

Quiet Time Guide For Friday, August 1, 2008

Greetings:

Don't we often think that the problems that we face are so big and so numerous that even God can't solve them? Maybe we have been asking God for solutions to our problems for such a long period of time, without results, that we have given up on any divine assistance. Don't do this. God's timing is just that, God's timing. In this world of "I want everything right now" it's easy to get frustrated and throw the towel in, but God will assist you with your problems at just the right time. When He does, you generally know why His timing was so important. As for the magnitude of our problems, you don't need to worry. I want to assure you that the God we serve is capable of anything that we may need to alleviate our problems. To back this statement up, I offer a great testimony to the power of God from the book of Joshua. When we look at the miracles that God has accomplished on our behalf this has to rank pretty close to the top of the list. Maybe this will help to assure you that our God is able.

Scriptures For Today:

Joshua 10:12-14: Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "O sun stand still at Gibeon, and O moon in the valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. There was no day like that before it or after it, when the Lord listened to the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.

Life applications

The mystery concerning the unusually long day recorded in the book of Joshua has puzzled scholars throughout the centuries. How did God supernaturally arrange things to extend the day's sunlight during the battle in the Valley of Ajalon to allow Joshua's army the extra hours they needed to totally defeat their Canaanite enemies. When Joshua asked the Lord to give Israel's army additional hours of sunlight, God responded with a remarkable miracle that is unprecedented in human history.

I don't think that our God, who can even stop time, will have too much difficulty helping us with our problems. It really helps to put things in perspective. Then, there is that thing about parting the Red Sea. Even I can get the picture when presented with the above facts. Sufficient to say, we have a God with limitless power that wants to help us in our times of need. He loves each of us like all good parents love their children.

Spiritual Exercise:

Take some time today to reflect on the great miracles that God has accomplished. They are sprinkled throughout the books of the Bible. Pick several that you know about and look them up and reread them. It will help give you confidence that God can handle our problems. If you don't know where to look, get a concordance and look up miracles. There are a number of books at Lifeway Bookstore at Town Center that deal specifically

with the subject of God's miracles. Get a copy and you will have your own daily devotional for months and months.

Thought For The Day:

Focus on God's power and not your weakness. He willed all creation in six days and He wants to help us. Remember, you are His child. He loves you.