

"LET GOD DO IT"
2 CHRONICLES 20:1-30
TEXT: VERSE 17

"SET YOURSELVES, STAND YE STILL, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD"

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INTRO: Life is filled with all sorts of troubles, battles, and strifes which often will bring us to the point of FEAR and CONCERN about WHAT TO DO and HOW TO OVERCOME those terrible circumstances we face. Often because we are human we attempt to face and overcome those issues from the human perspective, ONLY TO FACE DEFEAT AND DISMAY! But as Christians, we NEED NOT DEPEND UPON HUMAN STRENGTH ALONE to face the bad circumstances of life. **In fact, we need not to depend upon human strength AT ALL but rather turn things over the Lord and allow Him to handle the matters in His time, His way and for His glory.** In other words, as we face the overwhelming battles of life we need to learn to **LET GOD HANDLE THEM, FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S.** This is the lesson of our text today, so let's study and allow God to speak to us.

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OBSERVATION: In our passage we see a lesson on how GOOD KING JEHOSHAPHAT OF JUDAH sought God's direction in fighting his enemies that brought CLEAR AND PRECISE DIVINE VICTORY in the face of what appeared to be a HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE BATTLE TO WIN! **The lessons we learn from this text applies to both INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS.**

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I. THE INCREDIBLE CONFLICT VSS. 1-30

THE INVASION OF JUDAH BY THE MOABITES AND AMMONITES

A. The Reality of the Enemies - Vss. 1,2

1. The Moabites and the Ammonites were long standing enemies of Judah who in alliances with other tribes of Mount Seir, invaded Judah with the purpose of driving the people of God out of their country.

2. When Israel originally went into the PROMISED LAND under Moses 550 years earlier, God did not direct them to destroy the Moabites and the Ammonites BUT NOW THEY HAD TO FACE THESE ENEMIES AGAIN.

3. WHY DID GOD NOT ALLOW ISRAEL TO DEFEAT THEM EARILER? THE ANSWER: **TO SHOW THEM HIS GREAT POWER AT THIS POINT IN TIME.**

LESSON: At times God will do OR not do things so as to reveal His greatness to us at some future point when we need it the most!

B. The Response of Jehoshaphat and Judah - Vs. 3,4

1. The Response of Jehoshaphat - Vs. 3

- a. He Feared the News of the Invasion
- b. He Sought the Lord
- c. He Proclaimed a Fast

2. The Response of Judah - Vs. 4

-Under the leadership of Good King Jehoshaphat, the WHOLE NATION gathered to ask God for help! **A GREAT THING TO DO!**

C. The Request of the King - Vss. 5-13

1. Jehoshaphat stood before the nation as a Leader - Vs. 5

(He was fearful but took the responsibility of leadership)

2. Jehoshaphat took the Nation to God in Prayer - Vs. 6,7

In doing so...

- a. He spoke of Who God Is - Vs. 6
- b. He spoke of What God Did - Vs. 7
- c. He asked for God's Help - Vss. 8-13

D. The Revelation of the Prophet - Vss. 14-17

1. Jahaziel, who is not mentioned anywhere else in scripture, was led of the Holy Spirit to bring Jehoshaphat a message...AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

2. Jahaziel REVEALED GOD'S PLAN and put everything into the right perspective...**DO NOT FEAR AND LET GOD FIGHT THE BATTLE!**

E. The Reverence of the People - Vss. 18-21

1. Jehoshaphat worshipped the Lord - Vs. 18

2. The Levites Praised the Lord - Vs. 19

3. Jehoshaphat Preached - Vs. 20

4. The People Praised the Lord - Vs. 21

NOTE: **ALL GOOD THINGS TO DO WHEN FACING BATTLES!**

F. The Revenge of the Lord - Vss. 22-25

1. God fought the battle and defeated the Moabites and Ammonites!
2. God ALWAYS fulfills His promises!

G. The Result of the Conflict - Vss. 26-30

1. Among the Nation of Judah - Vss. 26-28 **THEY PRAISED GOD!**
2. Among the other Nations - Vs. 29 **THEY FEARED GOD!**
3. Among the Reign of Jehoshaphat - Vs. 30 **THERE WAS PEACE!**

NOTE: WHEN GOD WORKS THERE WILL BE PEACE!

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE INSURMOUNTABLE CONQUEST - VS. 17

WHEN FACING OUR BATTLES WE MUST:

A. Set Ourselves - Vs. 17a

-Determine to place the battle into God's hands.

B. Stand Still - Vs. 17b

-Avoid human and personal strength and trust God to work - Vs. 20

C. See the Salvation of the Lord - Vs. 17c

-Watch God Work and Win the Battle

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON AND APPLICATION:

Though our inclination in facing the battles of life is to place it into our own hands, we must EARLY ON turn the battle over the Lord!