

## King Joash—When No One is Looking

2 Chronicles 22-24 (Pg. 402)

King Joash served God as long as the priest was around. But when he died, Joash turned to false idols.

Background:

- King Jehoshaphat had a heart for God. (20:22)
- Jehoshaphat's son, King Jehoram, was evil and was struck with a deadly disease. (21:20)
- Jehoram's only surviving son, King Ahaziah, was evil and he, too, was killed. (22:9)

### A. Marvelously Protected from the Queen Mother

22:10-23:15

-Queen Athaliah attempted to annihilate all the royal heirs of the house of Judah.

-Athaliah was the daughter of King Ahab and Jezebel.

-Jehoiada the priest and his wife, Jehoshabeath, intervened.

*Application: Christians are saved from the coming evil in order to **rule with Christ**.  
(Revelation 20:6; 2 Timothy 2:12)*

### B. Divinely Guided to Repair the Temple

23:16-24:14

Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the King, and the people—that they would serve the LORD. Far more than belief in God, they were committing their **exclusive** devotion to God and living for His glory.

*Application: God wants our **obedience** and unbridled **adoration**.*

### C. Foolishly Misled

24:15-18

Abandoned God. Served idols. Incurred **wrath**.

*Application: The **company** we keep and the **counsel** we heed influence our behavior.*

1 Corinthians 15:33; Ecclesiastes 4:12; Ephesians 4:25, 29

### D. Ultimately Judged

24:24-25

God gave Jerusalem over to her enemies. Wounded King Joash was **assassinated** by his own officials.

**How we act when no one is watching  
is the true test of character.  
It's important because *God sees it all*.**