

Of the many jobs we might want I do not see many of us pursuing to be a ditch digger. Yet in the Bible we find that this task was required of a group of people by God and a great victory, no a great miracle came about for God's children.

So it may not be our first choice, but we need to be

DITCH DIGGERS!

We find the story in the book of II Kings. (II Kings 3:1-27)

It would seem that evil in the sight of the Lord and rebellion was the going thing of the day. The King of Israel, Jeroboam caused the people of Israel to continue to be in sin before God and to disobey Him. The King of Moab rebelled against the King of Israel and broke a long time agreement and so began this conflict.

King Jerobam gathered together with him two other Kings, Jehosaphat, King of Judah, and the the King of Edom to go against the Moabites. They set forth and marched seven days through the land of Edom and there was no water found, not for them or the cattle. Jehosaphat spoke up and said, "Is there not a prophet in the land that we can inquire of for wisdom and direction?" One of the servants spoke up and said yes, Elisha is near, so they went to him.

Now it is interesting to note that the background of these kings is worthy of our attention. Jeroboam was the son of Ahab (remember his wife was Jezebel – II Kings 21). Also the Edomites were the descendants of Esau.(He sold his birthright for food – Genesis 25:34) They were about to go to war with the Moabites; the descendants of Lot from his incestuous relationship with his daughters.(Genesis 19:30) Not your average "good ole boys" But Jehosaphat was different, he was a godly man, a good king and pious before God.

So the Kings arrived where Elisha was and inquired of him. But the response they received was not quite what they expected. Elisha said abruptly, (II Kings 3:13,14)

"What have I to do with thee? Get thee to the prophets of your Father and Mother." Elisha said, "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehosaphat the King of Juah, I would not look toward thee, or see thee."

Elisha was not even going to talk with them if it had not been for the one godly man. The condition of our lives will block hearing the voice of God's leaders when He speaks to us through them. Sin always blocks or hinders hearing God.

Elisha got down to business and called for a minstrel. God always wants and desires our worship and praise in all situations, especially when we need Him like they did. They needed water, badly, what would God say? II Kings 3:15b states, ". . . when the minstrel played the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha". II Kings 3:16,17 tells us what God spoke through Elisha.

"And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. 17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts."

Wow!! Water would come and fill all the ditches they would dig and it would come supernaturally, not by rain, flood, or any natural means. The place they were in was an old dry river bed. God said prepare the place for water and I will bring it forth. Note also in II Kings 3:18 that very casually God added, it is but a "light thing" you will also defeat your enemies, I will deliver the Moabites into your hand.

Let's bring this up-to-date. How do we "dig ditches" today and prepare our lives to receive the heavenly water, the supernatural flow of God and the defeat of all our enemies. The story relates a natural digging, but we know this is a spiritual application of the Word of God. The water speaks of the flow of the anointing of God in our lives, the supernatural ability from God energizing us to fulfill all of His commands. And the heavenly strategies that will enable us to defeat our enemies. The ditches represent preparing the ground (our heart and mind) to receive from God; giving the water a route to flow into the hard, dry places in us, that need water to make them receptive again. Jesus said in

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Note Jesus said "rivers", multiple flowings out of our lives by the Holy Spirit. So what is it we need to do to "dig" some ditches?

- **Prepare the ground – Build our faith and our trust in our God.**
*Dig, Dig, Dig – everytime we talk about, pray about, declare with our mouth what God is doing, has done or will do we are digging ditches for the water. Our speaking about God builds our faith in Him. It prepares us for the water, the anointing, the fire of God, the flow of the Holy Spirit in all things. There are too many places in us that are parched, dry and barren, that give place for the enemy to kill, steal and destroy.(John 10:10)
Re-dig the wells, the ditches. Many in the body of Christ have wells that are stopped up and ditches that can't hold water anymore. It is time that we clean them out, and clean them up, so we can receive what God desires to flow through us.*
- **Worship God**
God needs our worship, God deserves our worship, our adoration, our praise, our love. He is a great and awesome God we need to tell Him that He is. Over and over and over!
- **After worship God speaks**
Listen for His voice, His instructions. It may come from Him directly, from your pastor, a friend, or something you read. Be alert for His voice at all times and in all places.
- **Obey the Word God speaks – instantly and without question – this is our sacrifice to Him**

Look at II Kings 3:20.

" And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water."

God did what He said, the water came by supernatural means. Continued reading of II Kings 3:19-27 reveals God's strategy that defeated the Moabites. God will work the same way in our lives when we worship Him, listen for His voice, and obey what He says. Then we like the three kings can celebrate the victory God gives.

It says after the morning offering was given the water came. Jesus is our morning sacrifice. He was crucified in the morning. Then soon after, the Holy Spirit came to bring the living water that flows in and from each of us.

We must dig deep and have a place within ourselves for the water. Especially the increase of water that is coming soon, the former and the latter anointing of the Holy Spirit. We must dig deep, study, learn of Him, watch and be expectant for revelation from His Word.

*Then give Him your best "sacrifice" whether it be time, money, prayer, love, kindness, or service. **GIVE God THE BEST!** God is our source for everything we need, apply the story we just read, dig the ditches, be prepared*

***THE WATER IS COMING!!!! THE DRY LAND WILL BE WATERED!!!!
OUR ENEMIES ARE DEFEATED!***