

Seeking the Lord in worship and song

READ 2 Chronicles 20:18-24, 27-28

Then King Jehoshaphat bowed low with his face to the ground. All the people of Judah and Jerusalem did the same, worshiping the Lord. ¹⁹Then the Levites from Kohath and Korah stood to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a loud shout. ²⁰Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed." ²¹After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang:

"Give thanks to the Lord; His faithful love endures forever!"

²²At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. ²³The armies of Moab and Ammon turned against their allies from Mount Seir and killed every one of them. After they had destroyed the army of Seir, they began attacking each other. ²⁴So when the army of Judah arrived at the lookout point in the wilderness, all they saw were dead bodies lying on the ground as far as they could see. Not a single one of the enemy had escaped. ²⁷Then they returned to Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat leading them, overjoyed that the Lord had given them victory over their enemies. ²⁸They marched into Jerusalem to the music of harps, lyres, and trumpets, and went to the Temple of the Lord.

REFLECT - How did the people of Judah worship the Lord before during and after the battle (vv. 18-19, 21-22, 27-28)?

How did God show them the battle was the Lord's (vv. 22-24)?

After God answered Jehoshaphat by letting Him know He would fight for them, that is exactly what happened. The people of Judah worshiped God and sang praises to Him before, during and after the battle. As the people sang praises to the Lord, the Lord caused Judah's enemies to fight against and destroy each other.

When we are facing a crisis, it might be hard for us to want to sing praises to God, but singing praises to God puts our hearts back On Track. God wants us to seek Him by worshiping Him before, during and after the crises we face. Remember to keep songs of praise in your hearts during both hard and good times. Give thanks to the Lord, for His faithful love endures forever. (vs 21)

RESPOND- Think about the songs you sing. Do they lead you to praise and worship God?

Share with your family some of your favorite songs of praise. Maybe you can make a playlist of your family's favorite songs this week as you praise the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Have each person in your family pray to God and thank Him for something and pray for someone or something that is on their mind.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____