

Armor of God Bible Study
November 16/17, 2016

Unrighteousness is the enemy's invitation.

Righteousness is upright living that aligns itself with the expectations of God.

Righteousness guards our heart, the center of our soul which houses our mind, will, emotions and conscience.

The enemy's goal is to derail the train of our behavior off the tracks of God's truth.

Our next Bible Study is December 7/8.
This will be our ONLY December Bible Study. Please finish week of Belt of Righteousness.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

1 Kings 11:37-38 So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be king over Israel. Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do *what is right* in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. Then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house:

1 Kings 12:25-30 Then Jeroboam fortified Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. From there he went out and built up Peniel. **26** Jeroboam thought to himself, "The kingdom will now likely revert to the house of David. **27** If these people go up to offer sacrifices at the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, they will again give their allegiance to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah. They will kill me and return to King Rehoboam." **28** After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." **29** One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. **30** And this thing became a sin; the people came to worship the one at Bethel and went as far as Dan to worship the other. **31** Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites. **32** He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. This he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And at Bethel he also installed priests at the high places he had made. **33** On the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a month of his own choosing, he offered sacrifices on the altar he had built at Bethel. So he instituted the festival for the Israelites and went up to the altar to make offerings.

2 Chronicles 11:14 The Levites even abandoned their pasturelands and property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, because Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them as priests of the Lord **15** when he appointed his own priests for the high places and for the goat and calf idols he had made. **16** Those from every tribe of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the Lord, the God of Israel, followed the Levites to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to the Lord, the God of their ancestors.

Romans 10:3 Since they did not know the righteousness of God and *sought to establish their own*, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

1 Kings 13:33 Even after this, Jeroboam did not change his evil ways, but once more appointed priests for the high places from all sorts of people. Anyone who wanted to become a priest he consecrated for the high places. **34** This was the sin of the house of Jeroboam that led to its downfall and to its destruction from the face of the earth.