

This Thy Might

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“Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:14, 15, 16

The words ‘Redeeming’ or ‘Redemption’ imply the payment of something. It is a payment or a ransom. The Bible calls Jesus “The Redeemer of Israel” because He paid a price to take us out of bondage. We were in captivity then; we are in captivity now. There was a ransom price to be paid, and Jesus paid it. Now, Christians are being told: “Redeem the time.” The implication is, that you will pay something for this time which you will then be given to use. I know from the mail I receive, that one of the great cries is: “What can we do? Is there something we can do more than we are doing? I’m talking to so many people, or I talked to my relatives, and so few seem to answer. What can I do? How can I help carry on the Kingdom message, or the Truth of God’s Word and awaken these people?”

We are told here to “redeem the time” and we are going to talk about “this thy might”, because there is something which you have, which you may not have known you have, by which you will redeem the time; and are redeeming the time, and can redeem the time.

“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding, that what the will of the LORD is.”

Ephesians 5:17

These verses themselves say very plainly that if you are going to redeem the time, you are going to have to know what the will of the Lord is. Otherwise, you cannot redeem the time. Now the truth is, that in order to understand the Bible, you must understand the Old Testament; the Old

Scriptures. I believe it’s safe to say that you cannot understand the New Testament except that you interpret it out of the Old Testament. I think there is a great blindness and darkness on our people because they are trying to understand the last few chapters of a book, and they never read the beginning of it!

This sounds funny and we all laugh. But you folks who’ve been to school, and I assume all of you have, if you were to have a teacher come before you who says: “This is the textbook for this class. We are going to discuss this subject, and this is the whole story on this subject. But all I want you to read is the last few pages. We’re not going to discuss the beginning.” You would not consider him a good teacher, or a good professor or even a good student. And of course, you’ll realize that when you come out of that class, you would probably have some very wrong ideas because you did not get the basics of the theory of whatever subject you were studying.

In the New Testament, after some history of Israel is given, Paul says in **1 Corinthians 10:11**, *“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples (examples): and are written for our admonition (learning), upon whom the ends of the world (age) are come.”*

The history and the experiences of the Israelite people have been written for us, who live in the end of the age. In **Romans 15:4** Paul says: *“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”*

There are several other examples along the same lines. We are to turn to the Old Scriptures for learning, for admonition, and for hope. Let’s do just that, and see if we can find out how we

can better redeem the time in this end of the age, for which the Old Testament was literally written.

It has been mentioned before that our people, as a people, did not have the Bible (the Old Testament or the New), to any extent until around five hundred years ago. It was not the common property of our people. If God saw fit to make this available in millions of copies now, we must be the people of whom Paul was writing in the New Testament, that we are to learn from the Old.

Almost everyone should have learned the story of Gideon, at least to some extent, in class or in church, when they were young. Most of these men who have had great victories in the Bible, are usually told about in any kind of a school, whether they be Methodist, or Presbyterian, or Lutheran. So most people know the story of Gideon. But what most people learn from the churches is the end of the story, and I want to start with the beginning. Perhaps there is more to learn about what happened in the early calling of Gideon, and even before that. In **Judges 6:1-5**, *“And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hands of Midian seven years. And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds. And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amelekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number; and they entered the land to destroy it.”*

It's not too hard to see the parallel between ancient Israel's condition at that time, and that of

our condition today. We are in violation of God's laws, as they were. Our enemies are prevailing against us. Some of our peoples are even making caves in the rocks and mountains in order to hide from the enemies.

Government bureaucracy is destroying our productivity, both farm and factory. Aliens are coming into this country in great numbers, and at least some of them have in their mind to destroy us. In some places this invasion is more noticeable than in others. Someone gave me a copy of a missionary tract about two weeks ago, from some organization in California. They have a missionary working in Mexico. They were asking for money to take the gospel of Jesus to the people in Mexico. Then they ended the call in this tract by pointing out that with the present immigration from Mexico to California, and from Asia into California, that in the near future the white Anglo-Saxons would be a minority in the state of California. It ended with: “You can see how important it is that we reach these people for Christ.”

You see, this is all they think about. They haven't been able to convert the Mexicans in Mexico. I rather doubt that they are going to convert many of them in California. But not knowing anything about what is happening according to prophecy and who we are, all they see in this alien invasion is an opportunity to preach the gospel to people who are now closer to them. I might say, that if they were to investigate this alien invasion at all, they would realize that not even a tiny percentage of them are coming here to hear the gospel. They are coming here to eat up our bread, and take our jobs, and live in our homes, and take political control of this land if they can. I believe these Mexican people are doing the same thing to this land, which is modern Israel, as what apparently these Midianites and children of the east were doing in ancient Israel. The invasion is under way.

It says in **Verse 1** that *“...the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hands of*

Midian.” That first verse is not known by the non-Christians of our race of Israel. At least half of our people have apparently little or no church connection. It is known by only a very few of the rest of our brethren in Israel who go to church. It is known, to some extent, thank God, in recent years, by what we would call the patriotic or anti-communist core of our people. Many of them, in the last few years, are finally beginning to realize that it is God Almighty who is allowing this invasion, because we have sinned against Him (transgressed His law).

“The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.”

Psalms 93:4

These waves of the sea represent peoples and nations, and WE are in that storm. That storm is invading over the sands of the sea, which are Israel. God is actually allowing them to come in here. It is the hand of God Almighty that has put us in this position. It is God who is opening the doors to this country and allowing the aliens to come in. It is God Almighty who is allowing the drought, and the cold air in the north, to lower the productivity in our factories and on our farms. It is God Almighty who is allowing the Amalekite, and the Midianite, and the Khazar-Jew to take positions in government in the federal and state capitals.

If you know that, that is great hope! Have you thought about that? Just think of the situation. If I were to tell you that these people have obtained this control over us because of their might, their power, their cunning, and their wisdom, it would mean there is no hope, because we would have no way out from under them. If they have taken this control while they are against God, and they had prevailed not only against us, but against God, where does that leave us?

But if they have been given whatever control they have over us from God Almighty, then what does that mean? That means that God Almighty who allowed them to come in, is in control of

this whole situation. That means God Almighty can remove them as easily as He brought them in. The border they crossed to come here, or the ship they came in on, can go the other way. And praise God that it will.

Remember that Jesus gave us an example of that when He was brought before Pilate, and Pilate could not understand why Jesus did not stand up and defend Himself. In **John 19** he actually asks Jesus why He didn't answer. I imagine every prisoner who had been brought to him before, must have gone down on his knees and asked for mercy and said: "I didn't do this; I am innocent." They all say that. Jesus didn't say a thing. Then Jesus finally told him. He said, *“Pilate, you could have no power over me, except it be given you from above.”*

And I believe that! The USA is God's Israel nation and no people can have power over us except it is given them from above. That is our great hope.

Let's read on in **Judges; Verses 5-6** because this all happened before Gideon's time. *“...and they entered into the land to destroy it. And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites...”* ...and so they organized the John Birch Society, the Christian Crusade, and the 20th Century Reformation Hour, and they got Stewart McBirnie on the radio to expose the evils of the communists. (Also the League of Rights, Wake-Up-Australia, A.R.B.A and C.H.P.S. etc. to expose the evils of One World Government)

Well thank God, it does not say that. I realize that, to some extent, that's what we've done. But if we are to learn from the Old Scriptures; if they were given to us that we might have hope; if what Israel did back then was written down for our learning, then let's learn from Israel! We are in practically the identical position that Israel was at that time.

“And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites (interest rates and taxes, etc.);

and the children of Israel CRIED UNTO THE LORD.”

Judges 6:6

Once you learn that it is God who has control over everything, then you know to Whom you are to cry. And some day, of course, Israel will do just that.

By the way, I was very impressed during this terrible time of cold and snow out in the east, and I'm not entirely sure, but I know of only one Governor (and thank God for him!), the Governor of Ohio, set aside a day of prayer to God Almighty for relief from that cold, freezing weather. And the people of Ohio, and the churches, went along with this.

So we are starting to cry to God. You can see the spark in Israel that will make us turn to God, when we realize we're in great trouble, and the danger is still there. Israel did, just a few months ago (in Ohio). Don't despair for Israel. In spite of the fact that we don't have ten thousand people here, there are perhaps millions of God's Israel people out there who know, not because of the preachers, but they know it in their hearts, that God is the One to Whom they must seek for sustenance and mercy.

Let's go back to **Exodus 2**, because here is another great deliverance — the greatest one in the Bible actually. The fact that it is referred to more than any other: the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt. We know about Moses being called by God. But prior to Moses being called, we read this in the **Exodus 2:23-24**:

“And it came to pass in the process of time , that the king of Egypt died; and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God, by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.”

That is a Kingdom message: **GOD REMEMBERED HIS COVENANT**. But did

you notice why Israel cried? BECAUSE OF THE BONDAGE! I wish it wasn't so. I wish Pastor Record, and Pastor Emry, and Pastor Ewing, and the rest of the ministers could preach Israel into crying to God. But I'm afraid a lot of people will not cry to God until they cry because of the bondage. And brother and sister, if you don't think we're coming under economic and political bondage, you haven't been watching what's going on in the USA.

Some of you folks out there, as we in Arizona, and several other states, were startled to find out that we could elect a new President into office, and he could be in office a few weeks, and he could suddenly cancel all of the funds voted on and appropriated by all of the representatives that you sent to Congress over the last couple of years for all of these canal projects, irrigation projects, and so on. In other words: What do we have? We apparently have a dictatorship, where the representatives of the people in Congress can set up something to do, and the President can come along and say, “Well, I don't think that's right. We're not going to do that!”

I don't know about the state of California, but I tell you, the politicians in the state of Arizona really had a time of it. They had meetings, and they burned the midnight oil, and the Governor called the representatives. We had a canal that's being built fairly close to where we live. At the moment, they've got a big ditch there, and they've got a little concrete in it already. All these workers think it's all going to stop; they'll all be out of work. I don't know if they'll be reinstated or not. But this is an example of how the economy, the jobs, the work, and the politics are controlled completely outside the hands of the people. Whether it be for good or for bad, it bespeaks of dictatorship.

When we're reading about these people, we know that in Egypt they were under a dictatorship under Pharaoh, and it says, *“...and they cried, and their cry came up unto God, by reason of the bondage. And God heard their*

groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God knew them.”

Exodus 2:23-25

God heard them when they cried. Turn back to Judges 6. We find here again that Israel cried to God. In Exodus when they cried, God sent Moses. Moses actually had a terrible time getting Israel out of Egypt, didn't he? Gideon seems to have had a very easy time in comparison. But there were some important things that happened first. In verse 6 they cried out to God. What did God do? In **Judges 6:7-10**:

*“And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites, that the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; (and he reminded them of Moses and of the deliverance of Egypt). **And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the land of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but YE HAVE NOT OBEYED MY VOICE.”***

No Gideon yet, right? God sent a prophet when they finally cried unto Him. What was God's answer? God sent a prophet and he taught those people the history of the children of Israel.

I think it's a shame that ministers have to take the time to preach history. But I also believe it's true that Kingdom Identity ministers are going to have to teach the history of the Israel people, our history, to our people, before God raises up a Gideon, in the form of Jesus Christ, to deliver us in this last time. They're going to have to understand who they are, and why they are in captivity. And that's apparently going to come through these prophets that will be raised up to tell our people: “God delivered you out of

the house of bondage, out of Egypt.”

By the way, in Deuteronomy, and also in the other books of the law, God gives instruction on what Israel is to teach their children. The story they are to teach their children is God's deliverance of Israel out of Egypt. I have a letter that someone wrote to me recently, that said: “I want to tell you of a catholic woman who threw away her crucifix when she heard your sermon about what to teach your children (#7411). When she realized that she was of the children of Israel, and that God delivered Israel out of Egypt, she realized that her crucifix with the body of Christ on it, was no longer applicable. Jesus is not on the cross. Jesus WAS on the cross but the cross is now empty. And because the cross is empty, Jesus will deliver us.”

I believe that when our people are taught the history of Israel, they will come to know who they are, and they will come to understand that they are in sin against the God who made them. They will understand that all this corruption and sin, and control, and dictatorship, and tribulation is at the hand of God. And when they do that, they'll begin to turn to God and ask, “What shall we do?” In the last twenty years in the American public schools, the true history of the founding of America has not been taught.

There is a new book coming out called “*The Christian History of the American Revolution*”. It's by the same author who put together “The Christian History of the Constitution”. The author, Miss Verna Hall, called me several months ago when it was almost due to come back from the printers, and said: “Pastor Emry, I want to let you know that my book is finally almost ready, and I'll send you a copy as soon as it is available.” She said: “I'd like you to read at least the beginning of it, because, in the book I give a challenge to the ministers as to why they do not preach about history and government anymore from the pulpits. This book proves this history of the founding of this great Zion nation; proves that most of the sermons in early America were on the history of the children of Israel and

God's Laws for civil government.”

It's no wonder that our Congressmen and President are so far from understanding the Word and the Will of God, because they do not know either the history of the children of Israel, nor the history of the founding of the United States of America. The book by Miss Hall is a beautiful book, and when you read it, or any part of it, you'll know that the American Revolution was not some sort of revolution by atheists. It wasn't a revolution, that's the wrong word, it was a war for independence of the children of Israel from the bondage of Europe. It was Israel being brought across the Atlantic, just like Moses bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt.

In Australia, there are also books available on our Christian history. *“Understanding Our Christian Heritage”*, Volumes 1 and 2 show that Australia is a Christian Nation, and outlines Australia's Christian roots. *“Australia — South Land of the Holy Spirit”* by Col Stringer, tells of how God's hand has been on Australia for the last four hundred years.

Israel had to learn their history: what had happened and why, and that it was God who had delivered them from their previous bondage.

“And there came an angel (messenger) of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress to hide it from the Midianites.”

Judges 6:11

It appears that food must have been somewhat scarce. Here is an Israelite who is hiding food to keep it out of the hands of the people who are oppressing them. Folks who have experience in the farming communities, can recognize that between the weather, the lack of water, and government controls, we very well could have a shortage of food in this great nation.

“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour, And Gideon said unto him, O my Lord....”

Judges 6:12

Notice that the angel had just called Gideon “a great man of courage”, that's what ‘valour’ means, right? It appeared that the angel came to him because he was very brave man. But this is what Gideon says,

“O my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”

Judges 6:13

That doesn't sound like Gideon was ready to go out and start fighting for the release of Israel, does it? The messenger called him a “mighty man of valour”, and Gideon said, “Why? What do you mean?” He said, “God has forsaken us. Here I am hiding wheat by the winepress trying to get some food, to keep it from the Midianites.” Gideon was not even brave enough to go out in the open and defy them; he went and hid.

There are a lot of people today who are defying the authorities, and they think they are modern-day ‘Gideons’. Gideon did not do anything out in the open, he went and hid because he was so frightened of the Midianites. When the angel came to him, he said, “What do you mean? Look at this. Look at what's happening to us. Where are the miracles?” But in the very words he used, there are some key points.

“And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?”

Judges 6:14

What in the world could this have meant?

Here is this so-called 'courageous' man hiding out from the Midianites, trying to illegally retain some food he was not supposed to have, and he sounded like the most pessimistic of Israelites. This is what he says next:

“And he said unto him, O my Lord, where with shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”

Judges 6:15

A lot of people today (thank God for them to some extent), who are perfectly willing to stand up and say: “Well, you know, the Lord will do such and so. I’m going to do this, and God’s going to deliver this country, because we’re going to destroy these enemies, and so on.” Here in **Judges**, an angel appeared to this man, Gideon, and he said, *“I’m going to use you to bring Israel out of bondage.”* And this man says, *“What do mean? Me? I am the youngest one in my house, I have nothing.”* He doesn’t sound like much of a courageous man, does he? But let’s read **verse 14** again: *“And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might...”*

What in the world was the might of Gideon? I will tell you: It’s the same might that you have; you’re all Gideons. Do you know why? Because you know exactly what Gideon knew. Look at **verse 13** again:

“And Gideon said unto him, a my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”

I believe that this is the first thing a man, or a woman, or a minister must know to be able to do any of the work that Gideon did later: they must know that God delivered Israel into the hands of the Midianites. THAT WAS GIDEON’S MIGHT! That is your might! That if

you know that God delivered us there, God can also bring us out. If God was unable to keep us out of bondage, God cannot bring us out. Gideon had might in that knowledge of the sovereignty of God. Do you know what that is called in the Bible. Very simply, it’s called ‘Faith’

Did you notice? GIDEON HAD NO FAITH IN HIMSELF. In fact, he had so little faith in himself, that as you read on, he actually argued with the angel about the foolishness of choosing him, because he wasn’t anyone of importance. And I have a suspicion, that the people who are going to do the work of Gideon in this end of the age, are going to be people who have nothing; nothing more than faith in the sovereignty of God over this people.

Let faith lead you to do what you have to do. I won’t layout all the things you’re going to do, because God will open up doorways for you and things for you to do, and to witness, of which I have no knowledge; I have no way of knowing. The years that are to come upon us are going to be strange and fearful ones. And you’re not all going to be preachers; you’re not all going to be some great person, that anyone will ever even hear about. But if you believe in the sovereignty of God over Israel, you’re going to do at least some of the work of Gideon.

I want to close in Isaiah, because there is another place there, where I believe, this pertains to what we call the Kingdom-Identity Movement. The people who know who we are, and why we are where we are. And Isaiah is talking about an Israel that is in disobedience.

“Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.”

Isaiah 1 :5-6

“You are an Israelite nation in sin and wicked-

ness, and you're so ill, and so bound up", He says, "Why should ye be stricken anymore?" In other words: there comes a time when God says: *"You've had enough". I think that time is coming fairly soon to this country. But he continues:*

"Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence. (And they do. The alien is here, as we have discussed) and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion (This is end-time Israel, THE DAUGHTER OF ZION) is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. (we are a besieged city and a surrounded land) Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah."

Isaiah 5:7-9

Remember what God told Abraham: He was going to destroy those cities for their wickedness. But He admitted to Abraham that He would not destroy them if there were found in them even ten righteous men. God has kept a remnant in Israel, and I believe you are part of that remnant. You have the righteousness of Christ, and therefore, God will not do unto us as He did to Sodom and Gomorrah. He will not destroy Israel.

So, let us believe. Let us have faith! Let us have implicit trust in the Sovereignty of God Almighty over Israel as Gideon did. And in the redeeming power of Jesus Christ. This is our might. By this we will redeem the time, as God gives us our work to do. God bless you!

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