

What To Do?

“We do not know what to do
but our eyes are upon you.”
2 Chronicles 20:12 (NIV)

The nation of Judah was in the midst of a great reform movement to turn back to God. The king did much to get his people to serve God only. Just when he had it all together and was seeing the results of his religious reform, a dreadful enemy appeared on the horizon.

The king was informed of a great army that was poised to attack his nation and overpower it. Immediately the king called for the nation to cease eating, and to gather for prayer about the matter. It is interesting that the king did not first get his army ready for battle and then pray for success.

The king's prayer teaches us much about how to prepare for an imminent crisis in life. He started with a wordy description of who God was. Over half of the prayer is a description of the sovereignty of God and His faithfulness to His people, among other things.

Before the king got around to mentioning the difficulty they wished God to get in-

involved with, he spoke of how great and faithful God was. Those truths were exceptionally important to the nation right at that time. The bigger their God, the smaller the problem became.

People who find themselves always worrying about life, and its complications, are signalling to others that they have a small God. Here we read of the king's prayer and in the 7 verses recording his prayer, he only has one verse that mentions what it is he wants from God for the nation.

We need to ask ourselves about our prayers for our own difficulties in life. Do our prayers major on the problem and minor on who God is? Are we so occupied with the issue that we obscure the vision of God in the process? We do so at our own peril.

The greater my view of God, the smaller the problem seems to be. Is it not time to build up our understanding of who God is so that we will be able to keep everything in proper perspective?

When I was a child I watched

my father do many things. He framed, wired and finished off the family cottage without professional help. There was never anything that could go wrong with our family car that he could not fix. To me, he seemed to be a man who could do anything. When I became an adult I learned that there were a lot of things to be done in this life that my Dad did not know how to do.

Never think that prayer is the last resort when tragedy strikes. It is the first and most effective thing that can be done to resolve our issues in life. When we come to the place where we do not know what to do, then do what the people in our verse today did. They sought after God and were delivered.

Read the passage that includes our verse for yourself. 2 Chronicles 20:6-12. Learn what to do when you don't know what to do. Do it today.

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