, tried to prevent him.
- They confronted Uzziah: “You must not, you *cannot* do this, Uzziah—only the Aaronite priests, especially consecrated for the work, are permitted to burn incense. Get out of God’s Temple; you are unfaithful and a disgrace!”
- But Uzziah, censer in hand, was already in the middle of doing it and angrily rebuffed the priests.
- He lost his temper; angry words were exchanged—and then, even as they quarrelled, a skin disease appeared on his forehead.
- As soon as they saw it, the chief priest Azariah and the other priests got him out of there as fast as they could. He hurried out—he knew that GOD then and there had given him the disease.

Uzziah had his skin disease for the rest of his life and had to live in **quarantine**; he was not permitted to set foot in The Temple of GOD.

His son Jotham, who managed the royal palace, took over the government of the country.

The rest of the history of Uzziah, from start to finish, was written by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.

When Uzziah died, they buried him with his ancestors in a field next to the royal cemetery.

His skin disease **disqualified** him from burial in the royal cemetery.

His son Jotham became the next king.

The Danger of Success...

APPLICATIONS

Uz had taken every precaution to keep the danger from the outside at bay.

BUT...

His greatest personal danger was from “within” himself **...PRIDE...**

He **stopped** fearing God... and allowed power go to his head.

The **consequences** of his pride followed him all the ways... from the throne to the grave

Pride ends in humiliation... while humility brings honor.

The Danger of Success...
Life-Lessons

Like Uzziah... We can be our **“OWN”** worst enemy

Regardless of who we are or what we become...
We remain **“ACCOUNTABLE”** to GOD

God opposed the proud but gives grace to the humble

