

THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS: 2 CHRONICLES 20

It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria;

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE FEAR, SELF-RELIANCE & DOUBT

SEEK THE LORD

And **Jehoshaphat** feared, and **set himself to seek the Lord**,

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. 1 Chronicles 16:11

ASK HIM FOR HELP

And **Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord**: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, And said, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Psalm 61:1-2

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Isaiah 40:28-29

SET YOUR EYES UPON HIM

O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but **our eyes are upon thee**.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

GOD WILL TAKE CHARGE OF THE BATTLE

Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for **the battle is not yours, but God's**.

HE WILL GIVE YOU SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. **Ye shall not need to fight** in this battle: **set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you,**

HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD

WORSHIP & PRAISE THE LORD

And **Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground:** and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem **fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.** And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, **stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.**

OBEY HIM

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa:

BELIEVE HE WILL DO AS HE SAYS

and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the Lord your God,** so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

GIVE THE BATTLE TO GOD

And when he had consulted with the people, **he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.**

THE RESULT OF OUR FAITH

And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; **and they were smitten.**

Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem **with joy; for the Lord had made them to rejoice** over their enemies.

So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: **for his God gave him rest** round about.

THE DEGREE OF OUR JOY & REST ARE FOUND IN THE DEGREE OF OUR RELIANCE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR EVERY THING!

RELY ENTIRELY ON GOD & HE WILL OVERCOME ALL FEAR, WORRY & DOUBT!

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19-20