

"The Battle Is Not Your's But God's"

Text: II Chronicles 20:15

Intro:

-II Chronicles 20, we have Jehoshaphat, king of southern kingdom of Judah up against a serious problem.

-We can learn from how Jehoshaphat dealt with this problem to help us as Christians in dealing with attacks especially with the unsaved.

-You know the unsaved don't like it when you make a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ and will sometimes attack you verbally and physically.

-But we have to remember as we just read in vs 15, "The Battle Is Not Your's But God's"

\*\*First, let us look at the problem Jehoshaphat faced.

-Read vs. 1-2.

-The unsaved crowd has come out to attack him and the people of Judah, God's people.

-Notice no small crowd, different groups banded together to get God's people.

-Vs. 2, "...There cometh a great multitude against thee"

-Sometimes bitter enemy come together to try and destroy God's people.

-i.e. Pilate and Herod over Jesus.

-i.e. antichrist and nations in trib. over Israel

-So, the situation looks real bleak for God's people.

\*\*Second, we want to see how Jehoshaphat resolves to deal with the problem.

-Vs. 3, Jehoshaphat considered the situation serious,

-It says that he "feared"

-He realize that it was a problem he could not handle.

-Next it says he "set himself to seek the Lord"

-He knew the solution to the problem he faced could only come from God.

- He immediately is going to turn to God for the answer.
- But before he does, he does some preparation first.
- He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
- The problem was so great, that he did not stay isolated, he got all of God's people involved.
- Fasting, when you deny the flesh, this gets God's attention right away.
- Sometimes as Christians we need not just to pray but fast when the forces of hell come up against you.
- It shows God that the problem you are facing is a serious one and you need his help in a hurry.
- In vs. 4, read - All of God's people got together and asked the Lord for help.
- When you are facing a serious situation or problem, you need to get as many as God's people as you can praying and fasting and asking the Lord to help you.
- Next notice what the king does.
- Reminds God of His promises. - see verses 6-13 & Preach.
- We need to do the same.
- Remind, God, you are his child, and that he promised to help you and take care of you.
- That He said that He would never leave you nor forsake you.
- That His word says:
  - \*"Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" Ps. 2:12
  - \*"...he is a buckler to all those that trust in him."Ps. 18:30.
  - \*"The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace." Ps.29:11
  - \*"Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all". Ps. 34:19
  - \*"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37:5.
  - \*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil 4:13.

\*"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil 4:19.

\*\*Lastly, we want to notice the "results" of when God's people go to God for help.

\*Read verses 14-30

-vs 14-15, We see God speak through the man of God.

-He tells them not to be afraid or dismayed because of the great number of the enemy because God is going to do the fighting.

-vs 16-17, God tells them what to do and in fact He tells them they will not even have to lift a finger.

-We need to remember this as Christians that we can't fight the battle in our own strength but that God will do it.

-vs 18-19, God's people starting with the king humble themselves, worshipped and praise God for what He was going to do.

-My friend we need to do the same, believe God's word and praise and thank Him ahead of time what he is going to do.

-See Phil 4:6-7

-vs 20-21 - We have reassurance from the king that God is going to do what He said, that He was going to do and encouraged the people.

-That is what the preacher is to do is to reassure the people, that God's promises are tried and proven and encourage the people, that God will fight the battle and win the victory.

-vs 22-23 - We see here that the enemy destroyed themselves.

-The children of God did not have to put forth any effort but only believe and trust in God.

-vs 24-30 - Read

-We see as result of seeking the Lord for the solution of their people, not only was the problem solved but also God's people were blessed materially and with peace - see verse 30.

-Notice in vs. 26, the people blessed the Lord, we must never forget to do.

-Notice in vs. 29, the message that was given to others about messing with God's people.

-The same will happen to you, when someone unsaved unjustly attacks you, the Lord will handle that person and others will fear God as a result.

-Psalm 4:8, tells us concerning God's people - "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

-As Christians, we should expect the same.

-If seek God in times of troubles, when it feels like a great multitude after you, then God will solve the problem and bless you materially and spiritually.

-We must remember when we find ourselves in this situation that "the battle is not your's, but God's."