

Family Worship
June 21st & 22nd, 2014

2 Chronicles 20

The Leadership of a Godly Man

- ❖ Jehoshaphat was a good leader.
2 Chronicles 17:6 "His heart was courageous in the ways of the Lord. ..."
- ❖ Jehoshaphat was attacked.
2 Chronicles 20:1-3 "... A great multitude is coming against you ..."
- ❖ Jehoshaphat led in humility and reliance on God!
2 Chronicles 20:5-12 "... We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."
 - ◆ He acknowledges God's Almightyness and God's Sovereignty!
 - ◆ He recounts God's Faithfulness in times past!
 - ◆ He realizes that the real battle is against God and His plan for His people!
 - ◆ He confesses in humility, before all the people, that he does not know what to do!

The Leadership of Godly Fathers

*"Meanwhile all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children."
2 Chronicles 20:13*

- ❖ Children were being taught at an early age to trust in God!
 - ◆ The children observed their king and their fathers calling on the Lord God Almighty in a time of desperation!
 - ◆ The children observed God answering the people's prayers prophetically and giving direction the King Jehoshaphat!
 - ◆ The children were learning that when we humble ourselves before God, He is there to take up the battle on our behalf! *2 Chronicles 20:15*
 - ◆ The children learned the posture of worship and praise.
"Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshiping the Lord. And the Levites...stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice." *2 Chronicles 20:18-19*

"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." Psalm 8:1-2 (NIV)
- ❖ The families of Judah learned that singing praises to God is the most powerful weapon in our arsenal in battling our adversaries! *2 Chronicles 20:21-23*
 - ◆ Christians – our adversary is Satan and his demon hordes.
📖 Ephesians 6:10-20
 - ◆ We stand in praise against our enemy!
📖 Psalm 71:1-6

📖 Psalm 100

f Note the two words: thanksgiving and praise. The definition of thanksgiving is: an expression of gratefulness or gratitude. The definition of praise is: to value highly; a joyous declaration of who God is. In other words, we thank God for what He does . . . we praise Him for Who He is.

Psalm 66:8
***"Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of His praise be heard,"***

Study Questions:

Read 2 Chronicles 20:17-23. What happened when Jehoshaphat set the praisers before the army into battle?

In what ways can worship be expressed? *Habakkuk 2:20; Psalm 141:2; 5:7; 95:6*

List at least five ways to worship the Lord. *1 Chronicles 16:23-29*

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____