

How Easy is It?

"This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord"
(2 Kings 3:18).

Today's message centers around 2 Kings 3, where three kings (Israel, Judah and Edom) come together and go after the King of Moab because of the rebellion against the King of Israel (3:4-7). These three kings (not from Orient) decided to take a route that would cause the element of surprise, to provide protection for their army from the rear and give them an advantage of avoiding a head-on assault into the Moabite strength.

It was a great plan and it was the best way to attack, overcome and overpower the enemy. Only after traveling a week, they ran out of water for themselves and for their animals. They knew the lack of water could be their demise (3:9). The King of Israel was terrified. The circumstances for the three kings looked grim and they knew they vulnerable to an attack.

Can you relate? The King was certain, but suddenly they find themselves looking like they are ready to be handed over to enemy Moab.

How often does your mind dredge up things that contradict God's plan when you are sitting in the midst of something painful? The King of Judah (though he may have had his shortcomings), had enough spiritual sense to ask if there was a prophet of God to whom they could inquire (3:11).

Isn't it wonderful that the Lord places individuals throughout our life to encourage us and spur us onward for the Lord. When the King of Judah heard that Elisha was there he immediately sent for him (3:12). When Elisha arrived, he was not thrilled to see the King of Israel (which is another whole story in itself), but because of the King of Judah he was willing to seek the Lord on their behalf. Elisha called for a harpist, and began to worship & pray.

God's answer came- there would be ample water for all. All they would have to do is dig some ditches the valley. God's directions always require a human response. God told them that they would neither see wind nor rain. Yet, the valley would be filled with not only enough water for them, but their animals as well. He then went on to state a powerful unchanging fact that is just one of our God's many attributes, "This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord (3:18)".

Did you hear that? This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord. Did God stop with just the provision of ample water? No. He told them there would be complete and utter destruction of the enemy. God would hand over Moab to them, they would overthrow every fortified city and town, stop up all their springs and ruin every field (3:19-20) and all they had to do was a dig some ditches.

What do you think they did? They spent the night digging just like He asked them to.

You have to respond, and it is God's timing that brings forth the truth of His promises. The water didn't arrive until the time of the morning sacrifices. But when that water arrived, it caused such a

commotion the enemy thought the valley was filled with blood. Confusion settled in causing the enemy to the three kings had slaughtered each other. Moab rushes into the Israelites camp, only to be overtaken and destroyed (by Israel).

This incredible victory started with a human act of faith.

Father,

Thank you for always doing what is best for me. Thank you, that regardless of the time frame, you are in control. I am so thankful that I can trust you. I am so thankful you are with me. I am so thankful you love. I am so thankful you have a plan for me. Forgive me for being impatient, forgive me for doubting my situation as I sit in the waiting room, help me to walk this out with You in manner that is Holy and Right. I love you Lord.

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