

Asa Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Asa is classified as a “good king.” Is that a sufficient description to his reign?

Does it become easier to follow the LORD as we get older?

What is the attitude that is necessary to maintain a proper relationship with the LORD?

What is the opposite of that attitude?

What is likely to happen when we experience success in some way?

Asa got rid of one of the major attractions of the Canaanite religions, ritual prostitution. Might his lead to spiritual opposition?

Does the fact that he unwittingly derailed a plan of the LORD to judge the king of Aram indicate that he was dealing with a subtle tempter?

Did Asa think that political decisions were something he could handle on his own?

What should he have done when the seer pointed out that he was not totally trusting the LORD?

Could he have turned things around at that point?

Is it hard to take criticism?

Is it harder if you are a king?

What are the spiritual disciplines that are necessary to avoid opposing the LORD or failing to depend on him?

Is there a spiritual plateau from which we cannot fall?

Can you imagine why Asa might not have called on the LORD to heal his feet?

