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定意尋求神

讀經：歷代志下 26：5 “...烏西雅定意尋求神；他尋求耶和華，神就使他亨通。”新的一年開始的時候，求神祝福我們有一個新的起頭，保守我們凡事亨通。我們如何可以凡事亨通呢？烏西雅的例子告訴我們，要“定意尋求神”。在新年裏，弟兄們有一個負擔，就是以“來，親近主；去，作見證”這兩句話作為我們的標桿。感謝主，這實在是一個在主面前平衡發展的好標桿。一方面要“來”，一方面要“去”。馬太福音第十章裏主也是這樣，祂呼召門徒來，也差遣門徒去。若是我們不“來”，不親近主，得不著主的生命和恩典，結果我們“去”，就僅僅是許多活動和忙碌。我們可以有許多的熱鬧，可能人數很多，但是沒有主，那些活動就沒有屬靈、永遠的價值。另一方面，如果我們光是“來”，卻一直不“去”，那也不是主喜悅的。就像一個游泳選手，練習很多，吃得也多，但每次在泳池做完熱身運動，披上衣服就回家了；永遠不好好游泳，甚至於永遠不去參加比賽。那麼，那些營養，那些活動，大家的期望和自己的操練，都沒有目的，也沒有結果。所以，一個親近主的人，有主的生命在裏面，我們“來”了，還要“去”，為主作見證。我們實在感謝主，在我們中間賜下這樣一個負擔，盼望在新年裏我們都來，多多親近主，人人也都去，為主作見證。

今天我們來看烏西雅，一個定意尋求神的人。盼望新年裡我們人人都如此“定意”，把心擺在主面前，對準了主，全心專注在主身上。烏西雅王十六歲在猶大登基，是一個年輕的王。聖經說他“行耶和華眼中看為正的事”。他的秘訣就是“定意尋求神”。當他尋求神，神就使他亨通。我們過新年常常求的是：工作安定，家庭平安，兒女成器，鄰舍和睦。這些都是好的，都很重要，但是如果不尋求神，我們生活沒有一個好基礎，神不會使我們亨通。感謝主，烏西雅給我們好榜樣，要定意尋求神。

詩人說，當尋求神的面，一直看見神的榮耀，活在祂的光中，看到神用笑臉幫助我們，使我們凡事亨通。摩西頂懂得這個道理，疲倦了，就到神面前去；一有難處，他就到會幕那裏，俯伏在神面前。他有一次極度的軟弱，就到神面前去求：“求祢能讓我看見你的面”。所以，尋求神的面是何等的重要。使徒保羅也是這樣：當他在大馬色的路上遇見了主，他的第一句話就是問，“主啊，你是誰？”他從心裏呼叫：我要認識你。所以後來保羅能說、“我看萬事如糞土，以認識基督為至寶。”使徒彼得也提醒弟兄姊妹們，要在主的恩典和知識上大有長進。認識主，經歷主，對主的認識一直增加。

所以，主耶穌說要先求神的國和神的義。我們要一直做一個尋求神的人。尋求神的國，說到神的權柄要從我們生活中處處顯明出來。認識神的權柄，你就不任意妄為，說話行事就不放縱。尋求神的義就是神的公正，就像烏西雅王行神眼中看為正的事。這樣我們這個人就不彎曲，不在神面前玩花樣。今天世人很多玩花樣的，像紐約股票市場、華爾街那些人，為自己私利玩花樣、行彎曲的事。我們卻要尋求神的國和祂的義，在神面前存敬畏的心，好好行一條正的路。主耶穌說，不要為吃什麼，穿什麼憂慮，要先求神的國和祂的義，這些事都會加給你們。所以尋求神是這樣重要的事，尋求神是第一件事，尋求神也是全部的事。當我們尋求神的時候，神就把這一切加給我們，使我們凡事亨通。在烏西雅身上，我們看見第一個記號就是神使他亨通，神使他凡事順利。

吳勇長老過去好幾年了，我最近整理資料，看見他寫的一些信。這老弟兄實在是一個神使他亨通的人。早年在臺灣開始一個聚會，又一個堂一個堂植出去，到他離世時，已經有三十二個了。他做中華神學院的董事，後來為非大專畢業生又辦了一個門徒訓練班，同時又辦海外宣道會，差派宣教士出去。我想到老先生這些事情，神使他亨通，因為他是一個尋求神的人。所以弟兄姊妹，在新年裏，若希望一切亨通順利，就要尋求神。神不使我們亨通，我們就沒有盼望。

接下去的經文告訴我們，烏西雅出去跟敵人打仗，第七節說：“神幫助他…”。神幫助烏西雅出去打仗。我心裏為這些非利士人、阿拉伯人、亞捫人可憐啊！神幫助烏西雅，那這個仗他們怎麼打得贏？因為神幫助烏西雅。神使他強盛，因為烏西雅尋求神。弟兄姊妹，今天活在這世上，你是一個強的人、還是個弱的人？仇敵這樣兇猛，世界這樣詭詐，肉體這樣軟弱，誘惑這樣厲害，我們這個人怎麼能得勝，怎樣成為強者、不被打倒呢？秘訣就是在烏西雅身上看到的一

神幫助他！神的幫助怎麼來？定意尋求神。尋求神，神就常用笑臉幫助我們。

當烏西雅這樣行在神面前，他的名聲就傳播出去，第八節、“他的名聲傳到埃及”，十五節“他的名聲傳到遠方”。讓我想到所羅門王，他的強盛、財富和智慧傳到遠方去，南方的女王來見他，各地的人都來聽所羅門的話。在這裏烏西雅王尋求神，神就祝福他，使他亨通，使他強盛，使他名聲傳播出去，使他有了見證。弟兄姊妹，我們今天活在地上，最重要的就是為主做見證。別人說到這個人、這個家，他們會說，這個人、這個家不一樣，因為他們信耶穌。你看他們主日去聚會，在家裏有禱告，生活這樣敬虔，對神這樣的奉獻，因為他們追求主。當別人說起這個人、這個家的時候，只有好話，沒有微言，因為這個人信耶穌。弟兄姊妹，那是見證。人家會說，他是個好人，一個公正、謙卑、溫柔的人，一個憐憫人的人，是一個值得我相信的人，因為他信耶穌。弟兄姊妹，我們當有這樣的名聲，要做這樣的見證人。

烏西雅怎麼會有這樣的結果呢？十五節最後這樣說，因為他得了非常的幫助，甚是強盛。哎呀，他得到這樣了不得、奇異的幫助。誰幫助他？當然有許多農夫，許多牧人，許多軍兵，許多勇士幫助他。但是更重要的是神幫助他，所以第七節說“神幫助他”，十五節說“他得著非常的幫助”。弟兄姊妹，你願不願意得著神的幫助？那為什麼不這樣禱告呢？如果得不著神幫助，你還做什麼呢？若是神不幫助，生活還有什麼盼望呢？但我們是有盼望的人，因為祂愛我們，救了我們，讓我們成為祂的兒女。只要我們心裏定意尋求神，祂就天天看顧我們，幫助我們。當我們尋求祂，得著這幫助，聖經說這是非常的幫助。仇敵只有蒙羞而去，世界權勢只有在神面前崩潰，血氣和肉體都要受聖靈的管制，讓我們能勝過試探，在主面前站立得

住。所以這個人，他得著非常的幫助，結果他有樓，有井，農田和勇士。你明白這屬靈的意思：城樓使他堅固，水井使他豐富，農田使他沒有缺乏，勇士使他能夠征戰。這些缺一不可，只要神給我們非常的幫助，我們就凡事亨通。

所以在新年裏，我盼望弟兄姊妹要有這樣一個心志，就是定意尋求神，把神擺在第一位。我們一定要有這樣一個定意，讓神帶領我們這一年的路。定意尋求神、來親近他，結果我們活在神面前，能有這名聲，叫我們做見證，人人都成爲見證人。

我說了這麼多，盼望在新年裏、主幫助我們定意。你可以不記得烏西雅，但你要記得“定意”。

我們禱告：“主，你問說，你要猶豫到什麼時候呢？讓我們在你面前做一個定意的人，來尋求你的面。主啊，求你把你的話打開，在禱告裏與我們相遇，讓我們能一直走你的路。給我們這樣的心志，好讓你得著我們這般人，在新年裏使你自己得榮耀。讓你的教會堅固、你的百姓強壯。求你保守早上的話，叫我們人人都做一個定意的人，主啊！就這兩個字，定意，定意，定意！感謝主！奉主耶穌的名禱告！阿們！”

Determined to Seek God



Reading: Chronicles 26:5, Uzziah continued to seek God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God prospered him.

At the New Year, I pray that the Lord gives us a good start, and makes everyone prosper. The example of King Uzziah showed us that the secret of prosperity is in our determination to seek God. The church goal for

this year is “to come to draw near to the Lord, and to go to witness for Him.” This is a well balanced goal. On one hand, we need to come. On the other, we must go. If we do not draw near to the Lord, we end up with a lot of activities but little spiritual value in our work. If we neglect to go, we cannot please the Lord either. It may resemble a swimming athlete, who goes to the pool for training. But he only does warm-ups and never gets into the water, and of course, never attends the competitions. He will surely disappoint many people who had high hope in him. Therefore, we draw near to the Lord, and in His life and grace we go to witness for Him. We thank the Lord for giving us such a burden for the year. May everyone rise and follow the Lord.

King Uzziah was a man determined to seek God. May everyone in the New Year be so determined as well. He was a young king, who did what was right in the sight of the Lord. His secret is that he was determined to seek God. As he continued to seek God, God prospered him. We look forward to many earthly things in a new year. But if we seek not the Lord, our lives have no firm foundation, and God will not prosper us. The Psalmist said, “I will seek His face.” In His light we find that He helps us with His smiling face to prosper us. Moses knew this secret. When he felt weary, he went to the Lord. When the Israelites gave him trouble, he bowed at the tabernacle. Once he was extremely weak, he went to ask the Lord to show His glory to him. You see how important it is to seek the Lord. When the Apostle Paul met the Lord on the way to Damascus, his first question was “Lord, who are you?” Subsequently, he said that he sought the Lord and considered other things as waste. Apostle Peter also encouraged the disciples to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. That is to continue in knowing and experiencing the Lord.

Therefore, Jesus said, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness”. When we seek His kingdom, the authority of God is manifested in our lives. We hence will

not do things or say words with no control. To seek His righteousness is to be right, so that we do not become crooked. The people of this world may be crooked for personal gains, but we fear God and walk justly. To seek God is the first thing, is the only thing and is everything. When we seek Him, He adds all other things unto us and makes us successful. In Uzziah we see at first that he was prospered by God.

I remember Elder Wu as one prospered by the Lord. He began a church in Taipei many years ago. Then they planted others one by one. By the time he left this earth, there were 32 assemblies. He served as trustee for the China Evangelical Seminary, but also developed a Disciple Training Center for those without college degrees. He also founded Christian Mission Overseas to send missionaries abroad. He was successful in these ministries, because the Lord prospered him as he sought the Lord in all things. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I pray that we all seek the Lord in the New Year, that He may cause us to succeed. If He does not, we would have no hope.

The following verses in 2 Chronicles 26 told us that Uzziah went out to war. Verse 7 said that God helped him. I feel sorry for his enemies. If God helped Uzziah, what chance of victory did they have? God helped Uzziah and made him strong, because he sought God. Dear beloved, are you a strong or a weak person spiritually? The enemy is fierce, the world is deceitful, the flesh is weak and the temptations are many. How can we overcome and not stumble? The secret in Uzziah is that he had help from God, resulting from his seeking after the Lord.

When Uzziah walked before the Lord in this manner, his fame spread out, as indicated in v. 8 and v. 15. We recall King Solomon, whose strength, wealth and wisdom were known afar. Even the Queen of the south came to see him, and many from all around came to listen to him. Uzziah continued to seek God, so he was successful and strong. His reputation went out, and his testimony was established.

Dear brothers and sisters, our testimony is just as important. We pray that as others look at your self and your family, they would admit that yours are different. “That family goes to church, have prayer at home, and they are so godly!” They have nothing but praises for your family. They will trust you, because you are just, humble and tender. All this is because we are the disciples of Jesus. Our testimony needs to be so established.

King Uzziah was so successful, because he received “marvelous help” (v. 15). This is most wonderful! I am sure that he was helped by the farmers, the cattlemen, the soldiers and the might men. But, from v. 7 we can see that the most important thing is that God helped him. Oh how we long to be helped by God. Wouldn’t you begin to pray for such help today? If we have no help from God, then we have no hope. However, we are indeed hopeful, because He loves us and cares for us everyday. When we seek the Lord, He helps us. Then the enemy is put to shame by Him, the world crumbles before Him and the flesh is controlled by Him. We will have victory, because the Lord provided, as He did for Uzziah, the fortified towers (to make us strong), cisterns (to make us abundant), vineyards (to make us rejoice) and warriors (to make us victorious). With such a provision, we will be successful.

In the New Year we are determined to seek the Lord. When we put Him in the first place, He will lead the way throughout the year. When we live in such a manner, we will all become His witnesses. I have spoken much about Uzziah. If you cannot remember Uzziah, that is alright. The important thing to remember is “to seek the Lord”.

Let us pray: O Lord, may we determine to seek Thee in the New Year. We pray the Word be open unto us, so that we may walk before Thee. May You glorify Thy Name, and in the New Year strengthen Thy church and Thy people. Help us remember to be resolute in seeking the Lord. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen!