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Consider what your actions say - posted by JFW (), on: 2017/9/24 8:22

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For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way, since we had told the king, 'The hand of our God is for good on all who seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all who forsake him.' Ezra 8:22

A convoy on many accounts would have been desirable for the pilgrim band, but Ezra was ashamed to ask for one. He feared that the heathen king might think his professions of faith in God were mere hypocrisy or might imagine that the God of Israel was not able to preserve His own worshipers. He could not bring his mind to depend on human instruments in a matter so evidently of the Lord, and therefore the caravan set out with no visible protection, and yet guarded by Him who is the sword and shield of His people.

It is to be feared that few believers sense this holy jealousy for God; even those who in some measure walk by faith occasionally spoil the sparkle of their life by seeking help from man. It is a most blessed thing to have no props and no buttresses, but to stand upright on the Rock of Ages, upheld by the Lord alone. Would any believers seek government funds for their church if they remembered that the Lord is dishonored by their asking for Caesar's help? As if the Lord could not supply the needs of His own cause! Would we run so quickly to friends and relatives for assistance if we remembered that the Lord is glorified by our obvious reliance on His solitary arm? My soul, wait only on God.

"But," says one, "are means never to be used?" Certainly they are. But our fault seldom lies in their neglect: Far more frequently it springs from foolishly believing in them instead of believing in God. Few run too far in neglecting the arm of man; but many sin greatly in making too much of it.

So learn, dear reader, to glorify the Lord by leaving means untried, if by using them you would dishonor the name of the Lord.

Re: Consider what your actions say - posted by JFW (), on: 2017/9/24 8:27

Thought to share this as it's exactly what the Lord has recently been addressing with me, teaching me to always come to Him first as He is our source and provision whether it be financial, healthcare, security, automotive, etc.... and not just for matters of the Spirit-

Anyone else experience the Lord's jealousy in this way ?

Re: - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/9/25 6:47

Yes, I've had this too. A connected lesson is that He will choose the means through which he works. He may have provided through one person or method but it doesn't mean He will use that again. And because He has answered quickly without asking for help does not mean He will not require you to ask for help or require you to wait, even to a point of death.

Elijah was fed by ravens but he was also provided for through the widow.

Re: Consider what your actions say - posted by luka (), on: 2017/9/25 7:19

Thanks everyone for the encouraging words. I have been blessed by you all thanks

Re: brother Jeremy - posted by JFW (), on: 2017/9/25 13:24

Ahh yes that is very much my experience as well.

It seems the underlying issue (with me) is accessing the world ~~â€œthruâ€~~ the spirit... rather than ~~â€œtoâ€~~ the spirit. Iâ€™m understanding that He literally wants to be the Lord of ALL my life even the mundane parts.