



JESUS' DEATH GAVE US HIS POWER OVER OUR ENEMIES

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Exodus 3:4-5 KJV And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. (5) And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Joshua 5:13-15 KJV And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? (14) And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? (15) And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6:1-5 KJV Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. (2) And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. (3) And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. (4) And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. (5) And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

Ephesians 6:10 MKJV Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

When God spoke from the THRONE MODEL of the Ark it was from ATONEMENT perspective.

- THRONE coupled with ATONEMENT means something powerful.
- Why is a THRONE associated with ATONEMENT?
- That means the words God spoke to help Israel were allowed to be spoken all because they were ATONED to God - reconciled to God.
- Just as in the most holy place, God speaks to Moses that he has entered HOLY GROUND.
- And instead of the ark, the BURNING BUSH is his origin of speech.
- And since the BURNING BUSH was where God spoke of HIMSELF USING MOSES and delivering Israel THROUGH MOSES, we see the ATONEMENT idea.
- God can only do something THROUGH US if we are AT ONE WITH HIM.
- If sin separated us from Him, then He could not use us unless that sin was removed.
- And once sin is removed, we are vehicles for God's KINGDOM.

- And that's what God told Moses -- He would deliver Israel, personally, by USING MOSES.
- And the burning bush not only stood in the place of the ATONEMENT ark of the covenant, where we see a picture of a throne of God on earth.

The branches of the burning bush show attached branches to a single unit that does not burn out.

The emphasis of the bush not burning out right when the time God spoke to Moses after Moses abandoned all hope of ever doing a work for God tells us a message.

- Realize your KINGDOM UNION to Jesus and let God teach you how He can WORK THROUGH YOU IN HIS POWER, and you will NOT BURN OUT.
- What causes you to not be able to take it any more is using your own power.
- And ATONEMENT is trying to teach us that WE ARE IN UNITY WITH HIS POWER, but we just have to get a real revelation of that.
- We have to learn to stop using our power and burn out, and instead let His power flow through us where we go forth in the power OF HIS MIGHT!

An angel of the Lord appears to Joshua, just like the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush that would not burn out.

- There is the idea of VICTORY OVER ENEMIES AS WARRIORS in KINGDOM UNION that God is trying to show us.

FROM THE MODEL OF A THRONE, FROM A BURNING BUSH REPRESENTING GOD'S POWER ON US THAT DOES NOT BURN OUT, to a SOLDIER WITH A SWORD RAISED!

And when this ANGEL OF THE LORD SPEAKS TO JOSHUA, it is GOD SPEAKING - not Gabriel or Michael.

Exodus 3:2 KJV And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Exodus 3:4 KJV And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

Joshua 5:15 KJV And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

God spoke to JOSHUA ON HOLY GROUND from something that shows us something else ABOUT UNION TO KINGDOM GLORY.

- Just as speaking from THE ARK THRONE shows a message about KINGDOM UNION TO JESUS, and the burning bush that doesn't burn out shows how we can be used by God in God's power and not burn out, speaking from the picture Joshua saw on holy ground gives another clue about what Kingdom UNION does for us.

GOD SPOKE FROM A SOLDIER.

Exodus 3:4 KJV And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

And when the soldier speaks to Joshua, IT IS AGAIN GOD SPEAKING.

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There is a message of UNION TO HIS KINGDOM GLORY THAT GIVES US POWER OVER ANYTHING.

People try in THEIR might to conquer evil in this world.

- I am talking about Christians.

When the Captain answered Joshua's question as to whether or not he was for Israel or for their enemies, the Soldier said something unexpected.

- "No."

What did he mean?

- "No"?
- He meant that he was neither FOR Israel nor FOR their enemies.
- HE WAS CAPTAIN!
- He was not someone who would follow Joshua, nor follow the enemy and help them.
- He would LEAD JOSHUA, since He came as CAPTAIN, not a lieutenant or corporal.

We think God is our pie in the sky and is there at our beck and call for our situations.

- We want God to do this, or to do that.
- No.
- He has come to LEAD US as CAPTAIN.

They had never fought a city like this before.

- Yet God told them to go in and possess the place.
- Imagine Joshua's thoughts.
- How will they ever do this?
- No catapults, ladders to scale the walls with, no battering rams.
- What a dilemma.
- They only had swords, spears and slings.

Joshua was not supposed to look at God and realize that God will join his army and be on his side.

- The army is not Joshua's.
- It is God's.
- God does not come to join you.
- God is in control, not us.
- The battle is therefore not Joshua's. It is God's battle because God is King.

This angel did not ask Joshua what instructions Joshua might want to give to him.

- He came to take over.
- He did not ask for Joshua's battle plan.
- He did not ask for Joshua's opinion.
- Joshua was to submit to this one and be servant, not vice versa.
- Joshua would take orders from him.
- Joshua would ensure he realized all leadership was in this one's hands.

Joshua received the message.

Josh 5:14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

He called the CAPTAIN "LORD".

- He called himself "SERVANT".

Just as Moses ran the show and was corrected by God, Joshua had a similar idea.

The Lord corrected him.

BOTH CORRECTIONS REGARDED THE PERSON'S MISTAKEN IDEA TO LEAD.

The last time God showed Himself on holy ground, and commanded shoes to be removed was when He worked to deliver Israel and save them from Egypt by the blood of the lamb.

- But this time was not salvation from Egypt by the blood.
- This time it was victory over the enemy after they were saved.
- Church, we need to realize that God is not just the leader when He saves us from sin.
- But He remains leader throughout our entire lives and leads every battle and makes all the strategies for us to follow.
- HE IS AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH!

Moses saw UNION.

- It's what saves us!
- And Joshua sees POWER OVER ENEMIES WITH UNION after salvation.

And it involved the ARK, the SYMBOL OF UNION by ATONEMENT.

If we could ever really grasp the blessings of ATONEMENT.

Both these men came to this holy ground and removed their shoes after a FORTY YEARS PERIOD.

Moses was forty years in the desert after.

Acts 7:22 KJV And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

Acts 7:29-30 KJV Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons. (30) And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

Numbers 14:33-34 KJV And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness. (34) After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Joshua 5:6 KJV For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

And this is the chapter where the Captain of the Lord's host came to Joshua.

Forty years is a generation in the bible.

- A whole life.
- The part of us that wants to do its own thing must die.
- This LIFE must go.
- And there is a YOUNGER life inside us, that was only born since the day we were saved, and the older part of us that was born on our birthday is a great hindrance.
- But it is as though that older part is dead and out of the way now when we fully yield to God and allow Him to run the show.

God waited forty years for the time Moses could be correctly used of God.

Forty years before Joshua met this soldier, Israel was supposed to enter the land, but **THEY DID NOT HAVE THE REVELATION OF ATONEMENT UNION.**

Like Moses, they only thought of their own strength.

Moses thought it would work, and at least the Israelites who came to the borders of Canaan knew their own strength would not work.

- 1. But they went too far the other way.
- They totally gave up and said they cannot enter the land.

Numbers 13:27-29 KJV And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. (28) Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. (29) The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

Numbers 13:30-33 KJV And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. (31) But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. (32) And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. (33) And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

The ark of the covenant was right there with them.

- They said the giants are stronger than them!
- They could not stop thinking of their own power.
- Recall that God told Joshua to take the ark and carry it behind seven priests who would blow trumpets of ram's horns.
- Atonement means HIS POWER is with us,
- 7 HORNS.
- PERFECT POWER.

But the people did nothing with the ark this day.

- It sat to the side laying there.
- No significance.
- The SYMBOL OF KINGDOM ATONEMENT and UNION TO THE KINGDOM was abandoned.

But Joshua had the concept!

Numbers 14:6-9 KJV And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: (7) And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. (8) If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. (9) Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

They distinctly feared WALLS OF THE CITY.

- And when God told Joshua the KEY TO VICTORY, as he told MOSES THE KEY TO DELIVERING VICTORY, THE WALLS WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

Joshua 6:5 KJV And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

Later when they carried the ark on their shoulders, they were signifying that BECAUSE OF UNION TO KINGDOM GLORY. GOD IS WITH US, WE'RE ONE WITH GOD, AND IN HIS POWER THE WALLS WILL FALL.

After Israel heard from God that they would wander forty years until they were dead, they decided to go ahead and enter rather than die.

Numbers 14:39-45 KJV And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. (40) And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. (41) And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. (42) Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. (43) For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. (44) But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. (45) Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

Notice it specifically said the ARK DID NOT GO UP.

They went from thinking they could do NOTHING on their own to TRYING EVERYTHING on their own.

Both times THEY DID NOT CONSIDER ATONEMENT UNION with GOD WORKING WITH THEM.

- So they failed.

Let us always realize that without Him we can do nothing, but with Him we can do all things!
