

II Chronicles 20:22

by Chuck Smith

The sermon teaches that victory can be achieved through praise and worship, as demonstrated in the story of King Jehoshaphat and the invasion of Judah.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:22, Psalm 34:1, Ephesians 5:19, Philippians 4:6

Topics: "Trusting God", "Victory through Praise"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the power of praise in achieving victory, as demonstrated in II Chronicles 20:22. King Jehoshaphat faced an overwhelming enemy and sought the Lord, acknowledging their helplessness and dependence on God. The Lord reassured them that the battle was His, inviting them to witness His salvation without fighting. As they praised God, the singers led the way, and their worship resulted in divine intervention against their enemies. This sermon highlights how praise can transform fear and anxiety into victory through faith.

Transcript

"VICTORY THROUGH PRAISE"

I. THE SITUATION.

A. Word has come of an invasion by several nations.

1. They are advancing against Judah from the dead sea area of EnGedi.

B. Jehoshaphat the King feared for the nation for he knew they lacked the power to defend themselves.

1. He set himself to seek the Lord.

2. He proclaimed a fast.

3. The nation gathered to seek God's help.

4. Jehoshaphat called upon God.

C. Jehoshaphat's prayer.

1. Acknowledgment of God.

- a. God of our fathers.
- b. God of heaven.
- c. God of power.
- d. God who gave this land to Abraham thy friend forever, and to His descendants.

2. Acknowledgment of the past.

- a. You brought our fathers into the land.
- b. They built a temple for Thy name.
- c. vs. 9 Solomon's prayer of dedication.
- d. Now the nations of Ammon, Moab, and Mt. Seir are invading

3. Cry for help.

- a. We have no might.
- b. We don't know what to do.
- c. We're looking to you.

D. Have you ever been in that kind of situation?

II. THE LORD'S ANSWER.

A. Don't be afraid or dismayed by enemy.

- 1. The battle is not yours but Gods.
- 2. It's glorious to be a child of God, our Father will always defend His children.
 - a. Our problems become His problems.
 - b. Our battles become His battles.

B. Come down to the cliff of Ziz and watch.

- 1. They were invited to be spectators rather than

participants.

a. "You will not have to fight in this battle."

b. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

C. Upon hearing this word from God.

1. The King bowed his face in the ground.

2. The people all fell before the Lord and worshipped.

3. The priests began to praise the Lord.

III. GOING OUT TO THE BATTLE.

A. Went down valley past Bethlehem through area known as Shepherd's fields past area of Herodian to the cliffs near Tekoa.

1. As they went the King exhorted them.

a. Believe in the Lord your God and you will be established.

b. Believe in His prophets and you will prosper.

B. They appointed singers to go before the army.

1. They were to praise God for His holiness and for His mercy.

2. They were to say Praise the Lord! the congregation of people to answer, for His mercy endures forever.

C. The victory of praise.

1. As they began to sing and praise the Lord set ambushments against their enemies.

2. Singing to the LORD and praising Him is a great way to gain victory over:

a. Fear.

- b. Discouragement.
 - c. Anxiety.
 - d. The enemy.
3. Paul tells us to sing and make melody in our hearts to the LORD.
 4. It helps us to get things in the right perspective.

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