

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022 • Read 2Kings 3**

Questions from the Scripture text: Who became king over whom, where, when, and for how long (v1)? What did he do (v2)? Not as bad as whom? Why? But why was this improvement not enough (v3)? Who used to do pay what (v4)? When did this change (v5)? What did Mesha do? So who went out from where and mustered whom (v6)? How many of them? To whom did he go in v7? What did he say happened? What did he ask Jehoshaphat to do? What did Jehoshaphat say he would do? In what way? What did he ask in v8? What did he answer? With whom did these two kings go in v9? What sort of route? For how long? Of what did they run out? For whom? What conclusion did Jehoram draw (v10)? Who had a different solution v11? What did he ask? What did one of Jehoram's servants answer? What did Jehoshaphat say about Elisha in v12? Where do they go? Who speaks first in v13? To whom, specifically? What does he ask him? To whom does he tell him to go? How does Jehoshaphat answer? How does Elisha begin his statement in v14? What is the only reason he's willing to interact? For what does Elisha ask in v15? What came upon him? How does he begin the command in v16? What does he say to do? What won't they see (v17)? But what will happen? For what purpose? How difficult is this for God (v18)? What else will he do? And what four things are they commanded to do in v19? What was happening at what time in v20? And what suddenly happened at the same time? From where? With what result? Who had heard what (v21)? And where had they gathered? What did they do, when, in v22? What did they see? But what did it look like? What did they say (v23)? What did they think the three armies had done to one another? What did they urge each other to do? To where do they come in v24? What do they find instead of spoil—what does Israel do? And what do the Moabites now do? Who follows? Entering where? Doing what? What four things do they do (v25, cf. v19)? What do they leave as a monument, after taking it in battle? Who sees what in v26? What last ditch effort does he try? When this fails, what is his final ultimate resort (v27)? What came upon Israel at this sight? What do they do, when they have seen it?

**What difference does it make to live by the Word of God?** 2Kings 3 looks forward to the first serial reading in morning public worship on the coming Lord's Day. In these twenty-seven verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **living by the Word of God gives us peace and patience, provision, protection, and purity.**

**Living by God's Word gives peace and patience.** Chapter 2 had ended with Elisha reenacting the Carmel-to-Samaria run of 1Ki 18:46. There, the Lord had offered to Ahab to live by Yahweh's Word from the mouth of Elijah. Now, the same is offered to Ahab's son, but with similar result. Jehoram makes some reforms (v2), but the verdict is that he is evil (v3) because rather than accept the offer to live by God's Word, Jehoram continues worship that is according to the ideas of man (v4).

Jehoram is one of those fellows for whom the Word of God is a last resort; Elisha implies as much in v13: "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother." In fact, when they run out of water (v9), consulting Yahweh doesn't even occur to Jehoram. He just assumes that Yahweh is punishing him (which would be just). And so he despairs (v10).

Jehoshaphat, however, has a peace and patience that Jehoram lacks. For Jehoshaphat, as long as they have access to the Word of Yahweh, there is hope. It is this God-given faith to which Elisha responds (v14). The bit about the musician indicates that it is Yahweh Himself Who is responding through Elisha, who just gets taken over as a conduit. And Elisha says as much when he says, "Thus says Yahweh" in v16 and 17. While Jehoram panics, Jehoshaphat has peace and patience, because he is a man who lives by God's Word.

**Living by God's Word gives provision.** When we have the Lord and His Word, we quite literally have everything (cf. Rom 8:32; 1Cor 3:21-23). Jehoram thought his problem was not enough water. The prophet now says that the problem is not enough places to put all the water they're about to get; he commands them to dig ditches (v16) to hold plenty of water for every man and beast (v17). If we have Him, and we have His Word, we may be sure that we have every truly needful thing.

**Living by God's Word gives protection.** Now, the Lord shames them both. Jehoshaphat should have known that you seek the Word of God before you go to battle in the first place (cf. 1Ki 22:5, 7). It should have been Elisha whom he asked the question in v8. So, as the Lord announces that water rations is really too small a thing; He is going to give them the victory they should have asked for to begin with (v18). And it is going to be a complete and devastating victory (v19).

How entirely does the Lord rule over all things? Their trip to get Edomites, instead of to consult Elisha, which had cost them their remaining water... turns out to be essential to Yahweh's plan. For, He uses the very provision of water in the ditches as the mechanism by which He gives the Moabites into their hands (v22-23). How great is the sovereign power of our God, and how wise His sovereign plan! Even when we are foolish and sinful, He is ruling and overruling it all for good.

**Living by God's Word gives purity.** Now, this seems like it would be obvious, but it hadn't been to Jehoram. He was still observing the liturgical innovations and liturgical calendar of Jeroboam Son of Nebat. How bad can things get, when you start veering off of the Word of God? The Israelites find out in v27. Mesha's final attempt, with the seven hundred men in v26, has failed. Now what does he do? He thinks that if he sacrifices his son as a burnt offering, maybe he can curry favor with his god.

How horrible are the demonic idolatries of men! There's a translation issue in v27, which literally reads "great indignation was upon Israel." It could mean that the Lord's wrath fell upon them, but there's no reason for that given in the text, and no destruction of them. Rather, the result of this indignation is that Israel depart and return to their own land. They have seen the horror into which idolatry can descend, and they want nothing more to do with Moab.

The message to Israel, and to us, is clear: the purity that comes only from the Word of God is worth it. The horror of our sin ought to be resisted as entirely as possible.

What are some habits of those who live by God's Word? What sorts of things do they do? What sorts of things do they refuse to do? How do your own habits and actions line up with these? Which of the benefits of living by God's Word, taught in this chapter, do you feel greatest need of right now?

*Sample prayer: Lord, thank You for offering to us to live by Your Word. Forgive us for treating it as a last resort instead of our first inclination. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith in what You can and will do for us. Forgive us for feeling free to wander from Your Word in what we think are small ways, when this is the path to horrible sins like the king of Moab. Grant that we would have hearts that love Your Word, look to You continually, and trust You for every good and perfect gift. Thank You that Christ perfectly did all these things in our place; make us to be like He is, we ask in His Name, AMEN!*

**Suggested songs: ARP119W "Lord, Let My Cry before You Come" or TPH173 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"**

**For more Hopewell @Home devotionals, please visit [bit.ly/harpCHAH](http://bit.ly/harpCHAH)**

(The following is a machine-generated transcription. PLEASE BE AWARE of—and patient with—transcribing errors. If there is something confusing or obviously erroneous, you are invited to listen to the audio recording via [hopewellarp.org](http://hopewellarp.org))

Second Kings chapter 3. These are the words of God. Now Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel. It's Samaria in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat King of Judah and rained 12 years. And he did evil in the sight of Yahweh but not like his father and mother for he put away the sacred pillar of Baal that his father had made.

Nevertheless he persisted and the sins of Jeroboam. The son of knee bet who had made Israel sin. He did not depart from them. Now, Mithai King of Moab was a sheep breeder and he regularly paid the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wall of 100,000 Rams, but it happened when they have died that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

So King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time and mustered. All Israel Anyway went and sent Jehoshaphat King of Judah. Saying the king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab? He said, I will go up. I am as you are my people, as your people.

My horses is your horses. And he said, which way shall we go up the answered by the way, of the wilderness of Edom. So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the King of Edom and they marched on the roundabout on that roundabout route seven days.

There was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them. And the king of Israel said last for you always has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. But Jehoshaphat said is there no profit of Yahweh here that we may inquire of Yahweh by him.

So one of the servants of the king of Israel and certain and said Aicah the son of Shafat is here, who poured water on the hands of Alia and Jehoshaphat said, the word of Yahweh is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

Then Aicah said to the king of Israel. What have I to do with? You go to the profits of your Father and the prophets of your mother, But the king of Israel said to him. No, for ya always has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

And Aicah said, as Yahwe have hosts lives before, whom I stand. Surely. We're at not. I that not, were it, not that? I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat King of Judah. I would not look at you nor see you but now bring me a musician. Then it happened when the musician played that the hand of Yahweh came upon him and he said, thus says, Yahweh, make this valley full of ditches for thus says, Yahweh.

You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain yet? That valley shall be filled with water so that you your cattle and your animals may drink. This is a simple matter. In the sight of Yahweh, It will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. Also you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city and shall cut down every good tree and stop up every spring of water and ruin every good piece of land with stones.

Now, it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water and when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them all, who were able to bear arms and older were gathered.

And they stood at the border and they rose up early in the morning and the sun was shining on the water and the motorbike saw the water on the other side, as red as blood. And they said, this is blood. The kings have surely struck swords and have killed one another.

Now, therefore, Moab to the spoil. So when they came to the camp of Israel, Israel rose up and attack the Moabites. So that they fled before them, and they entered their land, killing the Moabites, Then they destroyed the cities. And each man threw a stone on every good piece of land and filled it and they stopped up all the springs of water and cut down all the good trees.

What they left. The stones of cure horaseth intact, However, the slingers surrounded and attacked it, and when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him, 700 men, who drew swords to break through to the king of Edom. But they could not, and he took his eldest son, who would have reigned in his place and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall.

And there was great indignation upon Israel. So the departed from him and returned to their own land So far the reading of God's inspired and and entered. Well, the way chapter 2 had ended, the Lord had replayed for a Jehoram. The offer that he had made for Ahab back in first Kings 18.

You remember when the Lord had humiliated bail and bail worship and had destroyed the prophets of Baal and the rain came and God gave Elijah to run from Mount Carmel. All the way to Samaria in front of a galloping chariot going as fast as it could. Before the road got impassable even by horses and chariots and he enabled the profit to run in front of him showing that the Word of God in the man of God is better, then horses and chariots.

And so Elisha remember when Elijah got taken up had said my father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horses. Recognizing the benefit that is in having the Word of God in the appointed man of God. However Jehoram does not take the offer to harm is like too many Christians and I hope or too many who call themselves Christians.

And I hope this does not describe you, but if it does, it's God's mercy to us, that he would address us in his word and expose our hearts, to us. Jehoram thinks doing a little bit better than we used to do is real Reformation and repentance and Jehoram sees a place or a roll for the Lord for Yahweh in his life and even for Yahweh's word in his life.

But his life is not ruled by the Lord's word, and he doesn't see everything as an interaction with the Lord Himself. So he's the kind of so-called Christian, who refers to certain things as God things or Yahweh things to use Jehoram's language. But other things as ordinary things or perhaps due to other causes.

And so when Mithai repels, when Mithai King of Moab babbles against Jehoram, and he musters Israel, his first course of action has first inclination is not to go to Elisha, or to go to Yahweh. It is to go to Jehoshaphat. After all, Jehoshaphat had been an ally of his father.

Ahab and God bless sincere. Believing godly into some extent. Stupid. Jehoshaphat who is willing to reprise his role as alliance with the, the armored dynasty in the north, but Jehoram does not resort to the Word of God or the help of God. He goes to the help of a king not Jehoshaphat.

Sorry, it's a horrum. And then when Jehoshaphat asks Jehoram, which way they shall, go up, Jehoshaphat himself, is probably acting against just principles. Remember when, When Ahab had invited Jehoshaphat and Jehoshaphat said, we should really inquire of the Word of Yahweh first and Ahab had trotted out all of the palace.

Prophets prophesied. Falsely in the name of Yahweh, telling them that they would succeed. Etc. And Jehoshaphat could immediately tell because he was accustomed to the Word of Yahweh, that none of these guys were actual prophets and he says, don't you have any actual prophets of Yahweh? And they haven't said, well, there's one, but I hate him.

Because he never says anything good about me. Well, so Jehoshaphat knew that you should inquire the Word of Yahweh first, but he initially asks Johoram, which way they should go. And Jehoram doesn't say we need, he always word and he doesn't say we need Yahweh's power. What does he did?

Say that we need another king two kings and two, armies is not as good as three kings and three armies. And so they go by way of the wilderness of Edom and they get the king of Edom. But what they do is they add more human mouths and they add more horses mouths and they add more livestock smells but they don't add more water.

Because Edom is a dry wilderness and this of course is as Well, it's literally true but it's also indicative of what Edom is spiritually. Edom is godless, Edom. Is wicked. There is no life or help from Edom life and health comes in the name of the Lord, Our help is in the name of Yahweh, who've created the heavens and the earth God made everything and God helps us.

And so we worship God. But the Horum's plan is to get help from Edom. And so this this chapter is setting up the parallel between what it is like to live by your own wits. Your own ideas for your own purposes as opposed to living life by faith, in the Lord trusting and seeking His Word to direct, all of your life.

And the first thing that we see the difference, by living, that living by God's Word makes, is that living by God's Word gives you, peace and patience. And perseverance Johoram runs into exactly what you would expect. A multiplying men and animals in the middle of a desert. They run out of water.

And instead of saying this is a Jehoram thing, I was an idiot. He finally the Lord uses that providence to bring him to some some pricking of consciousness. He says, Alas for, Yahweh has gathered. These three kings to deliver us into the hand of Moab. He he doesn't see the Lord in the old day every day things He doesn't see him as the Ephesians 111.

God, who works all things according to the Council of his own will or the Hebrews one verse. I think it's three or four somewhere in there. God, who upholds all things by the word of his power. He sees Yahweh in sort of the way that the Arabians the Syrians had seen Yahweh, maybe God ever here but not God over there.

God in this event. That's a really big deal but not God in that event which is just kind of an ordinary deal. And so Yahweh is destroying us. Well, Jehoshaphat knows Yahweh. He's a faithful and believing King. And he doesn't just see the Lord in the great things, but also in the small things and he believes that you always merciful, and that when you always Word is with you, it is with you.

It is with you for good if you belong to Him. And so, So Jehoram has the panic attack in verse 10 but Jehoshaphat has patience, and peace and perseverance. He's in a tough situation. Three kings, three armies, a C of people and animals with no water. This is not good battle prep.

We're gonna be dehydrated exhausted. And, and ill and we're gonna go into battle. But he has recourse, why? Because he knows the Lord and he seeks to live, according to the Word of the Lord. Such Jehoshaphat says, verse 11 is there. No prophet of Yahweh here that we may inquire of him.

So, that's the first big distinction or big difference that living in relationship with the Lord, by the word of the Lord makes Even when you are in difficult circumstances because, you know, who God is and whom he has made himself to be to you as your Redeemer and even as your Father, in the Lord Jesus Christ, which the Holy Spirit has taught your heart.

You always seek from His Word, both to understand the situation and to understand what you should do in the situation. And if you use his word to understand the situation, then like the great saints throughout the centuries in whom, the Lord has worked the same biblical. Faith. You come to the conclusion.

He's working all things together for my good. All things are mine because I am Christ's and Christ is God's he who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for me. And for all his people, how will he not together with him freely? Give me all things.

Every good gift and every perfect. Gift comes down from the Father of lights. He doesn't miss any of them. We rejoice in our sufferings because we know that our sufferings are those things by which the Lord brings us into the hope of His glory, that we already have. And you so you see how this interpreting your circumstances by the word of God and then making your decisions by the word of God.

Now, he doesn't come to us in the same way that he gave a specific command here. Dig ditches. If you know a Christian military commander thought he had a word from God to just dig ditches where they are and it made no sense whatsoever. You would know that that he was deluded, but the Lord has given us a whole Bible full of instruction full of wisdom that we may do that, which is righteous and which is good.

And that, which is wise. And so the first thing we get when we live according to God's Word, under God's rule, for God's praise instead of living, according to our ideas, for our purposes and our own praise. The first thing that we get is this piece and patience and perseverance in life, that is not shaken by circumstances.

So you don't have a Jehoram panic attack when you come into a difficult situation. No, you see all of life. As a God, thing to be ruled by God's word Now compartmentalize the Lord or His word as that thing or that one to which you refer only in extreme circumstances.

The second place you get provision. It's God to whom water belongs. You wouldn't go to Edom for water. You would go to eat and maybe for, you know, a yeah, middle class. King middle, mid-grade, king and army. Add some bodies on your front lines, maybe some archers and the Edomites at one time were known as Archers but you wouldn't go to them for water.

Most of the year Edom is full of dry creek beds, even their rivers are waterless for most of the year. There's a rainy season that fills them. So, so forth, but God can bring water from Edom. As you see what God says, he says provision comes from me. It doesn't even really come from.

The means you're not even going to hear wind. You're not even going to see rain, but the value will be filled with water. And so, in the morning, there's that the time of the grain offering in the morning, which shows by the way that, you know, there were still going through the motions of the morning and evening offerings, etc.

But suddenly flood waters, come from Edom and fill all these ditches, you see God doesn't need the sun or the moon to give us light and God doesn't need the wind or the rain to give us water. Whenever you do get light from the sun. God gives you light by the sun whenever you do get water from the rain.

God gives you water by the rain Whenever you get life from his word. God gives you life by his word, all the good things and all the perfect things that we get. Not

only does God not miss any of them but all of them. Come from Him. And so the Word of God is his best provision and which he gives us himself communicates himself to us is exalted his word above all his name as we thought about, and heard about in the Catechism lesson this week.

But all other provisions. If we live by his word, we know that they come from Him. And so, we receive all his good gifts with Thanksgiving and prayer with a sanctified by his word to us. It has blessed by his word to us. And so in the second place, the Word of God, when a life, one of the benefits of a life live by the Word of God is to know all of your provisions as provisions from God.

And to know that God has providing you everything that you need so that you may never fear, but be content and hoping him. So the first place it was piece. Patients perseverance. The second place is provision. Third place is protection. Now, when Elisha basically says you don't just seek your way when you run into trouble and think you know, if we get some water you know, you give us the water and then then we'll handle it from there.

And Lord's. Lord basics says, you know, you should seek water for me. You should seek everything else for me too. You know. Water rations is too small a job. It's too simple a job for me. I'll do everything. I'll make the sunrise. I'll make the the water come and I'll deliver Moab into your hands, but one of the ways in which God does this, is he even uses they're having started out wrong and gotten themselves into the water problem as the mechanism, by which he delivers Moab into their hands because it's when they have dug all the ditches because their problem, what you know, suddenly went from too many mouths to not enough water to too much water and not enough places to store.

It says you're you're about to have your problems, switched. You're gonna have more water than you know what to do with you better. You dig ditches for reserving, some of this water that is going to come from eat them. But it turns out to be the water having filled those ditches to the brim that the Lord uses to deliver him into their hands because the the reddish hue of the sunrise on the surface of this puddles, at the tops of the ditches, it looks like blood and the Moabites think.

Yeah. Israelites. Judeans. And and Edomites, you know, one thing they can be counted on is to off one another and they yell at one another Moab to the spoil and they go to get the spoil and they find swords and they're thrust back. But do you see how even the way that the Lord had intended to deliver them and protect them?

And give them the victory included. They're being foolish and they're being sinful and they're ending up in the crisis without the water and they're having to dig the ditches and and so forth. And so, the Lord makes great display here of his sovereign rule over and plan in all things to us.

And so we see that you have protected not just provision but protection and power in the Word of God, the saints, the people of God in this world are really the the ones for whom all things happen. And so, it looks to the unbelieving unbelief instructed. I like its people like a Putin and Biden and, you know, Bezos and Zuck etc.

Who are the ones who are really the the ones in control and who are ruling, but you're seated with hat, with Christ in heaven already. And there's nothing that can stop the continuous. Unthwatable march of you coming into your inheritance that Christ has won for you Everything. They plan everything they do.

It can only accomplish that good which God has already designed for the gathering of his saints. They're building up into Christ. They're being perfected and being glorified at last being perfectly, happy and perfectly. Holy forever. You reign with Christ. You don't have to rule over all things for your own good.

He doesn't and living. According to his word means living under and participating, in being a willing participant in His rule and his protection of you and his power on your behalf. And so if he says, dig ditches, you dig ditches, you hadn't subject, ditches. But yes said things like love your enemies.

Honor your father and mother be. Your parents shall not steal.

I love your neighbor as yourself. Remember the Sabbath day. Consecrate it worship. The Lord not according to your will but only as he has given. And so when we live by his word, we are willing participants in his protection of us and his power for us. And we have the wonderful knowledge that this is done primarily in response to his own laugh and Jesus's obedience whom the Lord provided to be our righteousness in his love.

So that even when we are not willing participants, he's still protecting us and his power is still for us. But living by his word, makes you someone who's embracing that and willingly participating in it. In the last place, living by his word is, what gives us purity. We mustn't be the good enough.

Sort of Christian, the horum probably thought he should get some good credit for putting away, the sacred pillar of Bayel that his father had made. But even though he wasn't as bad as his father and mother verse 2, God's verdict about him was that he was evil. Why? Well because he wasn't a believer repenting from all of his sin and growing in sanctification.

It's not like Jehov was perfect but he had repentance and faith which meant that he was opposed to his sin. Even if he wasn't particularly successful, just like, if you are a believer, you're opposed to all of your sin. Even if you're not particularly successful in your opposition, Anyway, it's a horum was okay.

With with the liturgical inventions innovations of Jerbone, the Son of Nebat and the liturgical calendar of Jeroboam son of Niebat who had made Israel to sin and did not depart from them. And so the Lord. So you you may not be using the pillar of bail, but you're still in the same spiritual condition as those who do because you're employing, man-made worship.

A gerbone, this underneath did, And the Lord calls that he gives his summary judgment of Johoram did evil in the side of Yahoo. And just so you can see how bad evil gets, you know, using a pillar of bail isn't as bad as it gets the Lord's. Promise comes true.

They they chase Moab, they wreck the entire country of Moab, the King is now in the tower in Kirharasath, which is the capital of Moab. It's the one thing left in the whole land. At this point, he tries the last thing he knows to do which is the 700 men armed men to try to break through to to the king of Edom in verse 26, that fails.

And so he's all out of options and he turns to his God. And what does he who is? Deluded by demons into idolatry. Not that chemosh is anything. Come wash isn't, but there are demons who pose as idols, first Corinthians 10 tells us. And what are they, what does he think he wants?

What does he think? Is the way to get this turned around to maybe give chemosh some incentive, or even some power. The offers his eldest son who would have reigned in his place as a burnt offering. Now, the translation in verse 27, there was great indignation. And or wrath, It's really the word for wrath indignation is fine.

But the preposition there means upon Israel Now. It doesn't necessarily mean against. And in this case, I think it really means that Israel is the are the ones who are full of wrath here. The reason I think that is because They do not get destroyed if there's great wrath upon Israel.

God would destroy them and there's no indication given for what Israel would have done at this point. Although there were full of sin but the sin that is committed is not the sin of Israel. It's the sin of the king of Moab and the response isn't the Lord's response but it's Israel's response.

So they departed from him and returned to their own land. There are so indignant. And so full of wrath at what this king has done and might be willing to do of his sacrificed, his own son, and that hadn't worked yet. What is he going to do next? And they're so offended at child, sacrifice God.

Help them because they are going to, by the time they are exiled, they will have descended into child sacrifice themselves. But at this point they're so offended at child sex. How could anyone do that? Well, the how could anyone do that is? Because they didn't follow the Word of God.

And yes, child sacrifices worse. Then the pillar of bowel and the pillar of bowel is well, I don't know if we'd say it's worse than geroboams on a new bet. That one takes a pretty huge moral beating, but it's the one that he continued in. Even though he had taken down the power of bail, but you see what the text is saying?

Real purity. Only comes from living a life that is governed by the Word of God. In everything purity does not come by. Identifying, those particular things that we are most offended by and getting a little bit of Bible. Instruction purity, comes in Jesus Christ, first and foremost having Him counted for us.

But the purity that has worked out in us is a purity that is a function of being ruled by him in all things and being willing, to take those things that were most difficult to give up. And most precious that if they be against his word, that we would put to death anything that is against his word, because the difference between allowing respectable sins and the purity that God requires and commands and gives in the Lord, Jesus Christ is infinitely greater than the difference between those sins.

And what Misha did on the tower of care RSF to his first one son, our smallest sins, our soul close to that, as opposed to the holiness of God. So, living by the word of God, gives not just the peace and patience and perseverance such ad but Jehorm panicked.

Not just the provision the knowledge that God has provided himself by his word and that everything else he we need, he gives and not just protection, but it is also the way of purity.

So as the Lord sets before us, whether by Elijah racing to Samaria or a live show racing to Samaria are these events in Second Kings 3. Let us be those who are ruled in all things by the Word of God and who set our sites on everything that is against God.

And ruthlessly expunging from our lives. Let's pray Our Father in heaven. Truly as we think about the things that you hate and those things that are against you there are those that we have been with too willing to tolerate and we want Reformation and revival and we won't repentance and sanctification.

And yet, sometimes we refuse to recognize when we need to turn off the TV or put away a friendly thinking or feeling towards something that you hit. So we pray for your help. We, thank you. That Jesus is our righteousness. He didn't have any of the sinfulness or commit any of these sins that we have.

And so now we pray that you would make us to be like our Redeemer. We thank you for giving us these times together in your word that we truly might live by your word and know you as the one who rule and leads us throughout all of our life.

So Grant your spirits work? We pray to apply to us. This portion of your word that we have read and heard and thought about together before your face for, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.