

What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do (I)

"... O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." (2 Chronicles 20:12, New King James Version).

This is the key Bible verse for our ***"Come and See"*** devotional today.

People need to know their limitations. Despite all today's technology and advances in medical research, there are still many symptoms lacking accurate diagnosis and diseases without any potential cure. The scenario in our key Bible verse reflects the words of a disorganized King Jehoshaphat when he was told about the impending doom about to befall Judah and Jerusalem. A great multitude from beyond the sea, consisting of the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, came against Judah to destroy her (read 2 Chronicles 20:1). Men and women can sometimes be confronted by a multitude of trials such as sickness, lack of positive direction, poverty and failure; if this happens then those people, just like King Jehoshaphat and his generals, can just run out of ideas. Their doctors, therapists, lawyers and other advisers are also at a loss about what to do.

When we are at a crossroads in our lives we may not know which way to turn and all the options may seem equally bad. If this happens then we should avoid becoming afraid because fear will paralyse our decision making and our initiative. Instead, we should do just as Jehoshaphat did, which was to seek the Lord, who told him to sing praises. The Bible records that: *"...he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army..."* (2 Chronicles 20:21b, New King James Version).

Although this might appear to be an irrational and eccentric war strategy, God the Most High often chooses an unusual remedy to shame the wise, and put to shame the things which are mighty. His ways are higher ways!

God inhabits the praises of His people and therefore, whenever we praise Him we are simply inviting the solution to our problems to appear. God will overcome our weaknesses to lead us to success against those stubborn challenges.

This point is illustrated in the description, in the Bible, of how the battle ended: *"now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another."* (2 Chronicles 20:22-23, New King James Version)

Let us pray: "Father, as I praise you wholeheartedly; remove all my limitations by your power and mercy," in Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen.

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