

As Long As

II Chronicles 26:5: And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

Uzziah began well for he sought the Lord in all his business and God made him to prosper. The lesson though is found in that conditional phrase-“as long as he sought the Lord”. Eleven verses later we sadly take note:”But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction.” He became untethered from the source of his strength, taking for granted the living presence of God’s Spirit and consequentially met with an ignominious end - from the throne to a several house where he died of his leprosy.

Complacency is the bane of the Christian walk. Too often we think we are standing when, in fact, we are in a free fall. It is of vital importance that we keep ourselves in our most holy faith. When the perfidious Delilah shouted “The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.” Even though we have that better promise of the abiding Spirit of God, it is possible that we can also “fall from your own steadfastness” as Peter warned. Only as long as we seek the Lord can we expect to reap the benefits of a prosperous life.

*Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
therefore will I call upon him
as long as I live.
Psalms 116:2*

Have a blessed day,
Pastor