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**Topic: Who Doth God Regard?**

Scripture text: 2 Kings 3:1-19

1. The LORD did not regard Jehoram king of Israel as he was a hypocrite. Jehoram put away the image of Baal to gain favour in the sight of men, but he continued in his idolatrous ways. Let us be sincere in following the Lord and abstain from all appearances of evil.

2. Jehoshaphat did not learn from his past lesson of the need to practise biblical separation. Once again, he cooperated with Jehoram and the king of Edom to fight against the Moabites. The ungodly alliance landed them in a desperate situation of a long journey and insufficient water for the army and animals. God is holy and will not hear the prayers of those who are wilfully sinning against Him. Let us repent quickly and by God's mercy, be restored to the right fellowship with Him.

3. Jehoshaphat eventually turned to the LORD and prayed for Him to deliver them from the drought. The LORD regarded the pleas of Jehoshaphat because of his humility. The LORD was merciful to use Elisha to perform a miracle to provide them with water and also delivered them from the Moabites. The Lord is pleased to bless those who are of a broken and contrite spirit and help those with a penitent heart.