

THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

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FOREVER.**

“GOD COMMITS HIMSELF: Part 4”

- “THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS BUT THE LORD’S”

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ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

➤ Hebrews 13: 5-8

➤ ⁵ God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

➤ ⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mortal man do to me?”

➤ ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

➤ ⁸ **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**



Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

(This year, we must have a fresh vision of our Christian life)

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us apply the lessons and, thus, create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us from 2023.

Our Mandate Remains:

- ▶ “The House of Prayer for all Nations; Extending God’s Love to all the Nations.”
- ▶ We are sowers (not eaters) but the sowers reap in multiple folds.
- ▶ **2 Chronicles 7:13-14** “When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
- ▶ **Ezekiel 22:30** ³⁰ “And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge (wall), and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”

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Brethren, God is determined to move our mountains for us; He exposed us to the way of life of leaders and asked us to imitate their faith; And now, He commits to do His part once we do our part and He tells us what our part is.

In Part 1: Moses said, *“The Egyptians You See Today, You Will See No More.”* We saw that Moses worked with God. and God destroyed the Egyptians. There is a difference between working with God and working for God.

Part 2: God said, **“WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS LIBERTY.”**

“THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS” acts wherever the Spirit of God is. Our focus should, therefore, be on receiving the Holy Spirit and working closely with Him. ***The Spirit brings liberty for God to move the mountain.***

Part 3: SEE, I Have Placed Before You An Open Door That No One Can Shut. God says “SEE”. Question is “Do you see the door?”

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Are you holding onto the battle? Then loose your hold.

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Brethren, when this revelation (word of knowledge) came to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, he removed his hands from the battle and allowed God to fight it. True to His word, God destroyed the mountain and gave Jehoshaphat victory over his enemies.

In Hebrews 13:7, God said “⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. **Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.**”

Brethren, What Lessons Can We Learn From How Jehoshaphat Took His Hands off His Mountain?

Background

In 2 Chronicles 20, bible says that ¹the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat - ***brethren, anything that troubles us or hinders our moving forward is a mountain.***

² Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom,^[b] from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is

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already in Hazezon Tamar”.

³ Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴ The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek Him.

#1. Brethren, we see that the first step is to “Inquire of the Lord”

In our lesson last Sunday, we saw in **Revelations 3:8**, that God said “SEE, I Have Placed Before You An Open Door That No One Can Shut.”

If we don't **inquire of the Lord**”, we cannot see what He wants us to see.

In 1 Samuel 17, when the Philistines attacked Israel under Saul's leadership, Saul did not inquire of the Lord so he saw giant in Goliath **BUT David** (the man after God's heart) inquired of the Lord and saw an uncircumcised philistine, that can be killed with simply the name of the Lord Almighty. So David said to Goliath, I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty. And Goliath died in that name. **What does the Lord say about your mountain?**

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2 Chronicles 20 (contd.):

⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said:

“LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven?

You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. ⁷ Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹ ‘If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.’

#2. Jehoshaphat stood before God and proclaimed His majesty & faithfulness.

Rev 12:11 says that “we overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.” What does your mouth proclaim.

What Does Your Mouth Proclaim concerning your mountain?

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Mathew 12:34 “For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”

The human heart stores what it is fed with:

Psalms 119:30 David said “I have set my heart on your laws.”

Psalms 119:36 David said “Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.”

2 Corinthians 3:18 “are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

To get our mouth to proclaim right, we must first feed and store the image of His glory into our heart.

2 Chronicles 20 (contd.):

¹⁰ “But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Meunites, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from

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Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. ¹¹ See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. ¹² Our God, will you not judge them? **For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.** ¹³ All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD.

#3: Jehoshaphat argued his case

- People whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt so they did not destroy them.
- See how they are repaying us
- will you not judge them?

Brethren, it is ok to argue our case before God

In Isaiah 43:26, God said “Review the past for me, let us argue the matter together; state the case for your innocence.”

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2 Chronicles 20 (contd.):

¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, ... a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. ¹⁵ He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: **‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.**

#4. The voice of the God must come, so listen and hear it

Brethren before, the kings had prophets and priests among them. Today, we are privileged to be kings, priests and some of us are even prophets.

1 Peter 2 says ⁵ You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... ⁹ you are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God’s special possession.

Isaiah 61:5-7 “you shall be called the priests of the LORD; People will speak of you as the ministers of our God.

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2 Chronicles 20 (contd.):

¹⁶ Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. **Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.**”

#5. When God says the battle is the Lord’s, it means God will give you the strategy to use – Jehoshaphat got his strategy from God.

“¹⁶ Tomorrow march down against them... ¹⁷ You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem.”

Brethren, what God tells us to do in his strategy are often simple: “match round the wall 6-times and shout on 7th time” (Joshua),

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“Praise & Worship” (Paul & Silas); “match down against them, take your position and stand firm” (Jehoshaphat); fling your pebble and sling (David)

However, the most important and overarching instruction is “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.” “Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.

2 Chronicles 20 (contd.):

¹⁸ Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD.

¹⁹ Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. ²⁰ **Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa.** As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.”

#6: Believe God, Obey the instructions and keep your faith high.

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2 Chronicles 20 (contd.):

²⁴ When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. ²⁵ So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing^[d] and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. ²⁶ On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the LORD.

#7. SAYING THANK YOU TO GOD IS IMPORTANT: God will always give you victory. Remember to go back and thank the Lord.

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CONCLUSION

“THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS BUT THE LORD’S”. Our job is clear:

1. We see that the first step is to “Inquire of the Lord”.
2. Jehoshaphat stood before God and proclaimed His majesty & faithfulness.
3. Jehoshaphat argued his case.
4. The voice of the God must come, so listen and hear it.
5. When God says the battle is the Lord’s, it means God will give you the strategy to use – Jehoshaphat got his strategy from God.
6. Believe God, Obey the instructions and keep your faith high.
7. SAYING THANK YOU TO GOD IS IMPORTANT.