

## Worship is Warfare

### 2 Chronicles 20 Jehoshaphat (King of Judah) vs Moab & Ammon

(2Ch 19:4-5) <sup>4</sup>So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD God of their fathers. <sup>5</sup>Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city,

#### **Priorities: Faith and Justice**

(2Ch 20:3) <sup>3</sup>And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

#### **God is our Defense** (my story)

(2Ch 20:10-12) <sup>10</sup>“And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them— <sup>11</sup>“here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit. <sup>12</sup>“O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”

#### an **Appeal to Heaven** (Justice)

(2Ch 20:15) <sup>15</sup>And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.”

(2Ch 20:17) <sup>17</sup>“You will not need to fight in this battle.”

#### **Worship Shifts the Battle; the Battle becomes the Lord's**

Jehoshaphat put Worshippers at the head of Judah's army, enemies killed each other, 3 days gathering plunder, returned worshipping, other nations afraid to touch them

#### **Worship is Warfare – the execution of God's Justice**

### Isaiah 42 Justice through Worship

(Isa 42:1-4) “Behold! My Servant... He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles... He will bring forth justice for truth... He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth;”

#### **God is about Justice. Worship is how we partner with Him in its execution.**

(Isa 42:10-13) Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth... Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare His praise in the coastlands. The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies.

#### **Worship provokes God's Zeal. Your enemies become His enemies.**

(Rev 5:8-9) <sup>8</sup>Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song,

**Worship and Prayer are inextricably linked**

(Rev 8:3-5) <sup>3</sup>Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup>And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. (Seven Trumpets immediately follow)

**Praying/Worshipping church partners with God  
to bring End Times judgements (Justice) to earth**

**Psalm 149 Worship with the Word** (sword - Eph 6:17)

**Worship changes the Spiritual Atmosphere**

**1. Worship brings God's Presence**

**2. Worship creates inhospitable atmosphere for devils**

(1Sa 16:16) <sup>16</sup>“Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well.”

(1Sa 16:23) <sup>23</sup>And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

(Graham Cooke story)

**How we do Psalm 149:**

**We create a Worship Atmosphere**

**and Declare His Word into that atmosphere**

**to Execute Justice** (Appeal to Heaven)

**Warning: Don't shift the focus to devils. Maintain Worship Atmosphere.**

(examples)