

***I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD.**

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Judges 3:18-23, 28 KJV *And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. (Ehud had gone as a servant, but returned as a leader)*

19 *But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.*

20 *And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.*

21 *And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: (Sword of the Spirit)*

22 *And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. (The whole sword/Word, must be used)*

23 *Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.*

27 *And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.*

28 *And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.*

The book of Judges comes after the death of Joshua. Joshua was a type of the Holy Spirit that held the all book of the Law as it was brought by Moses, God's prophet who was God's voice of the hour.

As Joshua died, the light of the truth begun dwindling. Then the people, the elders that had sat under Joshua's ministry died also and at that time, none could testify of God's works.

People started worshipping the gods of the people of the world. Things went terrible with Israel which was the church of God. When they realized that those gods gave them no help, they cried to the God of their fathers.

God started raising them judges who represented the messengers to restore light to the church of Israel and get people back to their God.

1. Othniel

2. Ehud

Ehud was one of those serving Eglon until he realised, he had the message which he trusted could set him free and those who could follow him..

The Message from God is always a mystery, the messenger with the Message is a mystery also to the world. He can only be acknowledged after God has vindicated him. His message must be able to produce positive results.

God has got to deal with His messenger first, He has to show Himself to His messenger till His messenger is convinced beyond doubt that God is with him and that the Message given to him is capable of accomplishing what it says.

Think of how God came to Moses, think of how He came to Gideon.. think of how he came to Joshua and what He told him, that was the sword which was going to do the work. The messenger then would be vindicated to lead the people..

Moses was born a special child.

Hebrews 11:23-27 KJV *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*

24 *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;*

25 *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

26 *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

27 *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*

The messenger pulls out of the rest of the established organisations, which have forgotten the works of God, and goes seeking the true fellowship where he can be with God.

Do you know that at the time of Moses, there was a leader, a Pharaoh that did not know Joseph, therefore they didn't know Joseph's God who had saved them?

God had to pull His servant out and make Himself revealed to him. He gave him a better spiritual weapon, the sword of the Spirit, that would subdue the Egyptians power. Then this would call out God's people to follow him.

When God met Moses at the back side of the desert, He revealed Himself to him as the God of his fathers; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This was to lead to an exodus, calling a people out of bondage to to their fathers inheritance.

Gideon had heard of such God of His father's, that never helped him, that never helped his fallen people. They still kept under the servitude of the enemy.

When Gideon met the Lord, he pulled out of that fallen condition. Destroyed the false altars and constructed the altar to God and worshipped Him, which placed the sword of to his hand to disconfite the enemy.

Judges 7:12-18,20-21 KJV *And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.*

13 *And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.*

14 *And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.*

15 *And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.*

16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

[21] And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

This gave Israel great deliverance..

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God's message has to be His Word. His Word is a double edged Sword. It kills and it saves. It gives life. The Word of God is quick and powerful... The Word of God is Spirit and Life. The Word will destroy its enemy but it will secure its own.

Looking at Ehud in his day, he was God's messenger. He had a mystery that none knew of. But this mystery was to destroy the enemy of God's people and give salvation to God's people.

When God gives you a message, He'll put you in the Spirit of that Message which will enable you to act it out.

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

Looking at Ehud, God had raised him in his day, to judge His people. To bring the people back to the knowledge of their God and then be freed from their enemies. Normally God starts with one man who He uses to kindle the fire to the rest.

Ehud came up in the time when Moab had taken control over Israel and was ruling her with rigour. Israel became a servant to Moab.

Ehud could not bear with this. He had to make a sword secretly and kept it secretly inside his garments. He knew that it would one day save him and his people.

He knew it would destroy the power that vexed them and turned them into servants, eating all their produces. Our enemy eats the truth, the Word from the church. The Word is God's bread to His Church.

Ehud came with other men to Eglon's Palace. Other men thought that things would remain the way they have been, but this time it was different for Ehud. It was now life and death.

You can't overcome when you stand with men that know not the mystery. Stand alone with God if the mystery is revealed to you. You don't need accompany of none believers, that leads you to no where.

Ehud left those other men to go and returned to Eglon in his parlour. He said: I have a message from God! Your message has to be addressed to the right people. The rest left and the king Eglon remained.

He was fat, he had eaten the food of God's children like religions have done today and are so fat.

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24 *When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.*

Ehud walked away free leaving Eglon dead and imprisoned in his parlour.

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and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

This is what Jesus did for His church. He was the Word, he said, **Luke 4:18...** *He rendered captivity captive..... He was manifested to destroy the works of devil...*

Finally from The Seventh Seal 63-0324E – Brother Branham said,

284 In Sabino Canyon, sitting up there that morning, I had my hands up. And my...The wind had blowed my old black hat down. When...I was standing there, with my hands up, praying.....

286 And it struck my hand. And I looked, and it was a sword. And it had pearl handles, real pretty; and had a guard over it, with gold. And the blade looked like something like a chrome, like silver, only it was real shiny.

And it was so feather-edged sharp, oh, my! And I thought, "Isn't that the prettiest thing!" Just fit my hand! I thought, "That's awful pretty. But," I said, "hey, I'm always afraid of them things, a sword." I thought, "What will I do with that?"

287 And just then a Voice shook down through there, that rocked the rocks. Said, "It's the Sword of the King!" And then I come out of it.288 "The Sword of the King." Now, if It said, "A sword of a king..."

But It said, “The Sword of the King.” And there is only one “the King,” and that’s God. And He has one Sword, that’s His Word, what I’ve lived by.

That, so help me, God; standing over His holy desk here, with this holy Word laying here! It’s the Word! Amen! Oh, what a day we’re living in! What a great thing! See the mystery and secret? The Third...

289 *Standing there when this left me, Something just come to me and said, “Don’t fear.” Now, I didn’t hear no voice. Like on the inside of me, spoke. I have to just tell you the truth, just exactly what happened.*

Something hit, and said, “Don’t fear. This is that Third Pull.”²⁹⁰ Third Pull! You remember It? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.]

He said, “You’ve had so many impersonators on this, what you tried to explain. But,” said, “don’t even try, This.” You remember it? How many remembers that vision? [“Amen.”]

From his sermon **The Feast Of The Trumpets 64-0719M** - *And it was left me with a Voice that said, “This is the Sword of the King.” And then, later, when the Angel of the Lord revealed it, It was the Word in the hand.*

With this sword, the prophet has blown his trumpet, with this message, we can follow and bring our enemy down....

Let us pray...