

# It is Time to Seek the Lord

(A New Year's Message)

2 Chronicles 12-16

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Introduction: God promises to bless those who seek Him (Deut. 4:29-30)

*Our Need to Seek the Lord is illustrated in the lives of three Kings of Judah*

## I. **Rehoboam, a King who did NOT seek the Lord** (2 Chron. 12)

*2 Chronicles 12:14*

*"And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD."*

## II. **Abijah, a King who DID seek the Lord** (2 Chron. 13)

*2 Chronicles 13:10*

*"But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him..."*

## III. **Asa, a King who sought the Lord early in life and failed to at the end** (2 Chron. 14-16)

### A. **When Asa sought the Lord, he was successful & blessed** (2 Chron. 14-15)

*2 Chronicles 14:7*

*"...we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered."*

### B. **When Asa relied on Pagans & Physicians he was rebuked & chastened** (2 Chron. 16)

*2 Chronicles 16:12*

*"And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians."*

**Conclusion:** *James 4:8 - Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.*