

“For the Battle is not Yours, but God’s” 2 Chronicles 19-21 6/09/24

Today, we’d like to see the title of “For the Battle is not Yours, but God’s” in 2 Chronicles 19-21.

To the souls on this Online Word *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we’d like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (***Maranatha Worship Songs***_____

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Q1. In 19:8-9, “Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of the LORD and for controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem. ⁹ And he commanded them, saying, ‘Thus you shall act in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and with a loyal heart,’” what do these mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 20:15, “And he said, ‘Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat!’ Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s,’” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In 21:6-7, “And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.⁷ Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever” what do these mean? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, in 2 Chronicles 18:34, “The battle increased that day, and the king of Israel propped *himself* up in *his* chariot facing the Syrians until evening; and about the time of sunset he died,” Ahab’s plot, that Ahab did not wear his royal robe via his disguise but Jehoshaphat wore his king robe, was diabolically, devilishly, or evil because the plot was designed both (1) to put Jehoshaphat in the risk of death as Syria the enemy’s fighting target in 18:30 and (2) to reign the nation of Judah upon Jehoshaphat’s death in addition to his reigning the nation of Israel.

Like his father Asa the 3rd king, in general, Jehoshaphat the 4th king of Judah was a good king. His son Jehoram the 5th king of Judah married Athaliah the daughter between Ahab the 7th king of Israel and Jezebel. Those were heavily idol worshippers.

Today we cover as follows:

Chapter 19 : (1-4) Jehoshaphat came back to Judah; (5-11) Jehoshaphat’s Revival

Chapter 20: (1-4) Moab, Ammon, and Edom’s Attack; (5-13) Jehoshaphat’s Prayer; (14-19) God’s answer; (20-30) God’s delivery from Moab, Ammon, and Edom; (31-37) Jehoshaphat’s brief biography

Chapter 21: (1-20) Jehoram’s Reign in Judah

<p>19</p> <p>¹Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem.</p> <p>² And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD <i>is</i> upon you. ³ Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God.”</p> <p>⁴ So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD God of their fathers.</p> <p>⁵ Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, ⁶ and said to the judges, “Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the LORD, who <i>is</i> with you in the judgment. ⁷ Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do <i>it</i>, for <i>there is</i> no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes.”</p> <p>⁸ Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of the LORD and for controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem. ⁹ And he commanded them, saying, “Thus you shall act in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and with a loyal heart: ¹⁰ Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1-4 = (Jehoshaphat came back to Judah)</p> <p>2=(When Hanani prophesied against king Asa’s ally with the heathen king of Syria, Hanai was thrown in jail. But here his son Jehu prophesied against the ally of the wicked king Ahab of Israel against Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa, but Jehoshaphat, not like his father, accepted the rebuke of the prophet. Hanani and his son Jehu both were faithful to the words of God to have been delivered to the kings even at risk of each life, as we, especially word ministers, should learn. <i>2 Chr 16:7-10</i>)</p> <p>5-11 = (Jehoshaphat’s Revival, after his removal of the wooden images from the land</p> <p>5-7= (Jehoshaphat charged judges, not to judge for man but for the Lord who is with them in the judgment, i.e., judges the instruments of God represent the decisions of God in issues or controversies. So there is no iniquity, partiality, or taking of bribes that would distort the judgment. The judges would have interpreted the words of God in the Scripture applied to the presented disputes directed by the Spirit.)</p> <p>8-9= Q1 (Judges should deliver the judgment of the Lord on cases, being appointed from Levites, Priests, chief fathers or elders. They should do in the fear of God, faithfully, and with an undivided loyal heart like Moses’ able men who fear God, are men of truth, and are hating covetousness. <i>Ex 18:21-22</i>²)</p>
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¹ *2 Chr 16:7-10* And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: “Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. ⁸ Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand. ⁹ For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.” ¹⁰ Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for *he was* enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people at that time.

² *Ex 18:21-22* Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. ²² And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be *that* every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear *the burden* with you.

of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against the LORD and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty. ¹¹ And take notice: Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites *will be* officials before you. Behave courageously, and the LORD will be with the good."

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¹It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. ²Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which *is* En Gedi). ³And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴So Judah gathered together to ask *help* from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

⁵Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, *are* You not God in heaven, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?

11-12 (Amariah was charged as the chief of all judges for all matters, Zebadiah for all the king's matters, the Levites for officials before all judges)

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1-4= (Moab, Ammon, and Edom's attack. Those who were on Mount Seir, were Edomites, "in the land of Seir, the country of Edom" in *Gen 32:3* (infra).)

3= (fasting is going without food for a designated time. The hunger reminds us of our weakness, making us humble and relying upon the Lord. So often fasting is followed by prayer to the Lord in undivided love of God. Fasting is a helpful tool to seek the Lord in special situations, like here)

5-13 = (Jehoshaphat's Prayer)

6=(The first most important thing to your prayer is the address. Who are you addressing in prayer? Here, Lord God of our fathers, like the Lord's prayer, David's prayer, Asa's prayer, Jesus' prayers, or Paul's prayer from which we would always much learn. Jehoshaphat acknowledged the almighty and sovereign God with rhetorical questions. Lord, they're more than we can face, they're more than we can handle, but no one can stand against You! You rule, even over the kingdoms of the heathen, and there are none who can withstand You! *Mat 6:9-13*³)

³ *Mat 6:9-13* In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

⁷ Are You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

⁸ And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying,

⁹ 'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name *is* in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'

7=(Abraham is called as the friend of God to describe the transparent communication, intimate relationship, or fellowship between Abraham and God, as Jesus called His disciples as friends rather than servants. *John 15:15⁴*)

8= (Israelites through Solomon built the temple of God and the sanctuary in it for God's name, i.e., they praised God's name by the dedication. God's name is Yahweh יהוה; the Hebrew, also called as Jehovah in a Latinization, although the original Hebrew contains consonants only – not pronounceable. Note the word of God is above all His name because the word of God or the Scripture tells what Yahweh or Jehovah is, such as God the Father, one being of Trinity God, created the heavens and earth equally with the Son of God and with the Spirit of God. (1) Elohim the trinity God created the heavens and the earth, not El the single God nor Elah the dual God. (2) The Son of God is never a creature as Michael the arc angel but a creator. Only the word of God or Scripture tells His nature. Who can be against the Scripture? *Psalm 18:49; Psalm 44:8; Psalm 138:2; Gen 1:1; 1 John 5:7; Jude 1:9⁵*)

9= (Jehoshaphat reminded God of His answer to Solomon's prayer in his dedication of the temple. When we face affliction here heathens' invasion, we should humble ourselves, pray and seek His face – not necessary see His face within physical realm but within the Spirit's realm – and turn from our wicked ways. And then the Lord will hear from heaven and will forgive our sin and heal the land. Here, God often allows us affliction to make us humble. Then, our heart is ready for God's full work in the affliction and only for God's glory. And then God will get the credit and the glory for what God has been doing. *2 Chr 7:12-14⁶*)

⁴ *John 15:15* No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

⁵ *Psalm 18:49* Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name; *Psalm 44:8* In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever. *Selah; Psalm 138:2* I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name; *Gen 1:1* In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; *1 John 5:7* For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one; *Jude 1:9* Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!

⁶ *2 Chr 7:12-14* Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have

¹⁰ And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them— ¹¹ here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.

¹² 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.” ¹³ Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.

¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the LORD came 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, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵ And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s. ¹⁶ Tomorrow go down against them.

10=(The people on Mount Seir were the descendants of Esau, called as Edomites, the elder brother of Jacob. And so God told Moses not to attack Edomites. So we turned from them and did not destroy them. *Deu 23:7; Gen 32:3; Gen 36:17*)

12=(Lord, look what the 3 heathens including Edomites are doing. We don't have strength. We don't have the military might. We can't do it. Now we are humble. Now God can work in full without interference of flesh. In Gideon, God did not want too many people against Midianites “lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me,” and so mere 300 men enough for God. God the provider doesn't want that anyone touches His glory or credit for whatever provisions. Our self-sufficing on His provisions plagues us to touch His glory or credit. All glory should be exclusively to the Lord. We are just His instruments. E.g. Chuck Smith the spiritual father never said or wrote my church, my ministry, our calvary chapels, our ministries, etc. during his life but the church, although we are sometimes heard of those today, but the Lord's church “because the Lord builds His church,” His church, the calvary chapel, or the calvary chapel costa mesa, the ministries, or His ministries “for the battle is not yours, but God's”. Who is the Lord? What a blessing! God's continuing work through His church or the Lord's ministry through human instruments etc. Jesus is all in all. *judges 7:2, 6, 7^o*)

14-19 = (God's answer)

15=Q2 (The battle is not yours, but God's because our wrestle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly place. Our life is hidden by the Spirit of Christ's ruling. Christ lives in

chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, ¹⁴ if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

⁷ *Deu 23:7* You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land; *Gen 32:3* Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom; *Gen 36:1* Now this is the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom.

⁸ *judges 7:2, 6, 7* ² And the LORD said to Gideon, “The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ ⁶ And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. ⁷ Then the LORD said to Gideon, “By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place.”

They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with you.” ¹⁸ And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. ¹⁹ Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.

²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.” ²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

“Praise the LORD,
For His mercy *endures* forever.”

²² 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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped. ²⁵ When

me who live by faith. Some of us don't receive the full blessings of that walk in the Spirit because the work in flesh is still left. So, we've come short of all that God is wanting to do for us. When we are fully obedient to the Lord not staying in any flesh in Physical realm, but toward in the Spirit's realm, we may be fully blessed by God as God wants to bless us much because of our battle not against flesh & blood but against evil spirits' realm or the other spirits' realm. *Eph 6:12; Gal 2:20; Rom 8:5-6⁹*

20-30 = (God's delivery from Moab, Ammon, and Edom)

22-30= (All 3 enemies were defeated where Ammon and Moab fought Edom each other. All were dead. It took 3 days to carry away the much spoils. And the on the 4th day, they met together and praised the Lord. And they returned home. Judah was in peace.)

⁹ *Eph 6:12* For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.; *Gal 2:20* I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me; *Rom 8:5-6* For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much. ²⁶ And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day. ²⁷ Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸ So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD. ²⁹ And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰ Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

³¹ So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. *He* was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. ³² And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing *what was* right in the sight of the LORD. ³³ Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers. ³⁴ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, which *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel. ³⁵ After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted very wickedly. ³⁶ And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion Geber. ³⁷ But Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." Then the ships were wrecked, so that they

31-37 = (Jehoshaphat's brief biography)

33= (Jehosaphat removed wooden images from the land in 19:3, but did not remove the high worship places for idols. So, he was not fully blessed by God up to His desire because of his left flesh)

35=(Jehoshaphat allied with Ahaziah the son of Ahab the king of Israel even if he was rebuked for his previous ally with Ahab by God through the prophet Jehu. He did not learn from his disastrous alliance with Ahab who was dead in 18:28-44, nor from his father Asa's alliance with Syria in 16:7-10 That's unequal yoke caused spiritual adultery, polluted by idols such as, divided love between God and other gods, or roots of evils. 2 Cor 6:14-15¹⁰)

¹⁰ 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

were not able to go to Tarshish.

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¹And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place. ²He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. ³Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he *was* the firstborn. ⁴Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also *others* of the princes of Israel. ⁵Jehoram *was* thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

⁶And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. ⁷Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

⁸In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. ⁹So Jehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots. ¹⁰Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. At that time Libnah revolted against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. ¹¹Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit harlotry, and led Judah astray.

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1-20 = (Jehoram's reign in Judah. Jehoram was an evil king unlike his father Jehoshaphat or his grandfather Asa, influenced strongly by Athaliah, Ahab, and Jezebel who were heavily idol worshippers)

6-7=Q3 (Even if Jehoram did evil and killed his brothers, God did not destroy the house of David because God is faithful to His words, here His covenant with David, "establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever." *1 Chro 17:14¹¹*)

8-11 = (God allowed Edom and Libnah to attack Judah to awaken Jehoram to his heart condition. But he made high place in the mountains which caused Judah's idol worships)

¹¹ *1 Chro 17:14* And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever.

¹² And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus says the LORD God of your father David: Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah, ¹³ but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot like the harlotry of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers, those of your father's household, *who were* better than yourself, ¹⁴ behold, the LORD will strike your people with a serious affliction—your children, your wives, and all your possessions; ¹⁵ and you *will become* very sick with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out by reason of the sickness, day by day.

¹⁶ Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians who *were* near the Ethiopians. ¹⁷ And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. ¹⁸ After all this the LORD struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease. ¹⁹ Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers. ²⁰ He was thirty-two years old when he became king. He reigned in Jerusalem eight years and, to no one's sorrow, departed. However they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

12-15 =(Elijah's written words, "letter," – likely Elijah's delivery of the words of God before his death because of Jehoram life from 848 to 841 BC and Isaiah's life from 875 to 859 BS. God had over, and over again said to the kings of Israel such as here Jehoram, Solomon, and Asa. "If you seek Me, I will be found of you; if you forsake Me, I will forsake you." If we seek God, God may be found of us in the full blessings of that walk in the Spirit. But forsaking God is seen in Sodom & Gomorrah, Cain, Balaam, and Korah. 1 Chro 28:9; 2 Chr 15:1-2¹²)

16-20= (As Elijah's prophecy, Jehoram had been punished through Philistines and Arabians the instruments of God's judgment. The purposes of God about affliction are to awaken me to my condition, to mold me to be used for Him, and to draw me back to Him into the undivided love of God. But Jehoram became worse after Lord's allowing the happenings to cause him to turn back to Him)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon

¹² 1 Chro 28:9As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever; 2 Chr 15:2Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. ²And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

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<https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/OnlineSermon2024.htm>

Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

European Union Mission

The conviction was handed down on October 28, 2023.

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively few Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

[all Scripture](#)

"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Mathew 24:35).

EU mission tour (9/26 – 10/4), with the aid of an AI tool.

Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

European Union – Lily, Wayne, Jane, T K, Raura, Paul.....MAP EU

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)..... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet McTaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

Kenya -- Ed Compean, Helen Ju, Rob Gordon... MAP

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

Nepal -- Joseph & Esther Choi..... MAP

Nicaragua -- Michael & Jackelin Gaude..... MAP

Mexico -- Alex & Cruz Sanchez, Garry & Keri Goo, James & Monica Arista, Octavio, Martin, Victor & Sonia Mayoral..... MAP

North Korea -- Ed, Inquired Anonymous Missionaries..... MAP

Peru -- Timothy Kim, J Y Oh..... MAP

Philippines -- Dodong, Jim Davis..... MAP

Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin (Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan -- Jed & Renee Gourley, George & Pam Markey.. MAP MAP

*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

See <https://calvarychapelanahemhills.com/missioncountries.htm>

Delivery of the words of God

in Gospel and in all Scripture

[Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills](#) (all Scripture)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

English	Spanish	French	German	Italian	Dutch	Greek	Turkish
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Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

Let go, Let God CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs, and their consequent practices since over 20 years ago. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world -- free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

We have been volitionally, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.



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The truth the Word of God matters wherever – indoor, outdoor, online, offline, at sea, or in sky --- and wherever – Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 4:23; 5:39; 17:17; Col 2:16-17). [Christian Population by Country](#)

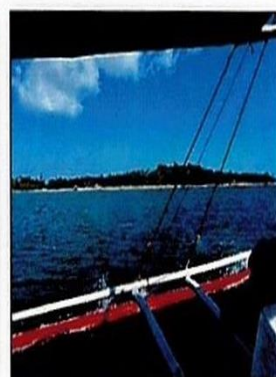
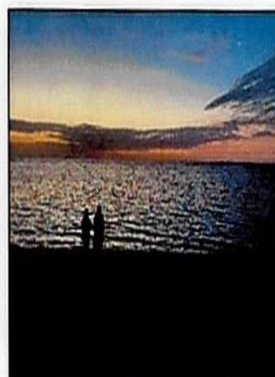
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)

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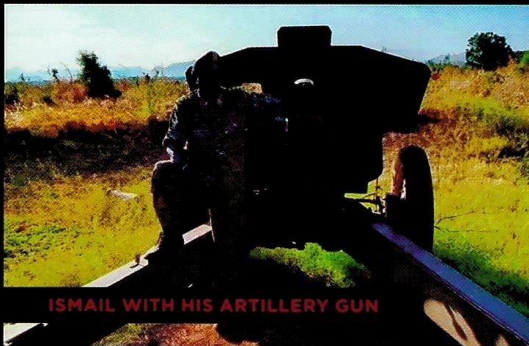
Pray for Philippines Ministry and for Pastoral Training of Asia (PTA) ministry at Dumaguete Island.



You helped us pay to have the church roof repaired :)



Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

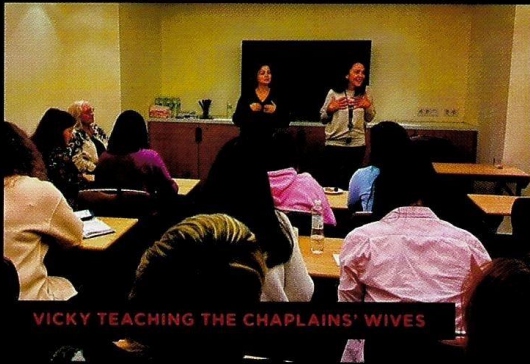
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

Wes Bentley

Wes Bentley

Far Reaching Ministries

Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

I cannot live with myself knowing this is going on, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life protecting and caring for those who do not have the ability to protect and care for themselves.

I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.



FLAGS SIGNED BY CHAPLAINS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM IN APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS

In March of last year, we wrote about children who were being sexually abused in Central and South America, and I was truly stunned by how the body of Christ responded. It was far beyond what I ever expected. Because the response was so tremendous, many children are being rescued, but now we need people to come alongside and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. You can sign up for a monthly amount of whatever you feel led to give. It could be \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. And if you can give far more because of how God has blessed you, we welcome the gift and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project. I want to let you know that as we begin this project, we cannot send you a biography and photo of a specific child. Once we have children in our care, we will send you information about a child for whom you can pray. So please consider joining us in the rescue of these children.

Hopefully, in time, we will have the ability to facilitate adoptions. It would be my heart's desire that the homes would be a place of love until we can find a family that will care for these children.



CHAPLAINS AT FRONT REACHING MANY

Folks, I have some investments that should bring a great return in the next couple of years, and if the Lord blesses I will willingly give it to care for these children.

The Bible says in Psalm 68:5-6 that He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families.

We will actively seek to follow every lead to find the children who are abandoned and abused. A few years ago, a couple was arrested, and when the police came, they found that the couple had a little girl. When the officers asked her what her name was, she responded, "Stupid." The child had a black eye and deep-purple

Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and for His glory.



WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

After the conference the pastors traveled back to the U.S.,

**THEY DID NOT CHOOSE
THIS WAR; IT WAS
FORCED UPON THEM**

Pray for Feeding the Lord's Lambs in Ukraine and in S Sudan

Second, I want to share an update on our orphanage project in Ukraine. We have found a great location that is even better than the first. It not only has room for an orphanage but future Bible school as well as a chaplain base. The property is seven acres and has a natural waterway. When the owner found out believers from the U.S. wanted to help Ukrainian orphans, he lowered the price from \$180,000 to \$140,000. We have raised the complete amount to purchase the property so that the next phase will be the construction of the first dorm for 100 children. For another \$250,000, we will be able to complete a kitchen and cafeteria, and the new children's dorm. We have already raised the first \$100,000 and only need another \$150,000 to complete the initial phase of



the project. One of the ideas is to build the buildings in an Austrian or German Bavarian style so that the children will grow up in a beautiful home and have many happy memories.

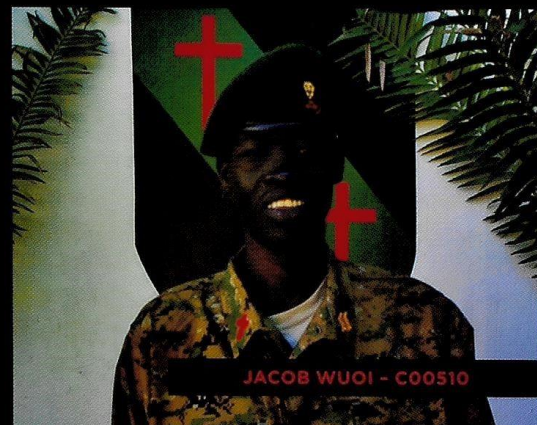
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

The third thing I need to share is that Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has shipped a container of Bibles into China. We can share no details so as not to hamper future operations.

The fourth thing we must report is the loss of two more chaplains—Chaplain Jacob Wuoi and Chaplain John Ebele. With the death of three more chaplains in the last year, this brings the total to 76 chaplains lost since the beginning of the ministry.



Jacob joined the chaplaincy program in 2019. He fell ill one evening and was gone by morning. Being in South Sudan, he was buried the next day, and whatever took him, we will never know. Jacob had graduated in Class 11 and served for four years before he was summoned home by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online visitors (Mat 22:2). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing. Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because the Lord has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "Jesus is all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, venturing out in faith, "**Let CCAH go, let God.**"

And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26).

When God leads, God provides. So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much love for Him can be observed (1) by the money index to divide willing expenditures to God by total expenditures (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3), as well as (2) by how much the words of God we love (John 1:1). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). The public love money especially in capitalism society because without money capitalism would not exist. However, we as Christians should not love money but should know its nature (1 Timothy 6:10). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by sovereign almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. The willing mind part for an offering should always prevail over its money part. We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philippians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4st Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAHA is **the poor in material and spirit**, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"

Source: <https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm> for full Q&A

Hope, Suffering, and Glory: Studies in 1 Peter

Dear Friends,

We are really looking forward to this year's CGN International Conference. As the Executive Team sat down to think and pray about this year's theme, we all agreed that, based on the tumultuous nature of the times, we needed to look to a text of Scripture that would speak to our current cultural moment. We agreed that 1 Peter would be an excellent place to draw encouragement from since Peter wrote to those who were also living out their faith in challenging times. Our theme, Hope, Suffering, and Glory, captures much of what the Apostle addressed in the letter and speaks to much of our experience here in this present hour. I am delighted that we have been able to put together a great lineup of speakers to address important and relevant topics. I look forward to seeing each of you, and being encouraged together with you, as we look to the Lord to speak through His word and strengthen each of us through His presence as we gather in His name.



Blessings,

Brian Brodersen

President, Calvary Global Network