

Supermodels? - the kings of Judah

Worship begins by us seeking God
seek = set heart on something,
search until it is secured

Luke 15.4-10

Ps 119.2; Dt 4.29

Kings - chosen to set an example
“seek God” - 24 times

Why two histories?

1 & 2 Kings – Israel, contemporary

1 & 2 Chronicles – Judah, hindsight

“Everything was written to teach us”

Rom 15.4

Only one true supermodel: JESUS!

Heb 7.2; John 8.29; 6.38; 5.30

John 4.34; Heb 4.12; 1 Pet 2.20-23

SOLOMON

- setting the tone

2 Chronicles 7.13-14

1. GOD'S WARNING (v13):

life won't always be this good

unprecedented peace and prosperity

8.2-6,17-18; 9.5-6,13; 7.1-10

hard times inevitable

no income, possessions, health

God looks for loyalty 1 Pet 1.6-9

2. GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS (v14a):

look to me!

➤ *humble yourselves*

pride prevents blessings

Rev 3.17; Ps 115.1; 1 Pet 5.5-6

John 15.5

➤ *pray for God's honour Mat 26.42*

not personal wish list

- **seek deep fellowship with God**
not just his handouts Ps 27.4,8-9
- **turn from everything wrong**
accept personal responsibility
6.26; 7.19-22

3. GOD'S PROMISES (v14b):

look forward to restoration

- **answered prayer**
when our lives are right
Ps 66.18; Is 1.15-17;
1 Pet 3.12; 1 John 5.14-15
- **forgiven guilt**
when our sins are confessed
1 John 1.9
- **restored prosperity**
when God blesses his people
seek God wholeheartedly
and consistently