

trust in man and using human expedients instead of looking to God for help. And we see what happened. His life ended in tragic fear. And his son, Jehoshaphat, who was brought up with a fine background of godliness of Asa, lived a life that was in general a godly life but made affinity with Ahab of Israel. And his son married Ahab's daughter and brought the Bael worship into the land of Judah. You know we hear so much about men who have gone on and become greater with each passing year - men who have started out with promise and then done more and more and better and better - that we are apt to forget that for everyone like that, there is a man who has started out with great promise and then who has fizzled out because he has turned his eyes away from God and turned his eyes to the things of flesh. I think it is important that we ourselves should think this matter through in regards to ourselves. Is our trust going to be in the things of the flesh? Or is our trust going to be in the Lord? Now of course immediately there comes the question - just what does this mean that you trust in the Lord? Does it mean you don't trust in the things of flesh at all? We read here that he "was diseased in his feet yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord but to the physicians." Is it wrong to seek to the physicians? If anybody thinks it is, look over to I Timothy and see what Paul says. I Timothy 5:23 Paul said to Timothy, "Drink no longer water but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." We can easily imagine Timothy here. Timothy was a young man who was trying to follow the Lord to the very utmost and Timothy said, "I'm going to trust God and follow Him. If I have a weak stomach, if I have difficulty, I'm just going to look to the Lord to help." And in those days they didn't have much of medicine but they had something that they called wine that was supposed to be helpful to the stomach. And Timothy wouldn't touch it. Timothy said, "No, I'm going to trust the Lord." And Paul said, "Drink no longer water but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." He commands Timothy to use the medicinal means that were available, that were supposed to help him. I don't believe that it means in Chronicles here that Asa did wrong in consulting the physician. I don't think that