

Ask For Something Big

Ponder: Bold prayer

Scripture: “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Eph. 3:20, NKJV).

In Joshua 10, Joshua and the Israelites faced an alliance of five Amorite kings and their armies. After an all-night march, Joshua didn’t even take time to rest his troops. They attacked immediately, and God gave His people a tremendous victory with the enemy in full retreat. “And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword” (10:11).

Wouldn’t this have been an ideal time to rest while savoring the victory? It might seem so, but Joshua wanted to make a complete end of the task. By tomorrow the remnant of Amorites would have escaped. To finish the job, Joshua needed but one thing: more time today. Therefore, “Joshua spoke to the Lord . . . ‘Sun stand still over Gibeon, and moon in the Valley of Aijalon’” (10:12).

Let’s bypass the issue of the sun and moon only appearing to rise and set. Even we who understand those facts still speak of sunrise and sunset. God knew exactly what Joshua was requesting. It was a monumental plea! Anyone even remotely familiar with the operation of the solar system would correctly cry, “It’s impossible!” But Joshua had seen God do the impossible again and again in Egypt and the wilderness. Prolonging sundown for a day would be “easy-peasy” for the mighty God Joshua served! “So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies” (10:13).

Joshua asked for what he needed, even when it was something big. So should we, for our task is greater than Joshua’s! Has the correct understanding that God no longer imparts supernatural gifts to people (1 Cor. 13:10) been twisted so that we hesitate to pray for anything beyond the “small” things we pretty much expect to have anyway? Our God is big! He can do big things. Trust Him! Ask!

Hymn: “I Will Call Upon The Lord”

Prayer: Father, help us to trust you to do big things. In Jesus’ name, Amen.