



## Give thee Much more than this

The background of this subject/topic comes from the story of King Amaziah detailed in 2 Chronicles 25.

The summary of this king was as below:

- a) Amaziah was the son of King Joash of Judah and became king at the age of 25.
- b) He followed in his father's footsteps and did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart (2 chronicles 25:2). His heart was partially set on the LORD.
- c) He began his reign by avenging his father's death and defeating the servants (2 chronicles 25:3) that had killed him but spared their children as he followed God's law of not punishing the children for the sins of their parents.
  - i) 2 Chronicles 25:4 *But he slew not their children, but **did** as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.*
- d) He then assembled an army of 300,000 men to go to war against the kingdom of Edom. However, before going to battle, he sought the help of mercenaries from Israel, against the advice of a prophet (man of God) who warned him that God would not bless him if he did so. Despite this warning, Amaziah proceeded with the battle and won a great victory over Edom.
  - i) *This was one of the dumbest things. Prophets in those days were well respected and very accurate.*
- e) Amaziah brought gods and started bowing to them and burning incense unto them.
  - i) 2 Chronicles 25:14 *Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir,*

*and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.*

- f) Amaziah was an insecure king like King Jehoram.
- g) After returning from the battle, he brought back the idols of the Edomites and began to worship them, angering the Lord.
- h) A prophet confronted him and warned him of his sin, but Amaziah did not listen and even challenged the prophet to a duel.
- i) He was eventually defeated by the king of Israel and taken captive, and his kingdom was plundered and left in shambles.
- j) Amaziah died a violent death, as his own people conspired against him and killed him in his own house.
- k) Overall, the story of King Amaziah is of a leader who started out well but ended up making poor decisions and suffering the consequences.

*2 Chronicles 25:9 Then Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what shall we do about the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?" And the man of God answered, "The LORD is able to give you much more than this."*

- 1) King Amaziah was considering disobeying the LORD citing the 100 talents of silver he would lose after hiring Israel's arm to help him fight his enemies. The response of the man of God was very telling. **"The LORD is able to give thee much more than this."**
- 2) If Amaziah followed the Lord, it didn't matter what loss he had made. The LORD would and could make it up and much more. Notice not more, but much more. God is able to restore to us more than more which is much more.
- 3) **Calculation of 100 talents of Silver:**
  - a) As of October 11th, 2020: 1 Talent (Biblical Hebrew) = 34.2 Kgs. Therefore, 100 talents =  $34.2 \times 100 = 3420$  Kgs of Silver. (This is and was a lot of money).
  - b) 1 kg of silver = Ugx 2,993,108.7
  - c)  $3420 \text{ Kg of Silver} = 3420 \times 2,993,108.7 = \text{UGX } 10,236,431,754$  approximately 10.2 billion shillings worth of silver.

- d) According to the man of God, the LORD was able to give back to Amaziah much more than this UGX 10.2 billion shillings or \$2.7 Million.
- 4) He listened and obeyed the Lord sending the Tribe of Ephraim home.
- a) Yes, they got mad that they did not go with him to battle, and they retaliated by killing his people in Judah. When people get rejected, they most likely will retaliate in one way or another. This should not be a surprise.
  - b) But on the other side, he was able to defeat all his enemies of the children of Seir in the excess of 10,000. This victory was by virtue of obedience to the Lord. If he had not sent the children of Israel home, he was going to be defeated and most likely killed.
  - c) The main point I want to draw out of here is that if you follow and obey the Lord's leading, no loss you will suffer that God will not make up for—Big! King Amaziah was almost going to disobey the Lord because he was going to lose 100 talents of silver had it not been for the man of God who gave him a timely word, "**The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.**"
  - d) God is able to restore much more of any amount of finances lost in the effort and attempt to obey the Lord.
  - i) I have personally walked away from a loss without retaliation trusting that the Lord would restore unto me **much more** of what I had lost. I walked away from a guy who robbed me of money while at an apartment.

There was a time when some of my employees were robbed. They had sent money from their bank to their mobile money account, but it disappeared in the process. A technological ghost took the money. When I was told about it, I was so mad. I prayed for them and took authority of the enemy and in a few weeks the technological ghost disappeared, and they received their money back. To these guys, getting their little money back was more than much more. It was a huge restoration and a victory against the devil.

There is a "much more" than what you have lost that God is waiting to give thee. Hear the Lord and follow the Lord and watch it manifest in your life.

Praise the Lord!