

"And on the fourth day they assembled themselves In The Valley Of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, the valley of Berachah, unto this day." 2 Chronicles 20:26 KJV



In Hebrew the word, Berachah, pronounced "ber-aw-kaw'," means benediction, or "word of blessing." Jehoshaphat patterned his warfare after the mighty commander Joshua before whom the mighty walls of Jericho crumbled at the sound of the seventh trumpet at the end of the seventh circuit on the seventh day; three sevens representing Godly Completion. When the Lord Fights, defeat is nonexistent. Jehoshaphat and the people readied for battle by "worshipping the LORD." His orders were, "Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established. He appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the Beauty of Holiness, as they went out before the army." Even though we have them, weaponry is fruitless for the believer without praise and worship. The Lord Is our strength and without Him we are as sand before the flood. The secret of victory is to follow the Lord into the battle. "And when they began to sing and to praise, The LORD Set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and every one helped to destroy another, and none escaped." God Sent such confusion upon them they totally destroyed themselves. Judah was "three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much. And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah." Notice it took place in the valley. We often think we must mount to Pisgah's lofty summit to know the Awe And Wonder of God, but the spoils were in the valley, the praise was in the valley, and the worship was in the valley. If you find yourself in the valley, with evil hordes in opposition, worship, sing, and praise the Lord; to Whom All Power, Glory, And Victory Belongs. "Thou Art Holy, O Thou That Inhabitest...praises..." Where there is genuine praise to God, There God Is!

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And place your trust upon His Word,
Your enemies will melt away,
As Christ our LORD removes the fray! –CGP

The people did not just gather the bounty and leave; no, they spent a whole day in adoration of their KING and Deliverer, "for there they blessed the LORD." And it didn't stop there. "And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto The House of The LORD." Their worship, thanksgiving, and praise when facing insurmountable odds, brought the Lord to the battle "and The Fear of God Was On all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that The LORD Fought against the enemies of Israel." Men will not fear you, but they will fear your God if you stand with Him! "So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God Gave him rest round about." If there's Peace, it's because God Has Given It. "If we walk in the Light as He Is In The Light, we have fellowship, one with another." The valley is where you need God the most and should be where we praise Him the most if we ever expect Deliverance! Instead of pining in the valley start praising in the valley. "Count your Blessings; name them one by one and it will surprise you what The Lord Hath Done!" Do you have a roof over you? Thank God for it. Did you sleep in a bed? Thank God for it. Did you awake this morning? Thank God for another day. Did you have clothes to wear? Thank God for your raiment. Did you eat? Thank God for your food. "Having food and raiment, therewith, be content." What do you really need more than food and shelter? "In everything give thanks for This Is The Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

"Look unto Me, And Be ye Saved, all the ends of the earth: for I Am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22 KJV