

Title: Fill The Trenches With Water

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Wow, how good is God! We know that as we gather, our whole heart's desire is to host His presence. We host His presence, and we worship Him with all of our heart. In His presence, the Spirit of Prophecy resides. He speaks, and He prophesies according to scripture. He brings encouragement. He brings word. He brings scripture. He sings. He edifies and exhorts. He gives prophetic activations. The flags were brought forth out of Him. Amber had a vision of the flags being up front during the midst of that song as we were literally singing over the nations and the Rock, Christ Jesus, the center of it all. We know that He is always moving in the psalmist prophetic ministry.

We are going to see some of that today in the Word. I want you to be encouraged that everything we do is to give God glory. I always tell everybody, we are not just going to Church. We are the Church. The Church is called to love Him, praise Him, acknowledge Him and follow Him. So, Father, I ask you to anoint this word, that every ear will hear today. I entitled it, "Fill The Trenches With Water."

II Kings 3 NLT

This is pretty lengthy. I am going to read all the way through and come back and bring the message from it. The introduction to this is a few points you need to understand. The nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms. It was supposed to be one, but, due to life, sin and the nature of mankind, it was divided into two kingdoms. The northern kingdom was known as Israel. The southern kingdom was known as Judah. This passage is an account of three kings. Joram, king of Israel, in the northern kingdom, Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, in the southern kingdom, and a third king of Edom. So, three kings and three nations. Joram of Israel, which is the northern kingdom. Josephat of Judah, the southern kingdom. Mesha of Moab, the king of Edom, and he is the enemy or bad guy. The prophet Elisha is going to get in the middle of this war between Israel and Moab.

"Ahab's son Joram began to rule over Israel in the eighteenth year of King Jehoshaphat's reign in Judah. He reigned in Samaria twelve years. He did what was evil in the Lord's sight, but not to the same extent as his father and mother. He at least tore down the sacred pillar of Baal that his father had set up. Nevertheless, he continued in the sins that Jeroboam, son of Nebat, had committed and led the people of Israel to commit. King Mesha of Moab was a sheep breeder. He used to pay the king of Israel an annual tribute of 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams. But after Ahab's death, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. So King Joram promptly mustered the army of Israel and marched from Samaria. On the way, he sent this message to King Jehoshaphat of Judah: "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you join me in battle against him?" And Jehoshaphat replied, "Why, of course! You and I are as one. My troops are your troops, and my horses are your horses." Then Jehoshaphat asked, "What route will we take?" "We will attack from the wilderness of Edom," Joram replied. The king of Edom and his troops joined them, and all three armies traveled along a roundabout route through the wilderness for seven days. But there was no water for the men or their animals. "What should we do?" the king of Israel cried out. "The Lord has brought the three of us here to let the king of Moab defeat us." But King Jehoshaphat of Judah asked, "Is there no prophet of the Lord with us? If there is, we can ask the Lord what to do through him." One of King Joram's officers replied, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to be Elijah's personal

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assistant.” Jehoshaphat said, “Yes, the Lord speaks through him.” So the king of Israel, King Jehoshaphat of Judah, and the king of Edom went to consult with Elisha. “Why are you coming to me?” Elisha asked the king of Israel. “Go to the pagan prophets of your father and mother!” But King Joram of Israel said, “No! For it was the Lord who called us three kings here—only to be defeated by the king of Moab!” Elisha replied, “As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, I wouldn’t even bother with you except for my respect for King Jehoshaphat of Judah. Now bring me someone who can play the harp.” Here comes the psalmist prophetic. “While the harp was being played, the power of the Lord came upon Elisha,” and he said, “This is what the Lord says: This dry valley will be filled with pools of water! You will see neither wind nor rain, says the Lord, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves and your cattle and other animals. But, this is only a simple thing for the Lord, for He will make you victorious over the army of Moab! You will conquer the best of their towns, even the fortified ones. You will cut down all their good trees, stop up all their springs, and ruin all their good land with stones.” The next day at about the time when the morning sacrifice was offered, water suddenly appeared! It was flowing from the direction of Edom, and soon there was water everywhere. Meanwhile, when the people of Moab heard about the three armies marching against them, they mobilized every man who was old enough to strap on a sword, and they stationed themselves along their border. But when they got up the next morning, the sun was shining across the water, making it appear red to the Moabites—like blood. “It’s blood!” the Moabites exclaimed. “The three armies must have attacked and killed each other! Let’s go, men of Moab, and collect the plunder!” But when the Moabites arrived at the Israelite camp, the army of Israel rushed out and attacked them until they turned and ran. The army of Israel chased them into the land of Moab, destroying everything as they went. They destroyed the towns, covered their good land with stones, stopped up all the springs, and cut down all the good trees. Finally, only Kir-hareseth and its stone walls were left, but men with slings surrounded and attacked it. When the king of Moab saw that he was losing the battle, he led 700 of his swordsmen in a desperate attempt to break through the enemy lines near the king of Edom, but they failed. Then the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would have been the next king, and sacrificed him as a burnt offering on the wall. So there was great anger against Israel, and the Israelites withdrew and returned to their own land.”

Wow. What a battle. Now, there is a lot of word here and a lot of things apply from this teaching. But, I want you to understand this is real history. This really happened. The words and the stories in the scripture are not make believe stories or fables. This is history. It is His history. There is nothing new under the sun. Mankind is born in sin, lost in sin, and submitted under pagan, heathen, fallen angels and gods, who have made war against God, His Word, and Spirit of Truth from the beginning of time. There is nothing new under the sun. We know that Jesus Christ came to annihilate and destroy the curse of sin once and for all, by coming as the Son of God and the Son of Man from Heaven, to save us, His family. He desired that none should perish.

Jesus was sent directly to the Jew first. He was sent to Israel first. That is why salvation began and came from the Jews. After that, by the grace of God that we sang about this morning, the glory of God went from the Jews of Israel, who He had covenant with through Abraham and the promised seed from the beginning, to the Gentiles. He came and had grace to bring in the Gentiles, the nations and every one that was not of Israel by blood, the Jews. Jesus came and since that time, His heart’s desire was to bring all to the Father of glory, that none should perish.

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He still labors today to save souls, even the most corrupt. The only ones that cannot be saved, scripture says, are those who have committed the unpardonable sin of blaspheming Holy Spirit. That means they have sold their soul to the devil. It is over for them now and forever. Amen. Every other sin can still be forgiven. Oh God, thank you for your grace.

So, we have to understand in light of this, and see the gospel, see the kingdom, and see the battle of mankind. These are real battles. In the midst of this, even in a divided nation, somebody says, we are going to lay aside our government differences right now. If you have an ear to hear, may you hear. "We are going to come together in unity," because if we do not, we will be destroyed. In the midst of this, King Jehoshaphat of Judah, where the Spirit of God was resting upon, asks, "Is there no prophet of the Lord with us?"

They knew the prophets represented the Word of God. They had to have Heaven speak. They had to hear what God was saying. That is how God moved. He spoke directly through His prophets. The majority of the Old Testament is a story about that. Most of it is where Israel disobeyed God's word and did not listen to the voice of the prophets. When they did listen, they were blessed. When they obeyed God, they were blessed. But, they turned aside and worshipped other false, pagan gods and even sacrificed their own children in the fire to them. You say, "How can this be?" Thus, the depths of sin and deception and a power struggle.

Elisha, the prophet comes in with a bit of an attitude. "What do you want? What do I have to do with you? Why don't you go pray to your pagan gods?" Right? He says, "Why are you coming to me? Go to the pagan prophets of your father and mother." Wow, he says, "no." Finally, he comes and says, okay.

II Kings 3:14-15

Elisha is saying, I serve the living God, the true God. I am submitted to His voice and His Word alone. I am not moved by any of you guys. I am going to hear what God says. I will speak that forth. He says, "Give me some music." I need that psalmist prophetic music. Bring me the harp. In the midst of that playing, the Spirit of God came upon him. Hear it again, hear the word of the Lord.

II Kings 3:16-17

Remember, these kings are in the middle of the plains and land as far as you can see. "This is what the Lord says, "this dry valley," think desert, "will be filled with pools of water." But, it is not going to come through a thunderstorm.

James 5:17, I Kings 18:42-45

Elijah, at one point, saw a cloud the size of a man's hand when he had been praying for rain after three and a half years of drought in Israel had been prophesied. He and his servant are seeking an end to this, and praying to the Lord. Elijah knew who God was and that he, Elijah, had the authority to say the drought is over and rains will come. He is squatted down in prayer, praying, praying, praying. He looks up and sees a cloud the size of a man's hand. But, there is going to come a storm that is going to bring a torrential rain to break this three and a half year drought. He knew that because he walked with God.

II Kings 3:17

Elisha had the double mantle of Elijah upon him. Something greater is here. He says, it is not going to come that way. "You are not going to see wind or rain," says the Lord, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves." Those are the armies with their horses, you understand? You will have you plenty for yourselves, your cattle and other animals.

II Kings 3:18-19

“But, this is just a simple thing for the Lord. He will make you victorious over the army of Moab.” Why does God have mercy and grace? For His own name’s sake. “You are going to conquer the best of their towns, even the fortified ones. You will cut down all their good trees,” the produce of their fields and the fruit of their land. “You will stop up all their springs.” You are going to ruin and remove their water source, and you are going to ruin all the land that is good. You are going to just decimate it with stones all over, so that it cannot be plowed. That is called, “I am going to conquer you completely,” and He uses them.

II Kings 3:20-23

At the time of the morning sacrifice, which was what was going on back in Jerusalem with worship to God, and that is significant. “Water suddenly appeared.” Wow! “It was flowing from the direction of Edom, and soon there was water everywhere.” The people of Moab seeing the “sun light reflected on the water and appearing like blood,” thought the other armies had destroyed each other. Isn’t that interesting that the light reflected “red,” as in the blood of Jesus.

II Kings 3:24-27

They were in for a surprise. The army of Israel attacked and chased them destroying everything. From then on the Israelites fulfilled everything God told them to do to the letter. We know from scripture that sometimes they did not fulfill it to the letter. He may have told them five things to do. If they did not do one of them, it caused them to be defeated. I am just saying, right. They did everything to the letter here.

I want you to understand that this message is just absolutely amazing about what God can do in these battles and how He comes. How He will come, and will have you dig ditches. Dig deep ditches, and God is going to come and fill them with water. As the Church, we have dug the ditches and the trenches, and we are going to fill them with water. What that looks like is, the Church is called to continue to pray and intercede with King Jesus for all of our days. It is nothing new. Digging those trenches and those ditches represents what God tells us to do. Prepare the land, prepare all for the Spirit of God to come and fill all in all.

The Holy Spirit is literally abiding and dwelling in these places. This intercession can be ditches that were dug at the command of the Lord. Holy Spirit is the water that is going to supernaturally appear. Holy Spirit is going to come and fill these places. He is going to take what we presented to God. He is going to take what we have labored with before God. He is going to take the word of God that we speak. Yes, He is going to come and rest upon it. He said, “This is nothing for God.” Beloved, we have got to keep that in mind. “This is nothing for God.” Say, “this is nothing for God!”

Do not be deceived with the enemy's schemes, plots and plans and threats. Call upon the name of Jesus and be saved. Listen to what the Spirit of God is saying. He is filling our land. He is filling us up. This represents His movement and divine power. The Holy Spirit comes and fills what has been dug up and what has been prepared before Him, where obedience has come. He is going to fill these trenches. The Church must be confident in Holy Spirit. I feel that many have lost their confidence. We have to restore our confidence. We have to restore our confidence. We have to have the mind of Christ, correct? We have to have the mind of Christ. We have to fulfill what God has told us to do. Restore your confidence in God, in His Word, in the prayers, and in the movement of His saints. This is a small thing for Him to do. The Church must be confident in Holy Spirit. That is why they called for the Word of God. That is why they called for the Word of God. Right? That is why they called for the Word of God.

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II Kings 3:15

When the musician played, the hand of the Lord was upon him. He said, "Thus says the Lord, make this valley full of ditches." Get it ready, God is going to fill it. This is little for Him to do. We have to restore our confidence. Not in you, not in your nation, not in your ability, but in God. You understand? He will bring those who are at war amongst your own government to come in alignment supernaturally for His purposes to be done.

Ezekiel said of the Lord, "I will be made known in the eyes of many nations," and even His own nation is going to stray from His heart. The other pagan nations who are going to stray from His heart will know that He is the Lord. It is all about Him being glorified, and He shall be glorified. Our eyes are being opened to that. Amen. Scripture is clear. If you bless Israel, you will be blessed. If you curse Israel, you will be cursed. It is really simple according to Genesis 12.

So, the people of God better be in line. Some say, "Well, I just do not know which side to be on." If you bless Israel, you will be blessed. If you curse Israel, you will be cursed. Do the math, right? Oh, the blood of Jesus. In this battle, we have dug the trenches. Fill them with water. The Church is called to pray and intercede. King Jesus is leading that. Okay, this is what it looks like. The Spirit of God is going to miraculously appear in those ditches and in those trenches. This is His movement and His power.

I have tried to encourage the flock all week. Think of it, the global Church, of every nation that has heard of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are still some unreached people groups believe it or not. That is why Jesus said, "The gospel is going to be preached to all nations, then the end shall come." It is all about the gospel. He is saving people, right? Even the ones you do not like, because even in the nations where you do not like it, there are saints in those nations. They have been born again by the blood of Jesus. Not all of them are bad guys. He has His family there.

He is calling the Church globally to pray right now 24/7. My God, that is power. Look at the clock we are on. This is nothing for the Lord. He knows what's going down. It is all in our Bible already. We have already got the plan written out for us. We know that Jesus is King. Now personally, what does this mean? What does God need to fill with His Spirit in our lives? We need His presence. He will bring the increase. God wants to supernaturally fill all the areas of our lives, our hearts, our minds, our wills, our emotions, our souls, and our spirits. Our job is to open our hearts, right? That is it, dig it open. There you go. So, He can fill all. Allow God to be our all in all. Whatever the Spirit of God says, do it. Whatever the Bible says, do it. You will have success.

Dig the ditch, and open the hard places of your heart. We are in West Texas. We understand the dirt is hard, unless you have thoroughly plowed it up and taken good care of it. It is just what it is. But, dig the ditch, because hard hearts sometimes do not receive the Spirit of Truth. Call upon the Prophet, Jesus Christ, and seek His Word. That is what they knew to do. Is there a prophet here? We really need the word of God here. Yes, there is this prophet, Elisha. Well Church, who is your prophet? Jesus Christ, so call upon Him. Look for that word. What do you need to fill these places in your soul? It is a day of increase and suddenlies. It is the day of supernatural increase in our lives. The same Holy Ghost that was there is here. The same God, same Word, same Spirit.

We keep saying that Holy Ghost is in us. We actually have a better covenant, because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. He lives in us, because of what Jesus did. Hallelujah! The blood of Jesus shall be seen supernaturally over the Spirit's dominion within us. When the enemy looks at us, he sees that blood. That red glow over us is the blood of Jesus, that covers us and washes us whiter than snow.

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This entire passage demonstrates the principle that God wants us to prepare for the blessing that He wants to bring. Listening to Him, we are to anticipate He is working and get ready for it. Look for the glory of God. I say it all the time. "Father, show us your glory." Look for the glory of God. Guard your eye gates and your ear gates. The devil wants you to stare at the evil. Do not! Look up, your redemption draws near. Look into the face of Christ. If you are going to look at something, look at the cross. Look what Jesus did to save us.

I received this word on October 10. He is faithful and He is true. This is in regards to Holy Spirit and all of His gifts.

I Corinthians 12:4-7 NKJV

God is saying this. I have all these gifts of the Holy Spirit that I am going to give to you my beloved Bride, my Church, individually and corporately. Within the corporate Body of Christ, there are different ministries, roles, and functions. I am going to anoint each individual one with what I had purposed and anointed and called you for. I am going to stir it up. You have access to every gift of my Holy Ghost at any time, any place. But, I am going to anoint you with certain gifts that you alone are called to carry. But, they are all out of the same pool of the Holy Ghost.

He is going to anoint you and call you up, front and center to use them. Do not just walk around and say, "Hallelujah, I have the word of knowledge," and never use the gift. Or say, "I just want to heal people. I know I have the gift of healings." Then get your hands on people that are sick and get them healed. Or say, "I want to cast out those dumb demons." Then go cast them out in Jesus' name. Quit playing around. Prophecy, speak tongues and bring interpretation of tongues. You understand all the gifts of the Spirit, miracles, prophecy, and all of these gifts are to be honored. But, listen to this. It is God who works all in all. Keep your focus. He is not just exalting someone over there. It is the entire body to this day, and all the way to the end of the age that God is working in, with and through. He is in all. God is working in all. God, the same God, the same God, the same God that we just spoke about is working all in all. Stay with me.

I Corinthians 15:20-28

He says, "Now Christ is risen from the dead. He has become the first fruits," which means He was raised first, of those who have fallen asleep," those who have already died. "For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead." Hallelujah, that is our hope. "For as in Adam all die. even so in Christ, all shall be made alive. But, each one in his own order; Christ the first fruits," He was the first to be risen from the dead, "afterwards those who are Christ's at His coming." Resurrection, at His coming. "Then comes the end, when He delivers the Kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet. This last enemy that will be destroyed is death." Right, because we know It is appointed unto man to die once. There is no reincarnation going on there. You die, and you are dead. "For He has put all things under His feet. But, when He says all things are put under Him, it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted." Verse 28, "Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."

That God may be in all, through all, and all in all. The Son simply obeys the wisdom of God, before the foundation of the world. It says that He was crucified before the foundation of the world. God knew from the beginning of the storyline, and He already had a way and a method to bring it all back to the Father. Know this, it is the same God who works all in all. God will be all in all. God is going to be glorified. That is where our Church has our eyes and our focus. Amen. He reigns. God, how can I praise you and how can I worship you through this? Keep your eyes on Him. Trust me, "this is a little thing for God." He is working. What a man sows, that is what he is going to reap.

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Ephesians 1:17-23

It says, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation and the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance, in us "in the saints. And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places," where He is now, "far above all," the dumb pagan gods, "far above all principality and power and might and dominion," heavenly and earthly, "and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

The Body of Christ, that the anointed One in His anointing, would be head of His Church, His Body, from Heaven to Earth and in every sphere. "I have given you authority to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." The authority to prophesy and make disciples of nations. Teaching them everything I have taught you to do. Demonstrate the Kingdom, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, which is water baptism. He said, "Repent and be baptized." Seal the deal, right? "These signs will follow those who believe. In My Name, they will cast out demons. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. Signs, miracles, and wonders follow those who believe. All the gifts of the Spirit, the indwelling Holy Ghost, who is on the Earth in the Church. Lord overall, in all, and through all with us. "This is nothing for the Spirit of God." There is a storm coming, but it is not going to come the way you thought. Rain is coming. It may not come the way you thought, but the Spirit of the Living God is Boss, Lord and King overall in His plan and His purpose. He will overcome evil with good through the body, through your prayers, through your hands, and through our boots on the ground. Families of God seeking God. Praying to God. Devoting your whole household to God. There is no other hope. Amen.

Let's stand and give Him glory for what He has to say. Listen to it, read it, and look at all that God has to say through these passages. Know it is the same God, the same God, the same God.

Father, thank you that your word says that you are the same, yesterday, today and forever. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. Encourage your people. Encourage the saints. Comfort those who mourn, heal the brokenhearted, and bind up their wounds, God. Restore, rebuild, renew, and grant repentance God, that we would know the God that we serve. We thank you, Holy Ghost, for teaching us our prayers matter and the word matters. The teachings, the classes, the worship, and sitting under your heart matters. Lord God that you would move and that you will be glorified. We thank you for the blood of Jesus that covers all in Jesus' name, amen. All right, be blessed.