

## God Is Looking For Someone

2 CHRONICLES 16:1-10

### King Asa

- ▶ King of Judah – reigned for 41 years
  - ▶ Mostly good? – 2 Chronicles 14:2-3; 1 Kings 15:12-14
  - ▶ Originally trusted in God – 2 Chronicles 14:9-11
  - ▶ King Asa warned/encouraged – 2 Chronicles 15:1-7
  - ▶ However in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of his reign ... King Asa turned to King of Aram instead of God – 2 Chronicles 16:1-3
  - ▶ King Asa rebuked – 2 Chronicles 16:7-9
- ▶ 2 Chronicles 16:9, ***“For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”***

### God is looking for one whose heart is completely His

- ▶ Where will we turn for help ... guidance ... direction? Proverbs 3:5-6
- ▶ God deserves nothing less than our whole heart. Mark 12:30
- ▶ God is looking for someone whose heart isn't divided by:
  - ▶ Worries, cares and distractions. Mark 4:18-19
  - ▶ Other "masters" – Matthew 6:24
  - ▶ Family or friends – Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:26
  - ▶ Selfish pride – Luke 9:23

### God is looking for someone to recognize Him as Creator

- ▶ David – Psalms 14:1-3
- ▶ Who will recognize the evidence? Romans 1:20-21
- ▶ Who will recognize we're "fearfully and wonderfully made"? Psalms 139:13-16
- ▶ God made us. Psalms 119:73

### God's looking for someone who'll do what's right

- ▶ Ezekiel describes a time when violence, oppression and sin reigned. Ezekiel 22:23-29
- ▶ God looked for "someone to stand in the gap". Ezekiel 22:30
- ▶ God found no one!
- ▶ God is looking for someone to let their light shine – Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:15
- ▶ Will God find anyone who will separate themselves from the standards of the world – 2 Corinthians 6:17

### God is looking for someone who loves truth

- ▶ God told Jeremiah to go look through Jerusalem for someone who seeks truth. Jeremiah 5:1
- ▶ Requires someone who recognizes God's authority – Judges 21:25
- ▶ Pursuit of the "ancient paths" – Jeremiah 6:16
- ▶ Apostasy begins when men don't love truth – 2 Thessalonians 2:10
- ▶ Will God find anyone who understands the value of truth? Proverbs 23:23

## God is looking for someone who will take correction

- ▶ Jeremiah 5:2-3 – again, go through the streets of Jerusalem and see if anyone will take correction.
- ▶ What a rare event to find someone who'll admit, I was wrong.
- ▶ We will all face the need to take correction & repent.
- ▶ Honestly mistaken? Acts 18:25-26
- ▶ Will we accept the Lord's discipline? Hebrews 12:5-11; Proverbs 3:11
- ▶ God is looking for someone who won't keep making the same mistakes and committing the same sins.

## God is looking for someone reliable to go and do His work

- ▶ Isaiah responded to God's question "Who shall I send and who will go for us?" – Isaiah 6:8
- ▶ Who will proclaim the proclamation God has given us? Jonah 3:2
- ▶ Who will preach the whole message? Acts 20:2
- ▶ Who'll be ready? 2 Timothy 4:2
- ▶ Who will be useful to God in His service? 2 Timothy 2:21

## Will anyone still listen to God?

- ▶ Jeremiah 6:9-10; will we listen to Him only?  
Matthew 17:1-5

God is looking for someone to save. God is looking for someone to come home.

- ▶ Luke 19:10; 15:3ff; 15:17-20