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"Rehoboam"

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SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY + ACT.

2025 Focus: 50 Key Truths

Each Friday, explore a key truth about our Christian faith and how we can live in light of this truth.

Day 1 [2 Chronicles 10](#) | Rehoboam's Past

Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you. 2 Chronicles 10:4

God promises to establish a kingdom that will never end through the family line of David. David has a son, Solomon, who then has a son, Rehoboam. Rehoboam has incredible potential. He is the son of the wisest man who ever lived and is handed a kingdom in its golden era. Rehoboam's family past, however, was a complicated mixture of both faithfulness and failure. Solomon (Rehoboam's father) had taken many foreign wives as his own (something God explicitly commanded him not to do) and also enlisted forced labor to build his empire. Rehoboam had a choice—he could either reckon with his past or it would bring wreckage to his present.

We each have to deal with our past if we are going to live faithfully and wisely in the present. No matter our upbringing or home of origin, we all have experiences or choices from our past that we need to confront, confess or heal from. We are both sinners and sufferers—those who have been wronged and who have also done wrong. God invites us to bring the experiences and choices of our past to him before they have a further negative effect on our present. He offers redemption and restoration through Jesus.

TODAY: Is there something in your past you need to repent or heal from? Take time to confess sins or acknowledge hurts. Confess wrongdoing knowing that God cleanses us of our sin ([1 John 1:9](#)) and acknowledge wounds knowing that God is near the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18). If you need additional help to process your past, reach out for help at care@adabible.org.

Day 2 [2 Chronicles 10:6-16](#) | Voices

But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him. 2 Chronicles 10:8

Jeroboam, a former servant and aide to Solomon, approaches Rehoboam with a plea. Solomon had placed heavy burdens upon the Israelites, conscripting some for forced labor in his extensive building projects. Jeroboam approaches Rehoboam and requests that he ease some of the burdens. Rehoboam consults with two different pools of counselors—the elders (who were also Solomon's counselors) and his peers. Rather than heed the wise advice of the elders, Rehoboam listens to his friends, who advise him to treat the Israelites even harsher than his father did. Unfortunately, Rehoboam rejects the counsel of the elders and follows the advice of his peers, ultimately leading to the split of Israel's kingdom.

Who we listen to matters. Ironically, Solomon had written extensively about acting wisely and heeding wise counsel. Solomon noted, for instance, "The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice"

([Proverbs 12:15](#)). Unfortunately, like Rehoboam, we can listen to the wrong advice or reject good counsel. The people we need to listen to are those with godliness and experience—men and women who walk closely with God and have gained wisdom through experience.

TODAY: Consider the people you spend the most time with, and especially those you listen to. Do these individuals have experience and godly character? Seek wise counselors or mentors and ask God for a posture of humility to listen to and accept wise, godly voices.

Day 3 [2 Chronicles 10:7](#) | Leadership

They replied, “If you will be kind to these people and please them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants.” 2 Chronicles 10:7

Rehoboam seeks the perspective of the wise elders, and they reply that if Rehoboam serves the people, the people will be faithful to him forever. These elders knew something about the heart of leadership—leadership is not for selfish gain but is meant for service and blessing. Jesus would later teach that, though it may be common for those in leadership to lord their power and authority over others, his followers are to use positions and opportunities of leadership to serve others ([Matthew 20:25-28](#)).

Jesus did not just teach the importance of serving others; he provided the ultimate example of doing so. Jesus came not to be served, “but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” ([Matthew 20:28](#)). Jesus’s example culminated when he gave his life as a ransom—substitutionary payment—for our sins on the cross. Jesus died a criminal’s death to pay for our sins and give us new life. No one has ever shown greater love than this: laying down one’s life for another ([John 15:13](#)). And Jesus died so that we might live.

TODAY: Have you received Jesus’s gift of life? If you never have, today could be that day. Accepting Jesus’s sacrifice implies acknowledging your sin to God and asking for forgiveness. If you have received this gift, then give God the praise. Join Ada Bible Worship as they sing “[Cornerstone](#),” thanking God that Jesus’s blood and righteousness have paid for your sin.

Explore Rehoboam’s story further on the [Beyond the Weekend Podcast](#)—find it wherever you listen to podcasts or on [YouTube](#).

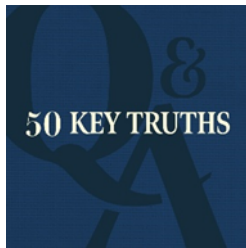
Day 4 [2 Chronicles 12:13-14](#) | Heart

He did evil because he had not set his heart on seeking the LORD. 2 Chronicles 12:14

The kingdom was torn in two after Rehoboam rejected the counsel of the elders and followed the advice of his young friends. Ten tribes formed the northern kingdom, known as Israel, while the tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained loyal to Rehoboam in the southern kingdom, called Judah. Ultimately, Rehoboam’s leadership failed. The author of Chronicles would later assess each king and their allegiance to God and his ways. The Chronicler’s final assessment of Rehoboam’s leadership was that “he had not set his heart on seeking the LORD” ([2 Chronicles 12:14](#)). Rather than staying committed to God and his ways, Rehoboam became self-seeking and used people rather than using his power and position to serve.

Where we set our hearts matters. We can decide in advance that we will choose to live for and honor God. Rather than try to keep our options open, we can pre-determine to obey Jesus and be faithful in following his way. This could affect the sort of shows we stream, how we approach dating relationships or how we spend our time and money. In all things, we are to set our hearts on God and his way.

TODAY: One way to set your heart is to memorize Scripture. Memorize [Psalm 86:11](#), which is a helpful prayer about setting our hearts on God and his way: “Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.” As you memorize these words, pray them aloud to God with a passion and commitment to have a heart set on him.



Day 5 [Revelation 21:1-5](#) | Question 45: New Heaven and Earth

Question: What will the new heaven and new earth be like?

Answer: The new heaven and earth will be a place of unimaginable beauty where God dwells with his people, free from sin and death.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4

John receives a stunning vision of what the future holds for God’s people. He sees a new heaven and a new earth, where the Holy City comes down like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Then he hears: “God’s dwelling place is now among the people.” This is the fulfillment of God’s plan—heaven coming to earth. God makes all things new, creating a renewed physical world where he dwells with his people in the most complete way possible. The promise is profound—no more death, mourning, crying or pain. The old order with all its brokenness passes away. This new heaven and new earth will be a place of unimaginable beauty and splendor where God’s glory is fully manifest ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

We’re not created for some ethereal existence “up there,” but for abundant human life in God’s creation. We will live active lives, worshipping God, serving him in love and enjoying his creation forever—fully alive as humans were created to live. The differences will be the absence of evil and the full presence of God. All broken lives will be remade. All present pain will be redeemed ([Romans 8:18](#)). Instead of floating on clouds, we’ll live permanently marked by joy in God’s presence ([Psalm 16:11](#)). This truth should affect how we see people and invest our time today.

TODAY: Thank God for the promise of the new heaven and earth. Ask God to help you live with eternity in mind, making choices that matter for his eternal kingdom. Learn more about what the Bible teaches on eternity in our [We Believe document](#).