

expedient of looking to the wicked king of Syria to give him help against Israel which after all was much nearer to him than Syria was, and the Lord strongly rebuked him for that. In this case here he was diseased in his feet and he didn't look to the Lord. We do not have any mention of any rebuke for it; there is an implied rebuke the way the statement is given. The trouble of his looking to the King of Syria instead of looking to the Lord was that the king of Syria was not worthy ~~of him~~ to be looked to in the situation. Certainly it is the Lord's will that one should look to those who can reasonably give him help in a situation. That certainly is his will. It is his will in political situations, not that each nation stand alone, but that they look for help with others of like mind. Others who are also Christian and are capable of giving some help in the situation. Now in this case the <sup>physicians</sup> ~~position~~ of his day certainly were not very well versed in medicine. They were probably to some extent more like witch doctors than like real ~~medical~~ medical men. Their knowledge was extremely slight and whatever knowledge they had that was worthwhile it surely would have been good for Asa to make use of, but ~~he would have certainly~~ to look only to them instead of the Lord was certainly wrong. With the knowledge they had it was useless to look to them to any great extent. So he is certainly deserving of rebuke here for the fact here that he looked to human expedients that were utterly insufficient to to any particular good instead of to the Lord (Question) That, of course would be true in ~~the~~ Africa and in many regions today. It may have been true there, but we have no evidence that it was. Statements comparable to this in the Old Testament are extremely few and as to whether these men ~~the~~ actually were men of that type I don't know of any evidence that would prove it. On the other hand it is possible that they weren't. We don't have evidence that there were men who busied themselves with the healing of disease from a more or less scientific viewpoint at that time. ~~Neither~~ Neither do we have clear evidence that they were the type of men ~~the~~ of whom we speak. So it is a possibility ~~that~~ but far from certainty. I think that if there was a definite rebuke as in the other case we would surely