

2 CHRONICLES 20:6-12 -- JEHOSHAPHAT'S PRAYER – FACING THE MULTITUDE OF AMMON, MOAB AND MOUNT SEIR! This is a great Scripture whenever we face problems and don't know what to do!

3/21/15 Sat Morn Prayer

2Ch 20:6 and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?

2Ch 20:7 Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

2Ch 20:8 And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying,

2Ch 20:9 'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'

2Ch 20:10 And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them—

2Ch 20:11 here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.

2Ch 20:12 O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

- **Biblical Background:** Two weeks ago we studied King Asa's Prayer (Jehoshaphat's father) when Israel was facing the million man army from Ethiopia.
- **The Lord delivered them!** King Asa was told, "The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you." (2 Chron 15:2)
- **Year's later Asa relied on his own strength and on doctors instead of the Lord.** Then he was told, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars." (2 Chron. 16:9)
- Jehoshaphat was a good king. He did many things that his father David had done. Now, years later when similarly faced by overwhelming odds in an invading army from Ammon, Moab and Mt. Sier, Jehoshaphat wisely also turns to the LORD in prayer!

2 CHRONICLES 20:1-30 -- "NOT MY WILL, BUT THY WILL BE DONE!!

JEHOSHAPHAT RESPONDS TO THE IMPENDING DANGER BY AMMON, MOAB AND MOUNT SEIR BY PRAYING!!

1 - PRAYING FOR GOD' WILL

2 - PRASING IS GOD'S WILL

3 - PARADING TO GOD'S WILL

1 - PRAYING FOR GOD' WILL

- So often when huge problems arise, we don't know what to do!
- The odds are against us! It seems there is no hope!
- We don't know what to do – our eyes are on You! - **2Ch 20:12** O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."
- Prayer is not telling Him what to do!

- Don't say, "Here is my plan", God bless it!
- It's Your will – not my will, be done! Cf. Jesus in Gethsemane - *Mat 26:39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." [40] Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [42] Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."*
- You have not because you ask not! *Jas 4:2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.*
- You have not because you ask amiss! *Jas 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*
- Not my plan! I don't know what to do!
- We must pray with humility
- Can you trust the Lord with that? – "Your will be done"!
- *Romans Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*
- *Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. [30] Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. [31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*
- *Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*
- Importance of "Cross Examination" Go to the cross! See how He loves you, loves me! God became a Man. The Man became a Lamb!
- Pray God's will be done! Father knows best! I don't know what to do but our eyes are on You!!!

SUMMARY:

- Whenever we face an opponent or a situation where the opponent that has more powerful weapons, and that outnumbers you, **the wisest thing – the only sure thing - you can do is what Asa and Jehoshaphat did, pray!**
- God's power was not enhanced or limited by man's apparent strength or weakness.
- Jehoshaphat recognized that this battle belonged to the LORD and called upon God to defend His honor – "*nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.*"
- Prayer must be our first resort!! Is prayer always your first resort? Mine?

DO NOT PASS ME BY! - Statler Brothers

*Trusting only in Thy merit
Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace*

*Savior Savior Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling Do not pass me by. (2X)*