

Chapter 10

The Battle is The Lords'

God has always used the foolish things of this world to confound the wise. He delights in the fact that he can take something that by our standards is insignificant and use it to change the entire world. He did it with Moses and Abraham and Gideon and Joshua and the list goes on and on. As you begin to look at the big picture you can see the awesome power He has displayed and how it affected the kingdoms of this world. Regardless of the path that man has tried to follow just the very presence of Jesus on the earth has changed the course of mankind even if we didn't want it to. As much as the devil has infiltrated mankind and tried to stop Gods plan, it has been the mere presence of Jesus and his followers that has steered the course of the world.

\ When the children of Israel showed up at the banks of the promise land it was not a coincidence that there were giants occupying the land. The devil knew full well that God had promised this land to His people, that is why the devil had it occupied with the biggest scariest looking bunch he could find.

As you look at the big picture it is clear that this battle that is going on in this world is between God and the devil. When satan stole the world back from Gods created beings back in the garden it was war. And as He so often does God used the very thing that the devil tried to hurt God with as the weapon to defeat him. That was us. That is why it says in the book of Ephesians 3:10 that

“ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known **by the church** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,”

Those principalities and powers are demonic forces. God has made it known **through us** how awesome he is.

We must stay in a humble position so as to rely on God to defeat the enemy. It is His battle, it is His war. When we are weak He is strong.

The Battle of the Ages

The devil has tried throughout history to stop Gods' plan for mankind. Jesus was to be born of Jewish decent, that is why the devil tried to destroy them (the Jewish nation). Jesus had to be born of the flesh, that is why Herod tried to kill all the babies born in Bethlehem, to stop Gods' plan for mankind. Gods' people were promised the land of Israel, that is why there were giants there to stop them from entering.

The Jewish nation had to be established for a final time so that the final culmination of the prophecies of Israel could be fulfilled. That is why Hitler tried to destroy all the Jews so that Gods' plan could not be completed. But the very thing that satan tried to do to wipe out the Jewish nation was the thing that ended up establishing them again as a nation in their homeland in preparation for the end of the ages. You see the battle truly is the Lords.

As the end of the age comes to the forefront God needs his people to be available for the final assault that is about to take place. Worship plays a most major key role in that final quest.

Worships' Role

We must be humble (acquired through worship). We must be able to hear His voice (acquired through worship). We must be able to act with His power (acquired through worship). We must be able to stand against the world and its lusts (acquired through worship). **WE MUST BE AVAILABLE TO HIM.**

We as the church have the most awesome assignment handed to us, one that the prophets of old could only dream of, a chapter taken out of the best book, in the most exciting part of the book and handed to us to live out. People from many ages past have read of the times we now live in and marveled at the awesome things that are taking place right now in these times.

Yet with this great time in which we live comes a host of challenges that confront us and fight for control of our lives so that we drift from our God given destinies and become weak and powerless.

We live in an age of marvel, an age where technology can take you anywhere you want to go, even if that place doesn't exist you can create

it, a time that so captivates your senses it literally leaves nothing to the imagination. It possesses great power to distract us from seeking Him, for there is always something more exciting to do. God is clearly calling us to lay down the things that so easily distract us and once again come to a place of total dependency on Him. We can not serve two masters, we must worship the Lord with all o heart, soul and mind, For God is seeking such.