

July 5 Questions

- 1) The death of Elisha and the reign of Joash's son Amaziah. Elisha, the man of faith who had raised a boy from the dead, "had fallen sick with the _____ of which he was to _____" (2 Kgs 13:14). This teaches us that _____ is not always God's will, even in the case of a truly righteous man, and that a name-it-and-claim-it attitude when it comes to healing can actually be _____ to God's plan. Joash's son Amaziah followed in his father's footsteps: "He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, yet not like _____ his father. He did in all things as Joash his father had done" (2 Kgs 14:3). Amaziah was definitely a mixed bag. He avenged his father's death according to the _____, and he obeyed God when he was told to get rid of the Israelite mercenaries he had hired. Yet he also brutally conquered the Edomites, foolishly _____ their gods, proudly _____ God's reproof of his idolatry, and rashly challenged Jehoash to a war. How could he obey God one minute and disobey Him the next? Such are the actions of a man whose heart is not _____ toward God. Amaziah _____ his heart against God's rebuke, and he threatened the prophet who warned him of his folly. Mark the man who will not _____, for as the prophet said, "I know that God has determined to _____ you, because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel" (2 Chr 25:16b). Sure enough, Amaziah was killed by his own officials at the age of 54. He had followed his father's example in life, and it led him to the same bloody _____ (2 Chr 25:27-28).