

Remnant Life Church  
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**Angels – pt. 8**  
**The One-Third: Victory When Attacked**  
2 Chron 20:1-26

- They are attacking our homes
- They are attacking our churches

A Disclaimer:

- The danger of talking too much about achieving victory in our lives is that it leads us to believe that we are the basis of winning the battle
  - We are not!
- It is based on what Jesus did for us on the cross
- It is based on the truth of the Gospel that leads us from unrighteousness into righteousness
  - The scriptures present us rightly as needing to have our hearts replaced, our minds transformed, our spirits given life.
    - We can do none of this for ourselves.
  - Walking in the Spirit is supernatural
  - Living victoriously is supernatural
  - The Gospel message itself is supernatural
  - Only God can do that in our lives
- This is why the story of the prodigal son in **Luke 15** is so powerful
  - Yes, it is a warning against the foolishness of giving action to worldly lust
  - Yes, it the story of a father's love
  - Yes, it is a story of redemption
  - But in addition to all of that it is the story of a young man coming to the end of himself and realizing his depravity and hopelessness without his father's love
  - That is the same story for our hearts and our lives this morning
    - God's mercy and grace to redeem our sinful, lustful hearts and welcome us home, like the prodigal's father, is a demonstration of His great, unmerited love.
    - The son did not fix himself – he was completely broken and needed his father to forgive him
      - Which, by the way, he did before they were even reunited
    - Just as Jesus died for us even while we were still in sin
      - **Rom 5:8** - *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- We do not produce the victory, but we do have a part to play...

What should be our focus in order to not only fight, but be victorious, over the demonic attacks that are coming?

**TURN TO:** 2 Chron 20

Setting of the situation: 2 Chron 20:1-2

- Why did this godly king (few in the history of Israel and Judah) suffer from attack
  - satan comes after those who obey God
  - To bring that person to a place of fear and a loss of faith and hope is to win a victory
- What is our role?

1. **It all begins with prayer (vv 3-4)**

- a. Jehoshaphat made a very wise decision that eluded virtually every other king and most people today when faced with an apparently hopeless situation
- b. He assembled the people and they sought God
- c. Prayer was the hallmark of the OT and the life of Jesus
  - i. **Mark 1:35** - *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*
  - ii. **Matt 26** and **Mark 14** – Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane
- d. Prayer changes the very environment of your life
  - i. Outside
  - ii. More importantly – inside
    1. How do you respond?
    2. How do you live while in the midst of the attack?

2. **Refuse to allow fear or discouragement to come in (vv 14-17)**

- a. It is natural to be afraid but it is supernatural to stand firm without fear
- b. That comes from the Father and the presence of the Holy Spirit
  - i. **2 Tim 1:7** - (NKJV) - *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
  - ii. Fear removes our soundness of mind and our self-discipline (NIV)
- c. The people of Israel would have been familiar with the words Jahaziel the prophet used
  - i. The nation of Israel standing on the shore of the Red Sea with the Egyptian army bearing down on them
  - ii. **Ex 14:13** - *Moses answered the people, Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.*
  - iii. Jahaziel says in verse 17b - *...Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.*
- d. When in the midst of an attack fear and despair or dismay will try and come in set up a place in your heart and mind
  - i. **I John 4:4** - *... the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world*
  - ii. Over 100 times throughout the OT and NT – fear not or do not fear
  - iii. (again) **2 Tim 1:7** - *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

3. **Take a firm stand (v 17)**

- a. This does not mean being passive nor is it the same as taking action

- b. There are times when our inactivity is just as important as what we do
- c. Why?
  - i. It is difficult to hear the voice of the Lord when we are frantically active
  - ii. *Ps 46:10 – Be still and know that I am God...*
- d. God does not require volume or action to accomplish His will
- e. It is the plans of the world that are loud, aggressive, and needing to be overwhelming
- f. **I Kings 19** God revealed Himself to Elijah
  - i. Not in the great wind, the earthquake, or the fire
  - ii. In the still small voice
  - iii. Be still and know that I am God...
- g. This is not to say that we do not act when under spiritual attack
- h. **Eph 6** – 4 times Paul says to stand in the armor of God

(Starts with prayer; refuse to allow fear or discouragement; take a firm stand)

#### 4. **Worship God in the midst of the storm** (vv 18-19)

- a. The enemy had not yet arrived, but the people began to worship and thank God
- b. They only had their faith of God's promise on which to stand not their history of experience
  - i. Nearly 100 years since the glory days of Solomon
  - ii. Little to celebrate in that time
- c. Notice who bowed first – the king
  - i. You present fathers – lead
  - ii. Head of your home – lead
- d. **I Thess 5:18** - *...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*
- e. Their heart of worship also came from their remembering what God had done in the past
  - i. **20:7** - *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?*
  - ii. Do you want to start experiencing greater victory in your mind and in your heart?
  - iii. Then start reminding the enemy (and yourself) of all the victories in your life instead of focusing on the defeats
- f. God's presence inhabits our worship
  - i. **2 Chron 5** – Solomon completes the temple and as they worship and bring in the Ark
  - ii. **2 Chron 5:14** - *...the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God*

#### 5. **Believe (Expect) God for the impossible** (v 20)

- a. What is impossible to us has no bearing on the power and might of God
  - i. Israel crossing the Red Sea (**Ex 14**)
  - ii. The walls of Jericho (**Josh 6**)
  - iii. Lazarus raised from the dead (**John 11**)



- iv. The resurrection of our Lord and Savior (Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20)
  - b. This is in the same way that our comprehension and agreement have nothing to do with the will of God
  - c. We are called to trust, be obedient and know that God is in control of all things – even the impossible ones
  - d. **Mark 11:24** - *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*
- DL Moody (mid to late 1800s evangelist, writer, publisher – founder of church, school, Moody Bible Institute, and Moody Publishers)
  - It was said that his favorite verse in the Bible was **Isaiah 12:2**; *"I will trust and not be afraid."*
  - It was claimed that he said: "You can travel first class or second-class to heaven. Second class is, *'When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.,'* **Psalm 56:3**. First class is, *'Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense: he has become my salvation.'* That's the better way. Why not travel first-class?"

#### What is the outcome?

- Victory in the spiritual battle (**vv 22-23**)
  - What was the role of the people?
    - Believe
    - Obey God
  - God's role?
    - Fight the battle
    - Honor His word
    - Receive the glory and honor
- When the attacks come turn your eyes upon Jesus
- "...and the things of earth will grow strangely dim; in the light of His glory and grace."

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