

2 Chronicles 14:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

Analysis

King Asa's prayer facing overwhelming odds: 'And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.' This prayer acknowledges that God's power is independent of human strength - whether many or few, strong or weak, makes no difference to God. The basis for confidence: 'we rest on thee' (dependence) and 'in thy name' (by divine authority). The final appeal - 'let not man prevail against thee' - recognizes that attacks on God's people are ultimately challenges to God Himself. Christ embodies this truth - His victory over sin and death came through weakness (the cross), demonstrating God's power perfected in weakness.

Historical Context

Asa faced Ethiopian invasion with million-strong army (c. 896 BCE). His prayer before battle demonstrated faith that victories belong to the LORD, not military might. God delivered Judah completely (14:12-15), validating Asa's trust and providing an enduring example of dependence on God alone.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What overwhelming odds are you facing where you need to recognize 'it is nothing with God to help' regardless of your weakness?
2. How does understanding that opposition to you as God's child is ultimately opposition to God Himself change your perspective on spiritual battles?

Interlinear Text

עָמַךְ	אֵין	יְהוָה	וַיֹּאמֶר	אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	יְהוָה	אֶל	אֲסָא	וַיִּקְרָא
H5973	H369	LORD	and said	his God	LORD	H413	And Asa	cried
		H3068	H559	H430	H3068		H609	H7121

עֲזָרָה	כֹּחַ	לֹא	יִן	כִּב	יִן	עֲזָרָה
help	or with them that have no power	whether	with many			help
H5826	H3581	H996	H7227			H5826

בָּ	אֲנִי	וּבְשִׁמְךָ	נִשְׁעָנוּ	עַל	יְיָ	כִּי	אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	יְהוָה
	we go	on thee and in thy name	for we rest		LORD	his God		LORD
	H935	H8034	H8172		H3068	H430	H3588	H3068

יַעֲצֵר	אֶל	אֲתָהּ	אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	יְהוָה	הִזָּה	הִקָּמָה	עַל
prevail			his God	LORD	H2088	against this multitude	H5921
H6113			H430	H3068		H1995	

אָנוּשׁ:	עָמַךְ
let not man	
H582	H5973

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 1:19 (References Lord): And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

Psalms 22:5 (Parallel theme): They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

Psalms 20:7 (References God): Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Acts 2:21 (References Lord): And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 8:31 (References God): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

2 Chronicles 13:14 (References Lord): And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

Proverbs 18:10 (References Lord): The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

2 Chronicles 13:18 (References God): Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

1 Samuel 14:6 (References Lord): And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

Psalms 120:1 (References Lord): In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.