

Take Charge!

Situations can get out of hand! Is it possible, even though a mistake has been made, that God will rescue us out of the situation?

An example of this can be seen in the life of David. He, fleeing from Saul, "went to Achish king of Gath." The advisors of Achish reminded him of the songs sang about David, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." When David heard the counsel of Achish's advisors, he "greatly feared Achish king of Gath."

David made a mistake! In his rush and desperation to escape from king Saul, he sought refuge in the home town of Goliath. One may rightfully ask, "How stupid can you get?" Sometimes the urgency of the situation will cause us to make hasty decisions, and before we can snap our fingers, we are in greater danger than before.

The story continues to unfold. David "disguised his sanity before them, and acted insanely in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down into his beard." David escaped, and as God would have it, was extremely humbled.

But that is not the full story. Psalms 34, based on the above circumstance, reveals the inside story. "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

DAVID DIRECTED AN ACTION OF PRAISE!

While the Philistines were laughing at his behavior, saliva running down his beard and insanely scribbling on the walls, David was directing his spirit to bless the Lord continually! **IT WAS A DIRECTED ACTION!** David took charge of the situation. He had made a mistake, but the battle was not over.

"I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears."

GOD DIRECTED AN ACTION OF INTERVENTION!

God focused on the praise of David rather than his mistake. The devil would have Christians to conclude, "Since I have made a stupid mistake, God is against me and will not hear me." God is reaching down to fallen man! Mankind is riddled with mistakes. Adam made the first mistake and we have made the rest, however God sending His Son in the likeness of flesh, has rescued us from the grip of those mistakes. God chooses not to look at our mistakes, but rather sees us in His Beloved! God will hear the cry of the sincere and deliver them from all their fears. God, on the basis of David's praise, took charge of the situation!

"O taste and see that the Lord is good; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!"

GOD DIRECTED TO DAVID A SPECIAL NUTRITION!

Regardless of what spectators were seeing, David was feasting upon the presence of the Lord. In the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy. On the outside it appeared as if David was doomed and broken, but on the inside God was feeding him with the word of strength.

David chose to take refuge in the Lord and he declared, "For to those who fear Him, there is no want." NO LACK! Even while he was the sport of Gath, he did not have any lack. David was fully supplied by the PRESENCE OF GOD!

"The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry...the Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

GOD DIRECTED HIS ATTENTION TOWARD DAVID.

God's eyes were upon David and His ears were opened to his cry. Remember, even after making a stupid blunder, God directed his attention toward David, based on his praise and his faith.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all."

GOD DIRECTED HIS PROTECTION TOWARD DAVID.

Sufferings will come. Persecutions have been predicted. God has not promised us a "garden of ease", rather this earth has been turned into a battlefield. The promise is: "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you" (Luke 17:19). Paul summed it up this way: "For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me" (Phil. 2:29,30).

Jesus pictured us walking over the enemy. Paul described us in the Roman arena, agonizing in the conflict, until victory was grasped.

THE MESSAGE IS: TAKE CHARGE!

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