

DON'T LET WHAT YOU SEE CANCEL OUT WHAT YOU KNOW

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Lam 3:51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.

Lam 3:51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart,.... Seeing the desolation of his country; the ruins of the city and temple of Jerusalem; and the multitudes of those that were slain, and carried captive; and the distresses the rest were in; this affected his heart, and filled it with grief; as his heart also affected his eyes, and caused them to run down in rivers of water.

ELISHA AND HIS SERVANT

2Ki 6:13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

2Ki 6:14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

2Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

2Ki 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2Ki 6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

JOB IN HIS DISPAIR

Job 19:17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children's *sake* of mine own body.

Job 19:18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spoke against me.

Job 19:19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

Job 19:20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

Job 19:21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

Job 19:22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

Job 19:23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

Job 19:24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever!

Job 19:25 **For I know *that* my redeemer liveth**, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

Job 19:26 And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Job 19:27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

1. **It is easy in the day and age that we live, to let the outside situations effect our faith are perception and bring us into despair.**

Psa 73:3 For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psa 73:4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.

Psa 73:5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.

Psa 73:6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

Psa 73:7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

Psa 73:8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

Psa 73:9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

Psa 73:12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

Psa 73:13 Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

Psa 73:14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

Psa 73:15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

Psa 73:16 When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;

Psa 73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

Psa 73:18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

Psa 73:19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

THE WORLD PROBLEMS ARE NOT ANY GETTING BETTER

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Mat 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Mat 24:8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

2Ti 3:14 **But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;**

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

AT THE PARTING OF THE RED SEA

Exo 14:10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

Exo 14:11 And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

Exo 14:12 *Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.*

Exo 14:13 *And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever.*

Exo 14:14 *The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*

Exo 14:15 *And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

1. **It is easy to let the things that we see affect our heart, attitude and faith:**

Lam 3:51 *Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.*

2. We can let past bruises become present bondage
3. And we can let the pains of the past become the prison house of the present
4. **Our we can let God's Word Heal us.**

Psa 107:19 *Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.*

Psa 107:20 *He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.*

Psa 107:21 *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

WE MUST REMEMBER:

1. Our past is pardoned
2. Our present is powerful
3. Our future is promise

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2Co 4:16 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

2Co 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

ISRAEL ON THE EDGE OF A PROMISE

Num 13:27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.

Num 13:28 Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

Num 13:29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

Num 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

Num 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

Num 13:32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

Num 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

THERE MIGHT BE SOME GIANTS WE FACE IN 2008

1. How to overcome the Giants of this city:

- a. we must use the weapons of Prayer, Word, Spirit; the Name of Jesus and His precious blood.

THE THREE THINGS THAT WILL ENHANCE REVIVAL

1. FAITH

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him”

“Above all taking the Shield of Faith”

“but let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.”

Heb 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

2. **Families**: Strong families build strong churches.

Gen 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Jer 31:1 At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

3. **Finances**:

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.

Mal 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.