

Psalm 27 (Part 9) - Jehoshaphat Preaches the Gospel

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Shabbat Shalom, everyone. You guys ready to do this? This will be a powerful message.

If you haven't been with us, we are currently looking at Psalm 27, but we are embedded in a story in 2 Chronicles 20. It's a situation where the nations banded together and were coming to wipe the Jewish people off of the map. They were coming to destroy them. Jerusalem was outgunned and outmanned. In the flesh, there was no chance of winning this. Jehoshaphat and the people of Jerusalem of Judea prostrated themselves in prayer and fasted, and what happened?

The Lord responded to their prayer, to their humility, and to their fasting by sending His prophet, Jahaziel. Jahaziel gave the most powerful, the most blessed, and the most incredible message that they could ever want to hear in their life. He told them, "Help is on the way. You will not need to fight this battle. You will stand still and see the salvation of God. The battle isn't yours; it's God's." This was an amazing response by the Lord God of Israel. As we continue today, we will see how Jehoshaphat responded to these words that the Lord spoke through Jahaziel. This is what we read:

2 Chronicles 20:18—¹⁸ **And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground**—How did Jehoshaphat respond to the Word of the Lord? It drove him to his knees in a holy fear and a holy reverence. He was in awe—**and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD**. The entire kingdom prostrated themselves before the Lord because of what they heard.

What does that tell you about these people? Their response tells me something. They would not have responded that way unless they believed. How you respond to the Word is the key to everything. Today, when the Word goes out, it will move and drop some of you, and you will begin to pray and seek the Lord. And others of you may not do anything; the Word simply doesn't move you. What is the difference? It's whether you believe it or not. We are talking about faith. This is the key to everything that follows. It is faith.

Now, we press on, and we read this in 2 Chronicles 20:19—¹⁹ **Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high**. (Emphasis added).

If you read this in the Hebrew, what's being communicated is they were praising the Lord at the top of their voices as loudly as they could.

The context is that the entire kingdom was in the temple of God prostrated before the Lord in holy fear, in reverence, and in awe because they believed His Word. In the midst of the sea of people that were on their knees with their faces to the ground, the Levites rose up and belted out to the Lord praise and glory. I can't imagine being there at that time and seeing the awesome sight of the praises of the Lord filling the temple. All of that happened because they believed the Word.

Now, think about this. They could have responded completely differently. They could have heard the prophet's word, scoffed, mocked and said, "This is ridiculous. What do you mean we will stand still and see the salvation? What do you mean we are going out to battle and are just going to stand there?"

Looking at the reality of this situation and the fact that they were outmatched, outgunned, and there was no way they could win this in the flesh, you can see how doubt and unbelief could have crept in. But there was not a whisper of that anywhere in the text. They had nothing but pure faith.

Next, we read this in 2 Chronicles 20:20a—^{20a} **So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa....** We need to pay attention to this because this shows us how deep their faith ran. In the last message, we covered what God spoke through His prophet Jahaziel. God not only commanded His people to **stand still and see the salvation of the LORD**, He commanded, **"Tomorrow go down against them."** They were to go to war tomorrow.

When tomorrow came, what does it say they did? **They rose early in the morning.** They didn't deliberate. They didn't hesitate. They did exactly what God had said. They went immediately even though they were outmatched and outgunned.

Think about this because there was a span of time from when—they received the Word of the Lord, everyone prostrated themselves, and the Levites rose up and sang praises—until the morning. They still had to make it through the night. I doubt a lot of people in that kingdom slept that night. I doubt the army slept that night. What a perfect opportunity for the enemy to start sowing fear, doubt, and uncertainty into the camp with thoughts like, "How is this going to go down? What will this look like? Will we be led to our own slaughter?" All these thoughts could have crept in, but their actions show how resolved they were in their faith. They had no hesitation. They were not blinking. They trusted in God's Word that much. They had faith second to none. When you are up against an impossible situation and you have fear and doubt, only faith will give you the ability to overcome that.

Next, we read 2 Chronicles 20:20a-20b—^{20a} **and as they went out Jehoshaphat stood and said,** ^{20b} **"Hear (shama) me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem . . .** (emphasis added).

This was the day after Jahaziel gave the Word of the Lord. Israel, the Jewish people, were going to meet their enemies and go to war. Jehoshaphat moved in this situation and addressed his people as king and as shepherd. His statement is recorded in 2 Chronicles 20:20c—^{20c} **Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established....**

This is impressive to me because the reality of war was now getting closer and closer. It's getting more real. It's one thing to say you will do this or that and God will do this for me, but when you go toe-to-toe with your enemies, you discover who you are. As the reality of war was pressing in, Jehoshaphat moved

lest fear and doubt crept into the minds of the army. He told them the key to it all: **Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established.**

This is everything. This statement is so profound and so deep that I want to peel some layers back. I want you to appreciate what Jehoshaphat was doing because this was awesome. I want to do this by showing you how the Targum translates this very passage—**Put your trust in the Memra of the Lord, your God . . .** (emphasis added). 2 Chronicles 20:20c says—^{20c} **Believe in the LORD (Yahweh) your God,** and the Targum says—**Put your trust in the Memra.**

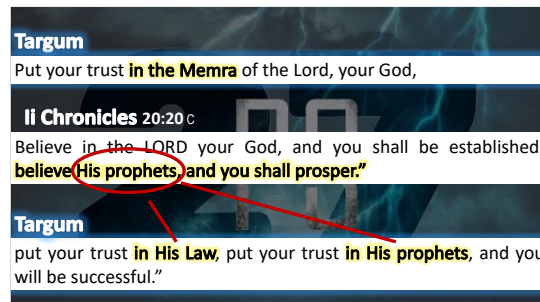
If you are not familiar with the Targum, the Aramaic term “*Memra*” simply means “Word.” The English term “Word” is *Dabar* in the Hebrew, *Logos* in the Greek, and *Memra* in the Aramaic.

The way the Targums utilize the *Memra* is what's most important. It's personified in the very way John declared when he said—**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God** (John 1:1). The *Memra* was God. John understood the deep concept of the *Memra* and the Targumists did too. They personified this term, and ultimately with the revelation of Jesus (*Yeshua*), we know what *Memra* means.

What Jehoshaphat was communicating in 2 Chronicles 20:20 was “Believe in the *Memra*; believe in *Yeshua*.” This is the gospel. So, when Israel was going up against their enemies, Jehoshaphat was preaching the gospel. Very powerful!

He didn't stop there. He added this in 2 Chronicles 20:20c—^{20c} **believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.** (Emphasis added).

The details are important. Notice, prophets is plural. He didn't say prophets in the singular as in just simply Jahaziel and the words the Lord spoke through him. No, Jehoshaphat said to believe His prophets in the plural. What did he mean by this? Let's go back to the Targums and discover exactly what he meant.



Targum—**put your trust in His Law** (*Torah*), **put your trust in His prophets,** and you will be successful. (Emphasis added). He was referring to the Prophets in the *Tanakh*. (The *Tanakh* consists of the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings in our Holy Bible.)

When you put it all together, what do you see? It's the full gospel. Believe in the Lord. Believe in *Yeshua*, the *Memra*, and you will be established. Believe His Word; believe the Scriptures; believe what He says. This is the structure of the faith. This is the reason **the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have**

the testimony of Jesus Christ (the *Memra*, *Yeshua* the Messiah) (Revelation 12:17). That's why Jehoshaphat's statement is so utterly powerful.

What Jehoshaphat communicated here goes beyond just simply winning a single battle. This was about winning the war of all wars and entering into the kingdom of God. This is pure salvation, pure deliverance, and pure power. Whether you stand or fall in battle is totally codependent on whether or not you believe in the Lord your God and in His Prophets, so you can be established and prosper.

I can't help but think about Israel. When Israel was in the wilderness, they were told multiple things by the Word of the Lord, two of which were "I'm bringing you into a land flowing with milk and honey" and "I will give the land to you as an inheritance."

The spies went into the land and brought back evidence to Israel to show them the land truly was flowing with milk and honey, but they said that they could not take the land because they had seen with their eyes the fortified cities. They had seen the power and the stature of the men in the land and felt there was no way they could have victory. They thought it would be impossible. Do you know what they wanted to do? They wanted to change plans. They had a better idea than God. They wanted to select a new leader and go back to Egypt.

The psalmist articulated why Israel didn't go into the land. Listen to what the psalmist said. This is powerful: Psalm 106:24-25—**²⁴Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His word, ²⁵but complained in their tents, and did not heed the voice of the LORD.** (Emphasis added). They could not win because they didn't believe. What they saw with the eyes of flesh and understood with the heart of flesh was more compelling to them than the promises of the Lord.

Think about that because when you don't believe the Word of God, you will fall. I don't care how small the battle is; you will not be able to stand. The only way you can take the land is if you believe His Word. You can only take the land of depression, discouragement, despair, fear, disease, temptation, or addiction if you believe in His Word. Otherwise, you will fall and remain in bondage for the rest of your life. It is faith in the Word that sets you free.

Psalm 119:28 says—**²⁸My soul melts from heaviness**—I love the psalmist because he talked about being horrifically afflicted. This guy was hanging by a thread, and despair had crept in. He was so overwhelmed; his soul was melting. He didn't feel he could go on. So, what did he ask of the Lord? —**strengthen me according to Your word.** (Emphasis added).

Have you ever felt like you are hanging by a thread, you can't go on, and you are totally helpless? Your situation seems hopeless, and you become weak and feeble in the faith. How are you supposed to get strength? Where do you get that from? You go to His Word. You feed on His faithfulness. You feed your spirit on His Word. **Man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD** (Deuteronomy 8:3). This is how we live. This is where we get life.

You need to spend time with the Lord and read His Word. When you read His Word, you have to believe it because only believing it will move you to make changes in your life. Upon reading the Word, you should apply these changes immediately and make them your goal. Without doing that, you will be weak and feeble. Remember how Amalek went to Israel's rear ranks and attacked the weak ones, the stragglers. **Satan roams about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour** (1 Peter 5:8). When you

are not rooted and grounded in the Word, it is open season. We are not called to be weak and pathetic Christians. We are called to be strong.

Psalms 119:49—The psalmist said—⁴⁹ **Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope.** Take this in because the psalmist told God, “Remember what you said, Lord.” If you want to change your prayer life, the Word is how you do it. Remind God of what He said in the Word. I always incorporate this little poem in my prayer: **Remember who you are and forget who I've been. Remember your mercy; forget my sin.**

Remember what you said. ¹⁵ **“Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me”** (Psalm 50:15). Remember your Word, Lord. You told me not to forget all your benefits. Who forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases? Remember your Word, Lord. You said, ²³ **“Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you** (Proverbs 1:23). Remember your Word.

Remember, you are ⁶ **the LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious** (*Yahweh, Yahweh, 'el rahūm wə-ḥan-nūn*), **longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth** (Exodus 34:6). ² **In wrath remember mercy** (Habakkuk 3:2). Lay out before the Lord what He has said. This is one of my favorites: ⁴⁹ **Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope** (Psalm 119:49). And we also have Psalm 119:50—⁵⁰ **This is my comfort in my affliction—What is my comfort? —for Your word has given me life.** (Emphasis added).

If you are sucking wind, hanging by a thread, and being attacked on every side, the Word is the answer. Spend time with the Lord and believe the Word to the point it radically changes you and moves you into a place of obedience, fear, faithfulness, and awe.

There is a story in the Gospel of Luke that has a lot to offer this discussion. We read this in Luke 5:4-5a—⁴ **When He (Yeshua) had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."** ^{5a} **But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing;**

Peter basically told Jesus, “We've already been there and done that. We have labored tirelessly to no avail. We have nothing to show for our efforts.” Can you imagine how exhausted and discouraged they were? They had been working all through the night and caught nothing. Then Jesus (*Yeshua*) basically said, “All you did all throughout the night, do that again. Albert Einstein said, **“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”** By that definition of insanity, what *Yeshua* said looked insane. It seemed completely senseless because they had already done this.

Peter didn't stop there. Listen to how Peter responded: Luke 5:5b—^{5b} **nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.** (Emphasis added). Basically, Peter said, “Because You said so, Lord, I will do what appears to be completely insane. It doesn't make any sense to me. I've already been where You are telling me to go, but at Your word, I will do it.”

I can go back and look at my own walk with the Lord. I remember reading that Scripture discriminates between clean and unclean food. We are not supposed to eat pig or shrimp wrapped in bacon. At first blush, when I heard that, I'm sorry, it sounded silly and absurd. What's that got to do with anything? In my own understanding, that was just insane and absurd. But the reason I did it: **nevertheless, at Your word,** I will do as You have said. Do you see how this relationship is supposed to work?

The same thing happened with Shabbat. I didn't grow up keeping Shabbat. I thought Sunday was a Sabbath and even thought Shabbat was the day for the world. But you're telling me I'm supposed to keep it holy; I can't do the things of the world on this day; I can't cook on this day; I can't work (*melakah*) on this day. How am I supposed to survive? We could come at this a hundred different ways and sound completely insane. **Nevertheless, at Your word, I will do so.**

We are to let down our nets of obedience. What about when *Yeshua* said in His Word—⁴⁴ **“love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you** (Matthew 5:44)? When your heart is angry, you are fuming, rage has filled your entire being, and you feel justified 12 ways from Sunday in your anger because of what they did, you will never know peace or forgiveness, and you will never be able to accomplish Jesus’s words unless you say, **“Nevertheless, at Your word, I will move in this direction because according to Your word unless I forgive my brother his trespasses, I will never be forgiven; I’m a dead man.”**

The only way you will truly forgive your brother is if you believe His Word. That belief, that faith, drives you into deliverance. Your deliverance is by adhering to the words of the Lord. This is strength. Being wrapped up with bitterness, you are weak and pathetic. I've been there. I have been weak and pathetic. It's garbage. God cannot use people that are not adhering to His Word; that's just a simple fact.

I think about prayer. How many of you have stopped praying for certain things because you've labored tirelessly? You've cast your net out over and over and caught nothing. Yet, what does *Yeshua* say? He said to pray and not lose heart. Pray without ceasing. *Yeshua* is calling you to cast out your net and continue to pray for those things you gave up on. You should respond, **“Lord, I prayed this a thousand times, nevertheless at Your word, I will do it. I will cast it out.”**

What we are talking about right now makes the difference between being a strong community, anointed with the Spirit of God and moving in His Word, or being a pathetic, weak community.

I want to show you how this pans out because at His word, Peter moved: Luke 5:6-7—⁶ **And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.** ⁷ **So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.**

Because at His word, even though Peter had been there and done that, and it sounded completely insane and ridiculous, he could not contain the blessing in his own boat; even when he called for help, they couldn't contain the blessing. Here's the deal: in the Torah, it says: Deuteronomy 11:26-27—²⁶ **“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God.**

You need to believe that when you embrace and believe that Word and walk in it, you will not be able to contain the blessing. It will be too much for you to haul in. The blessing that will be upon you will boil over to others around you.

Going back to 2 Chronicles 20:20—²⁰ **So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of**

Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." That is the gospel of Yeshua right there: believe in Yeshua and keep His commandments.

2 Chronicles 20:21a—^{21a} **And when he had consulted with the people...** They were talking military strategy on how they would approach the enemy. This is how they decided to do it: 2 Chronicles 20:21b—^{21b} **he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness**—as in His holiness—**as they went out before the army . . .** (emphasis added).

Now, I have to stop here. Do you see how insane this is? I don't care what generation you look at; this was not something that was common place in any of them. This is not what they did. It's insane and absurd. It would be like the United States government going to war against China or Russia and calling up, "Hey, we need the CF worship team to lead the army into war. We want to put Brett, Emily, and the rest of your team in front of our troops as they go to battle."

People would think, "This is insane. They will all die. Our worship team will be killed. You are putting the choir in front of the army? Who has ever heard of such a thing?"

This sounds completely insane until you discover what they are singing. This is where the insane power comes in. We are so blessed because we know they are singing praises. This is where we come to the finest point. In the last part of verse 21, we read this: 2 Chronicles 20:21c—^{2c} **and were saying: "Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever** (*hōwdū Yahweh kî lā'ōlām ḥasdōw*)." (Emphasis added).

In many versions of the Bible, this phrase is typically translated, "**Give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy endures forever.**" This phrase is found all over the place in Scripture. Psalm 106 and Psalm 107 start with this phrase. Psalm 118 starts and ends with this phrase. It's a pair of bookends that encapsulates that entire Psalm. Every verse in Psalm 136 declares, "**For His mercy endures forever.**"

So, this is what they sang as they went out before the army. I want to show you how powerful this is and why this is powerful. Let's peel back some layers here and read in Proverbs:

Proverbs 16:6—⁶ **In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity.** (Emphasis added). This is our first step in the process. Atonement is everything. We are talking salvation. How does that happen? We are told it happens in mercy and truth.

The psalmist articulated it this way: Psalm 85:10—¹⁰ **Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.** (Emphasis added). They have kissed meaning they have met together. Something supernatural and beautiful has just been revealed.

What is this mercy and truth? In John, we read: John 1:17—¹⁷ **For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ,** (Messiah *Yeshua*). (Emphasis added). Who is this mercy and truth by which atonement is provided? It is *Yeshua*. See the grace, the mercy, and truth have kissed when the *Memra* became flesh and dwelt among us.

Now, let me build on this because there is something important recorded with very specific language in the New Testament about *Yeshua*. I'll give you just a couple examples. In Hebrews, we read: Hebrews 7:24—²⁴ **But He, because He (*Yeshua*) continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.** (Emphasis added). The one thing recorded about Jesus (*Yeshua*) is that He continues forever.

We read this in Revelation 1:18—¹⁸ **I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.** (Emphasis added).

Take all that we just acquired and go back and look at: 2 Chronicles 20:21c—^{2c} **and were saying: "Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever."**

His mercy, which is *Yeshua*, endures forever. What is this a declaration of? *Yeshua*. Give thanks to the Father for the Son. This is the declaration of the gospel. Do you want to know why this is so powerful, and why their enemies will fall before them? Because this is a similar situation of what happens in Revelation 5:13—¹³ **"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"**

This was ultimate praise and glory. The Son was being magnified. When the Son is magnified with your mouth, heart, and actions, watch out; there's not an enemy that will be able to stand before you, not one.

2 Chronicles 20:22—²² **Now when they began to sing and to praise**—What is the power of this declaration of His glory? —**the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir**—all the nations that had banded together to destroy them—**who had come against Judah; and they were defeated**—they fell. (Emphasis added).

Because they obeyed even though it sounded insane to put their singers in front, do you know, just like in Peter's situation, the spoils were so great they couldn't carry them? They were there for three days trying to collect the spoils of war. They couldn't contain the blessing because they believed the Word and magnified and glorified the *Memra*, *Yeshua* the Messiah, the Word that was made flesh. This is an awesome thing for me to consider.

Psalms 149:5—⁵ **Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.**

There are times when your mind is flooded with thoughts of the world and all the mundane ridiculous things that will burn up. I want to challenge you: as you walk in the strength and power of the Living God, you should be shifting from the thoughts of the world and the cares of the world to glorifying *Yeshua* and magnifying His name on your bed (in the time that is usually given to the world, to the devil).

Psalms 149:6—The psalmist continued—⁶ **Let the high praises of God (*Elohim*) be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand.** (Emphasis added).

That's all there is in this life: war. As you go from battle to battle, from temptation to fear to doubt, and from fighting covetousness to fighting idolatry, you will not stand and be victorious unless you ⁶ **let the high praises of *Yeshua* be in your mouth and a two-edged sword be in your hand.** What is that? The Word of God. ¹² **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.** (Hebrews 4:12, Emphasis added).

We should be walking around praising the Lord with our mouths and with our weapon. The Word is our weapon and where we get our strength. The Word is how you fight back against the devil.

Psalms 100:2, 4—² **Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. . . .⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.**

What does Psalm 22:3 say (because we are getting some beautiful military secrets here)? It says—³ **He inhabits the praises of Israel.** If you want strength, you will never derive it on your own. You need the presence of His power. Every time we read in Scripture, when the presence of His power comes in, it's over. Stuff happens and enemies fall. ¹ **Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered** (Psalm 68:1). This is what happens when you dwell in His presence. This is why Moses told God that if His presence wasn't going with them, he wouldn't move. Moses knew without God's presence they were as good as dead.

How do you get into His presence? You thank Him and praise Him. What an amazing thing to teach us to even sing praises and hymns to Him on our bed. Why? To usher in the presence of the Holy Spirit. I want His power. That's why in this community we open up with prayer. My office is also opened up with worship and praise. That's why we open up this service with worship and fill it with praise. The power of praise is important because that's what ushers in the presence of God, and that's when deliverance happens. Amazing!

Psalm 59:16a—David said this—^{16a} **But I will sing of Your power.** (Emphasis added).

Do you know what Paul said about Yeshua? In 1 Corinthians 1:24, he said—²⁴ **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** In Psalm 110:1, David said—¹ **My LORD said to my Lord.** David knew Yeshua, and don't you think for a second he didn't have this revelation. He had a revelation of the Messiah *Yeshua* and called him Lord. And what did David say? He was going to sing of Him. He is the power of God. He was going to sing of *Yeshua*. *Yeshua* is to be praised and adored. He is to be magnified and glorified.

If that wasn't enough, look at what he said in conjunction with this: Psalm 59:16b—^{16b} **Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy—*Yeshua* is the mercy, the grace of the Living God. David's mouth is filled with praise to His Lord, the Messiah *Yeshua*—in the morning; for You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.** (Emphasis added).

We read the following in the book of Acts 16:25—²⁵ **But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.** (Emphasis added).

I challenge you to read the story we've just covered in 2 Chronicles 20 of Jehoshaphat and his kingdom. Make special note of two things they did: prayer and praise. Victory!

That's what Paul and Silas did when they were in prison bound with shackles. They didn't know if that night they might be executed or the next morning. They didn't know anything except the only thing that matters. They knew Jesus (*Yeshua*). They sang praises and prayed to Him. That's a powerful lesson.

So, what was the effect of the power of their prayer and praise? We will see in the next verse that it was just like what we saw with Jehoshaphat and company: Acts 16:26—²⁶ **Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.**

They ushered in the power in the presence of God. Jehoshaphat's situation was impossible. This situation was impossible. The Lord had a sense of humor because it wasn't just the chains of Paul and Silas that were loosed; everyone in that building was set free. The prison keeper was about to commit

suicide because he was going to lose his job since you can't have something like that happen on your duty. Paul said—²⁸ **“Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”** It was so awesome, because instead of dying, the prison guard came into the faith and knowledge of Messiah Yeshua, was baptized, and started serving Paul and Silas.

This was the ultimate power and presence of God. This is the power of praise and the power of prayer. I don't care how many hours you pray or how many scriptures you've memorized; it doesn't impress God unless it's backed with faith to where it moves you.

You have committed these things to memory to fight in war and protect yourself to keep on the path of righteousness. This is who we need to be.