

2 Chron 20:1-30

Their threat was very similar to situation today with Covid-19. But these principles apply to every threat

Vs 1-3 the threat came on them: suddenly, from multiple sides and they were afraid

Fear is a normal first reaction to a sudden, overwhelming threat

His next step, though was to look to the God they had a covenant with for what He said

Fast - a serious step that removes distractions and focuses attention on hearing His answer

Vs 4 they gathered together to ask help

Power of unified prayer - all seeking the same thing from a common need

Not a ceremony or service, but heartfelt recognition together of need for God's help

Vs 5-12 - prayer of Jehoshaphat

Vs 5-6 Reminds God of who He is - His great power and authority

Not to impress Him

Helps Israel remember who it is they are seeking & what He can do

Vs 7 reminds Him of the relationship they have with Him and what He has done before

Vs 8-9 reminds Him that they built the temple as a place to meet with Him

Refers to dedication of temple when Solomon asked God to establish it as a place, they could come to seek His help in the time of trouble

God agree to answer them and deliver

Vs 10-11 states the problem - the current threat

Vs 12 ask Him to keep the promise He had made at the dedication

They acknowledge their helplessness and need for direction

Vs 14-17 God answers their prayer with instructions of what to do

Many times we think that God's answer will be simply what He will do

There may be times we are to do something which He will work with

First, they were not to fear because He was taking on their defense

They were to go to the battle but not fight

Vs 18-30 - the result

Prayer is asking God, who is Almighty, to do things which for us are impossible

Stopping this virus may seem impossible right now

Ending racism after all these centuries

Bringing healing and understanding in the church & nation

God has done the "impossible" in answer to prayer before

1989 the second greatest power in the world (USSR) broke up - prayer for many years

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Prayer during WW2 to keep Britain from falling to Hitler