

The Shout of Faith

2 Chron. 13:14-16

1. There was a civil war between Judah and Israel. Judah had remained faithful to God but Israel had slipped into idolatry.

- a. The men of Judah were surrounded by the enemy. They prayed. We must pray.
- b. However, it was not until they shouted in faith when God turned things around for them.
- c. This is the secret of victory. DON'T WON'T UNTIL THE BATTLE IS OVER—SHOUT NOW!

2. God taught Joshua this victorious truth of victory when they went to battle with Jericho:

- a. Joshua 6:2-5
- b. Notice that God said that He had already given Jericho into their hands. This was a done deal.
- c. We are told the secret for seeing the physical manifestation of God's "already done" promise. It is to "shout" the shout of faith that claims the victory before it sees it.
- d. Joshua 6:16-21; Heb. 11:1, 30; Psalm 47:1-3

3. Jesus explained that faith is believing that it receives before it sees the physical manifestation:

- a. Mark 11:22-24
- b. If we truly believe that God is true to His Word, we won't be so sophisticated and cool. We will learn to shout unreservedly and claim the victory.

4. Why this does not always work

- a. 1 Sam. 4:5-11

- b. Eli's sons, the leaders of Israel, had caused all of Israel to sin against God. God's protective.
- c. Furthermore they had no faith:
- d. *And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, **it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.*** (1 Sam. 4:3)
- e. When they said that it "may" save them then they were already unsure. There is a difference between saying "may" save us and "will" save us. One expresses hope with doubt. The other expresses faith that the victory is theirs.
- f. The Israelites had faith in the tabernacle like some people have it in a lucky rabbit's foot. If it is suppose to bring you "luck" then why didn't it work for the rabbit?
- g. Too many people put more faith in the principle than in God. Shouting itself makes nothing happen except a sore throat and a hoarse voice. Faith in God exercised by shouting brings the victory.