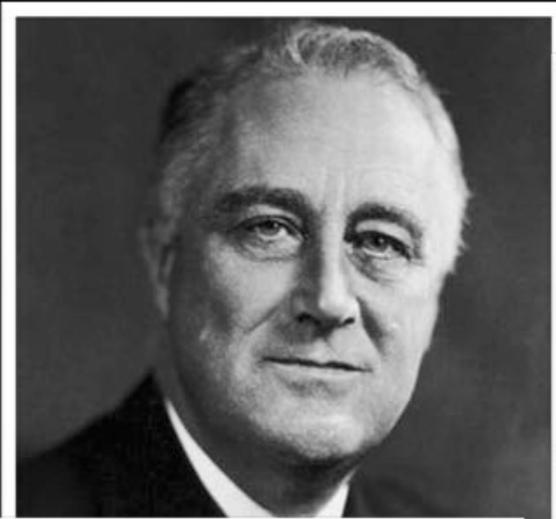


ELISHA

the Miracle Prophet



2 Kings 3

Joram son of Ahab became king of Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah .He did evil in the eyes of the Lord. He clung to the sins of Jeroboam , which he had caused Israel to commit; he did not turn away from them. Now Mesha king of Moab raised sheep, and he had to pay the king of Israel a tribute of a hundred thousand lambs and the wool of a hundred thousand rams. But after Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. So at that time King Joram set out from Samaria and mobilized all Israel.

He also sent this message to Jehoshaphat king of Judah: ‘The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?’

‘I will go with you,’ he replied. ‘I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.’

‘By what route shall we attack?’ he asked.

‘Through the Desert of Edom,’ he answered.

So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them.

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'What!' exclaimed the king of Israel. 'Has the Lord called us three kings together only to deliver us into the hands of Moab?'
But Jehoshaphat asked, 'Is there no prophet of the Lord here, through whom we may enquire of the Lord?'
An officer of the king of Israel answered, 'Elisha son of Shahab is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.'

Jehoshaphat said, 'The word of the Lord is with him.' So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.
Elisha said to the king of Israel, 'Why do you want to involve me? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.'
'No,' the king of Israel answered, 'because it was the Lord who called us three kings together to deliver us into the hands of Moab.'

Elisha said, 'As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. 15 But now bring me a harpist.' While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came on Elisha and he said, 'This is what the Lord says: I will fill this valley with pools of water. For this is what the Lord says: you will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink.

This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord; he will also deliver Moab into your hands. You will overthrow every fortified city and every major town. You will cut down every good tree, block up all the springs, and ruin every good field with stones.'

The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was – water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water.

21 Now all the Moabites had heard that the kings had come to fight against them; so every man, young and old, who could bear arms was called up and stationed on the border. 22 When they got up early in the morning, the sun was shining on the water. To the Moabites across the way, the water looked red – like blood. 23 ‘That’s blood!’ they said. ‘Those kings must have fought and slaughtered each other. Now to the plunder, Moab!’

But when the Moabites came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and fought them until they fled. They destroyed the towns, and each man threw a stone on every good field until it was covered. They stopped up all the springs and cut down every good tree. .

.... The lords fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land





John 14:13-14

13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

EVERYTHING IS EASY FOR GOD

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“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered.
23 “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:22

GOD IS WILLING TO ACT FOR OUR GOOD AND WELLBEING

Psalm 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold from **those whose
walk is blameless.**

GOD INSTRUCTS THE WAY OF HIS CONTINUED HELP AND FAVOUR

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When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an axe to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees people, that you should besiege them?

Duet 20:19

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3 decisions !

Will we **trust** in our own resources or the Lord's goodness?

Will we **live** in God's pathway for continued favour?

Will we **believe** that he is powerful enough and willing to be good to us?