True Worship always leads to Spiritual Warfare

Ps 31:3—*For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.* 32:8*—I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.* {guide...: Heb. counsel thee, mine eye shall be upon thee}55:13*—But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.* {mine equal: Heb. according to my rank, (*a counselor, an advisor and influence)}*

The call of God demands accountability through faithfulness and personal responsibility.

There is a rank deficit

There is a soul deficit

There is a respect deficit There is an obedience deficit

There is a fervent prayer deficit so that there is no shame, no praise, and no conviction

* Can we recover? Luke warmness, Worldliness, immorality, disheartened, disrespectfulness,

There is an Intellectual deficit There is a character deficit There is a moral deficit bankrupt-shipwrecked-gone under-sunk There is a crises (backslid)

We can only recover if we recover by faith, as we **will to recover** (will to do His will)

It is the Will of God that you Love as he loves them. **Will to Love**

Can we **cover**?

Pr 10:12—*Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins*. 16:28*—A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.* 17:9—*He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.* 26:21*—As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.*

Col 3:14—*And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness*. 1Tim. 1:5—*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:*

1Peter 4:8—*And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for* ***charity*** *shall cover the multitude of sins. Can we* ***convert*** *them?*

James 5:20*—Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.* Rom 11:14*—If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them*

*All were reprobate, or rejected; however, the apostle believed according to promise that all were recoverable.* ***None of them were irrecoverably shut out from the Divine favour****; and that some of them, by his preaching, might be disposed to receive salvation by Christ Jesus.*

How to Recover Oneself

**RECOVERY Wholly rely on the Lord**

Return:

Return to God Return to health Return to Guard-fight of faith-Make the attack

1. The act or power of regaining, retaking, or conquering again; as recovery of stolen goods.
2. A getting well again, coming or bringing back to consciousness, revival of a person from weakness.
3. A regaining of balance, of former position or condition, a return to soundness.
4. The thing or amount gained in recovering.
5. In law, the obtaining of right to something by a verdict and judgment of court from an opposing party in a suit; The recovery of debt, damages and costs by a plaintiff.

**RESTORATION**

**There is a difference to be at attack and being under attack**

How to recover oneself out of God’s Judgment of wrath.

1. Abijah Recovery
   1. Abijah stood up “**Abijah**” means “bound together”
      1. The king had Reign (v.1)
         1. Over Judah
         2. In Jerusalem
      2. The king had War (v.2)
         1. There is flesh-carnality (v.14)

2Ch 13:4—“Abijah stood up upon mount **Zemaraim**, which is in mount Ephraim”

06787. Myrmu Ts@marayim, tsem-aw-rah'-yim **double fleece**; Tsemarajim, a place in Palestine:--Zemaraim.

**DOUBLE**=shaggy; wool:--wool(-len)

0669. Myrpa 'Ephrayim, ef-rah'-yim **double fruit**; Ephrajim, a son of Joseph;

**DOUBLE**=fruitfulness

* + 1. The king had Salt (5)
       1. The Covenant
       2. The Promise of God
    2. The King had understanding
       1. Abijah identified the problem (v.6)
       2. Abijah names the sin (v.8)
    3. The king kept the charge of the Lord (vv.10-11)
    4. The king had God for his Captain (v.12)
    5. The King relied on the Lord (v.18)
    6. The King had a prophet write about him (v.22)
    7. The king has a testimony for the year 2010A.D.

2Ch 13:1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business:

11 And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephrain with the towns thereof.

20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died.

21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

SPIRITUAL RECOVERY

**No [wickedness](http://www.godrules.net/library/topics/topic2046.htm) so** [**distresses**](http://www.godrules.net/library/topics/topic574.htm) **the** [**believer**](http://www.godrules.net/library/topics/topic193.htm)**, as that which he witnesses in those who profess to be of the** [**Church**](http://www.godrules.net/library/topics/topic356.htm) **of** [**God**](http://www.godrules.net/library/topics/topic830.htm)

**Jeroboams’ religious practices didn’t deceive Abijah, neither did it stop him.**

**Spiritual Recovery always begins with Knowing Jesus Christ as your Saviour**

**Spiritual Maturity is an on growing experience**

* Growth comes by God’s Grace and Peace being multiplied through the knowledge of God according to His power

*2Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,*

*3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*

*4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust*.

Marks of spiritual maturity.

* Learning God's Word, God’s Will, God’s Way.
* Spiritual maturity is learning how to walk in obedience to God.
* It is making the choice to live by God's viewpoint rather than your human viewpoint.

2Peter 1:5 *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

*6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*

*7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

*8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. {barren: Gr. idle}*

*9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.*

*Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, {covenant: or, testament}*

*21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. {working: or, doing}*

*Recovering from carnal to Christian Grow more Now*

*2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*