

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2013

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Judges 3:26-28

“Now Ehud escaped while they were delaying, and he passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah. It came about when he had arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was in front of them. He said to them, “Pursue them, for the Lord has given your enemies the Moabites into your hands.”



God primarily moves in two ways. God can work in spectacular ways where His Spirit comes upon somebody, miraculous things happen and everybody knows it was God in action. As wonderful as these instances are, I do not think they occur as often as God’s providential work. When I read the story of Ehud leading the people against Eglon, I see many circumstances outside the realm of mere chance coming into play. I see the sovereignty of God in all the details of this story, even the small ones.

Consider all of the events that had to take place. The fact that all members of Eglon’s private security detail were out of the room for an extended period of time. Consider that Ehud was able to smuggle an 18-inch sword into the king’s chamber undetected. And then the delay of Eglon’s security as they waited to act thinking their boss was taking an extended bathroom break. The odds are simply impossible if you were only considering the human element of the story. The point is God is every bit in control of these behind-the-scenes issues with Ehud as He was with Othniel. Even though this story seems so bizarre to us, God has still orchestrated all the details to achieve His purpose — Eglon is killed, the Moabites are defeated and the Israelites have peace.

I think what God is telling us in the story of Ehud and Eglon is something that is critical for us to understand: God is in control, even when we don’t know it. God had strengthened the hand of Eglon and the Moabites. And if we lived in the land of Israel during this time we would have been wondering where is God in all of this? And our text tells us God is every single detail of this story. He is the One who is sovereignly in charge of everything; even the smallest details that we miss.

We are living in a time where circumstances seem to be out of control. We see the stock market going up and down, the economy seems so uncertain, and the constant threat of terrorism here or abroad. This text tells us God is in control. God is in control of who is running our nation and He is in charge when leadership will change next. He is in control of international politics and He will bring about what He has covenanted to do. And what God has covenanted to do is to save His people.

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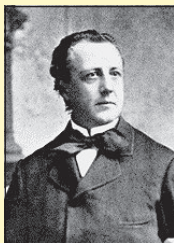
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What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13



Charles C. Converse
(1834-1918)

Music: *Erie, Charles C. Converse, 1868.* In World War I, the tune was paired with words to “When This Bloody War is Over.”



Joseph M. Scriven
(1819-1886)

Words: *Joseph M. Scriven, 1855.* Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother, who was across the sea from him in Ireland. It was originally published anonymously, and Scriven did not receive full credit for almost 30 years.

(1.) What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

(2.) Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

(3.) Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

(4.) Blessèd Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear

May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in earnest prayer.

Soon in glory bright unclouded there will be no need for prayer

Rapture, praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion there.

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What's Happening at Sunrise

November 2013

- Nov. 3 8:45 a.m. Judges 3:5 to 31 *No Guts, No Gory*
10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- Nov. 5 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Book of Ephesians
- Nov. 8 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Nov. 10 8:45 a.m. Judges 4 verses 1 to 24
What I Learned in Jael
10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 12 No Bible Study
- Nov. 15 7:00 p.m. Game Night
- Nov. 17 8:45 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- Nov. 19 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Book of Ephesians
- Nov. 22 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Nov. 24 8:45 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Brunch
- Nov. 26 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Book of Ephesians
at the Kikkert's
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 29 No Friday Night Activities

Attacks on Christians by Islamic militants rise in Egypt

(CBS News) CAIRO - A top leader of the Muslim Brotherhood was arrested Wednesday by the military government. It's part of the crackdown on the Brotherhood, which advocates a strict Islamic government. Essam El-Erian went into hiding when the military ousted President Mohammed Morsi. Since then, Islamic militants have stepped up attacks on Christians.

In a packed church in a poor Cairo neighborhood, mourners grieved for their dead: Five Christians mowed down by masked gunmen as they arrived for a wedding. Khalil Masiha lost two of his granddaughters in the attack. Maryam was just 8 years old.

But since the crackdown, more than 50 churches have been burned or looted. The Church of the Virgin Mary in Al Nazla, a small village a few hours outside of Cairo, was attacked last August when a large crowd burst through the gates and ransacked the compound.

U.S. officially halts millions in military aid to Egypt (Trial date set for ex-Egyptian President Morsi (Egypt: 51 killed in new bout of street violence

According to guards who were there that night, once the church had been completely looted, the mob began then pelting it with Molotov cocktails until the entire structure was consumed by the flames.

By the time it was safe for caretaker Fawzi Saad to return, there was almost nothing left of the 400-year-old church. "It was very painful because this is a heritage site," said Saad, "and it's very precious to us."

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but Saad told us he blames the Muslim Brotherhood. He said the church had received threats from them before.

"When the children ask, 'Who did this,' we can't tell them the truth," said Saad, "because they will think that all Muslims are capable of this, but, in fact, very few Muslims could do something like this."

The military has promised that it will rebuild all of the damaged churches, but so far that hasn't happened. In the meantime, the security situation continues to deteriorate rapidly.