



## Steps to Victory

In 2 chronicles 20 we read about three mighty kings and their armies coming to attack Judah and Jehoshaphat's victory over the enemies. We read about his reaction and some steps he took which gave him victory. In our Christian life we are faced with the enemy every day and this incident gives us some insight into how we can gain victory over him.

Jehoshaphat was alarmed (v3), really afraid when he heard that three kings were coming together to attack him. This is a reaction we will have also when enemy, troubles, problems come face to face with us. The good news is he was not overcome by fear, rather he turned to God who can help him. When we get alarmed we can turn to God who is not alarmed at anything. He will give us peace and comfort.

Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord (v3). Usually kings and leaders inquire of their advisors and wise men when they face a problem. Here Jehoshaphat did not rely on men but he went straight to the source of all wisdom and knowledge – the One who has planned everything from the beginning to the end. We would be wise if we turn to God rather than seeking the counsel of human wisdom in our times of troubles and pain.

Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast and asked everyone in the country to come together to seek the face of God(v3). He understood the importance and effectiveness of fasting and prayer and encouraged the people to do so. The people of Judah came together from every town (v4). God is pleased when we come together in unity as a body of Christ to seek His face renouncing what is dear and important to the flesh.

Jehoshaphat acknowledged and confessed that he and his people have no power to face the enemies and they do not know what to do (v12). He acknowledged he was not match for them and he is clueless as to what to do. He showed great humility before God. It would be well for us if we can be humble before God and acknowledge our weakness and inability.

Jehoshaphat said, 'God our eyes are on you (v12). Even though we do not know what to do we know the One who knows everything and has the power to deliver us.' In our weakness and ignorance the power and omniscience of God is always available for us.

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

the Lord. v18. In every situation we should be ready to worship God, the Almighty.

Jehoshaphat encouraged the people to have faith in God as they marched out to meet the enemy armies (v20). No matter how terrible and hopeless the situation seems, we should have faith in our God who is in control of everything.

Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. Verses 21-22. When we take time to praise God and sing of his wonderful love and mercies God himself will cause our enemy to be defeated. He will make the enemy destruct himself. He can send an angel who can kill 185,000 might soldiers in one night. If one angel can do such a great destruction imagine what a host of angels can do.

Jehoshaphat led all the men to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets. After the victory they came back to the presence of God to give him thanks for the victory HE gave them. We should not forget God's blessings, should not boast about our victories but should always be thankful for what HE has done.

Jehoshaphat is a great example for us. If we follow his example surely we will have victory.

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**"I am the LORD who heals you"**

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