



Lesson 125

Jehoshaphat's Secret Weapon

Story Elements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text: 2 Chron. 20:1-30 • Setting: circa 847 B.C., • Main Characters: God, Jehoshaphat, and Jahaziel the Levite • Plot: Jehoshaphat prays and God answers by giving Israel a miraculous victory of their enemies. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key word(s): “ _____ ” • Climax: 2 Chronicles 20:14 <i>Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;</i> |
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Prayer for Help

1. (vv 1-2) Sometime during Jehoshaphat's reign, a great company of Ammonites and Moabites prepared to invade Judah. Jehoshaphat was notified of the coming invasion by men who had seen the enemy forces assembling near Hazazon-tamar (Engedi).
2. (vv 3-4) Jehoshaphat responded to the dire situation appropriately:
 - (a) He _____ to seek the LORD.
 - (b) He proclaimed a _____ throughout all Judah.
 - (c) He gathered a solemn _____ to seek God's direction.
3. (vv 5-13) A national prayer meeting was organized at the temple and King Jehoshaphat prayed and asked God to intervene. The entire nation, including the _____, participated in the prayer meeting.
4. (vv 14-17) During the prayer meeting, the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the Levite saying:
 - (a) That they should not fear because the battle is the _____.
 - (b) That they should go out to meet their enemy at the cliff (ascent) of _____.
 - (c) That they would not need to do any _____.

Praise for Mercy

5. (vv 18-20) Jehoshaphat led his people in giving thanks to God, and the next day the king encouraged his people to trust in God and believe his _____.
6. (vv 21-23) King Jehoshaphat, after counseling with his people, dispatched his troops in the morning and appointed Levite singers to lead the army to battle. As they marched, the choir sang, “*Praise the LORD; for his _____ endureth for ever;*” as they sung, the LORD caused the Moabites and the Ammonites to attack and kill each other.

7. (vv 24-28) When the army of Judah came upon the invaders, they found that they had killed each other off. This miraculous victory produced two other blessings:
 - (a) For three days the Hebrews went through the battlefield and gathered the _____ of war. On the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Berachah and blessed the LORD.
 - (b) (v 29) Because of their miraculous victory, the fear of _____ came upon the surrounding nations.

Application

8. Jehoshaphat's prayer before battle is a great example to us for how we should seek the LORD when we don't know what to do:
 - (a) He displayed great conviction that God alone could _____.
 - (b) He acknowledged God's _____ and praised him for it.
 - (c) He praised God for _____ help and blessings.
 - (d) He confessed that he didn't know what to do and that he _____ in God.
9. Jehoshaphat also provides an example of what we should do when our prayers are answered: he worshiped and _____ God. (v 18)
10. Jehoshaphat's battle is an illustration of the gospel: only when we realize that we cannot conquer our sin will God vanquish our enemy for us through _____. Salvation comes to the humble who look to the LORD for help.

*James 4:6 Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud,
but giveth grace unto the humble.*

Notes: _____

Answer Key: Key word(s): "seek the LORD" • 2. a) set his face; b) fast; c) assembly • 3. children • 4. a) LORD's; b) Ziz; c) fighting • 5. prophets • 6. mercy • 7. a) spoils; b) Israel • 8. a) save; b) sovereignty; c) past; d) trusted • 9. praised • Jesus Christ

How to use this worksheet for personal Bible study: (1) Read the Bible passage given in the **Story Elements** section. (2) Read through the worksheet and try to fill in the blanks without looking at the **Answer Key**. (3) Check your answers with the key and make the necessary corrections. Keep in mind that some answers are a matter of opinion, and often more than one answer is correct. (4) Write down your own thoughts, applications, and questions for further study in the **Notes** section.