

Was Heard...

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:1-33

Jehoshaphat sought after God whole heartedly. He went around his country and led people towards God. He commanded that all the judges maintain justice and fulfil their duties with the fear of the Lord. He also began a upper house of justice that consisted of the priests and the Levites. He encouraged even them to bring justice in the fear of the Lord. The land of Judea was very prosperous during his reign.

Once Jehoshaphat heard that the Moabites, Ammonites and the Edomite are jointly coming against him for battle. Since the people of Judea had lived peacefully without any battle, they were not prepared to face them. It is very difficult at such a point to go against a huge army. But Jehoshaphat did not trust in people or army. He gathered the people to seek after God. He asked the people to come to Jerusalem for a time of fasting and prayer. At that time God answered His people through a priest called Jahaziel. He said the people of Judah not to be afraid or dismayed because of the great multitude, for the battle was not theirs but God's. He said that there was no need for the people even to fight the battle. They were commanded to just stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

Jehoshaphat and all the people who heard it bowed their head towards the ground falling before God and worshipped Him. The next day when the people had gathered at the appointed place, Jehoshaphat told the people, 'Trust in the Lord and you'll shall prosper'. He also sent the band of singers who worshipped God before the people. They praised God singing, 'Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever'. When the people reached the battlefield, they saw the dead bodies of the enemies who had slain each other. At first the Moabites and Ammonites had destroyed the army of Edomites. Later the Moabites and the Ammonites slew each other. All the enemies were completely destroyed.

The people went to the temple of God and thanked Him. Since Jehoshaphat completely trusted in God, his prayers were miraculously answered. You will be established if you trust in God.

Questions:

1. Who were the ones who came for the battle? Who fought the battle?
2. Why did God give victory for the people of Judah?
3. When can we be established?