

029 How to Overcome Your Obstacles
Dr. Carlos Blair

And I say good evening to you one and all. Well it is indeed a pleasure for me to have this opportunity of manifesting once again in this manner. And I'm Dr. Carlos Blair and it seems as though because of the limitation in time that's been left for me this night, that I might just switch, as it were, to a subject other than that which I had previously thought I would speak upon.

I would believe that in consideration of the time involved that it would be well to talk about a gentleman that most of you have heard of. And then from there to allow you to understand and see the importance of this man's manifesting in the physical body and the manner in which he went about living his life, as it were. And that is none other than the one that you biblically refer to as Joshua. And as most of you know from being somewhat familiar with the various readings and teachings that are found in the Bible, that Joshua was the one who indeed fought the battle and won it of course, the battle of Jericho.

But what man often times does not realize is that this was done with great odds not being in his favor. Upon first looking upon the city of Jericho which was indeed walled quite high, Joshua sent forth those for the purpose of surveillance, to find out, and you might refer to it as spying of course, as to what he might encounter there, and there were ten who went forward for that purpose. And all ten returned and said, "but no, this cannot be," even though God had directed Joshua for that purpose to go ahead and capture, as it were, the city, it could not be done because there in the city were many, what were referred to in your knowledge as giants, as it were. Not only were there many great numbers but also of much larger than normal stature. And the ten said, "we best not even attempt it because there's not a chance." And Joshua reminded them that indeed God had directed it, and therefore that it would be done with the help of God Almighty. And with that knowledge and awareness in mind, he did go against the wishes and concerns of all those in his midst. And went forth knowing that the real problem was not in what he would find in the city, in the numbers or the size of the people, but that his problem in reality was among his own people, in their lack of belief, their lack of understanding, their lack of knowledge and acceptance that indeed that all things are possible with God.

And all of you well know the continuation of the story, as it were, not at all unlike many others that we find in your Bible, that of David as it were, when he went against Goliath. That of so many times being reflected, as it were, within the confines of the books of the Bible where God indeed overcame tremendous obstacles, not unlike the parting of the Red Sea which was certain to be death to any who entered there, but again God made the way.

It is indeed though, many times man's hesitations or reluctance to move forward in not only faith but in the knowledge, that that which he is attempting to do is for the purpose of the fulfillment of God, when man might need to be in hesitance, would be if he were indeed attempting to acquire for himself the things of the world. But when man moves forward to bring into being that which is God directed and God given for God's fulfillment, then he can do so against great odds, knowing that as he goes forth that each of these things will be supplied.

A good example of course is the little church here. At the time that I located the church for Robert and I told him to go forward with it, he said, "but that's not possible, there is not the

monies, how could I ever do it". But then in the knowledge that it could indeed be brought into being because it was indeed for the edification of God Almighty, as he moved forward in that knowledge and faith, of course it came into being.

Often times man makes one of his greatest errors in attempting to bring things into being, with the concept that he has to do it all himself. And he says, "I'll go forth and make this happen." And even when it is for the fulfillment of God, many times it won't come about as it should because man has lost sight of the reality of allowing God to be the primary involvement in the project, as it were.

Man has a tendency out of fear, out of lack of understanding, out of laziness, and out of doubt to not go forth to fulfill the God given abilities that one has. Man is quick to say, "oh but I couldn't do that" and the statement in itself has great validity and truth. But with the help of God all things are possible. And when man recognizes that awareness he'll find that the limitations that he places upon himself and the things in your world, will be removed, because indeed all things are indeed possible with God. If you find within the confines of your individual existences at this time that you are involved in some form of struggle, some form of strife, it would be well to survey the entirety of it with the light in mind that, "am I allowing God to be a portion of this? Or am I depending upon myself entirely?" You never hear man say "oh, but God and I could not accomplish this". Man will say, "oh I could never do that". That's because he is not into the fullness of the awareness of God.

It makes no difference the problems that befall each of you whether it be that of the physical, that of the material, the lack of monies, the lack in needs that are there, possibly that of the health, that of the mental or emotional, whatever your lack might be, come into the realization that the lack is created by self, not by God Almighty. It is indeed your privilege, as it were, to have the total of the fulfillments while in the physical body. But realize that in the process of it, you must indeed allow God to have a part.

Man sometimes because of his ego, finds himself blocking that which he wants most by virtue of the fact that he wants to be able to say, "but I did it all by myself". And amazingly enough, that when it does happen he really believes that he has. He quite often does not look upon it and say, "look at what God and I have accomplished". When you have situations that you're desirous of bringing about change, sit quietly in meditation, as it were, in contemplation and ask, "am I willing to allow God to share a part of the load?" Because indeed if you are in the fullest sense of the word, you will find that it will not be anything that will stand in your way of the fulfillment. That is like the small child, who is struggling to carry the very large, heavy parcel, and the father comes along and says, "here son let me give you a hand". And the little one out of his pride says, "but no dad, I'd like to do it myself," even when it's not possible for him to accomplish. It is good to have the desires, but it is not good to remove the help that is present for the fulfillment from that of God. Don't be like the child. You turn to the Father and say, "I welcome the assistance".

I am but sorry that I don't have much longer this night to speak because I had planned on speaking on a quite different subject. But I felt again that in the limited time we have, man in your world this day has gotten so far removed from the utilizing the powers of God Almighty in his daily life that even when he prays and asks God for it, he doesn't believe within himself he'll receive it.

Now I think you might have several questions on the subject, as it were.

Question: I don't think that I have ever really understood, especially in the Old Testament, the difference between a holy war and war in general. Is it that God had pitted himself on Joshua's side against the enemies considering that the enemy was also his own son, or was it the fact that Joshua was at the point of awareness to where he recognized that he could draw upon the energy and utilize it for the purpose.

Dr. Blair: Yes, and that is the indeed the case, is the later that he through his own awareness realized that he had the power of God with him, and could utilize it in that manner and it was through doing it out of a concern, as it were, for the welfare of mankind because there was indeed great iniquity and such as that in that city and he took charge of.

Response: So it was a time of retribution in that city and Joshua was just sort of the instrument for carrying it through?

Dr. Blair: Yes exactly, yes. And he was also quite clairvoyant, that's how, how do you think he got the message from God, after all. Yes. The Old Testament, as you speak of it, is so filled with all of the examples of that which is taught here in the little church, that it's hard for those of us in spirit to look back upon your earth at this time and not - to be able to comprehend man's thinking, when he denies indeed the very powers of God that have for so long been not only utilized but demonstrated openly, yes.

Question: I've heard, I think you've talked on the subject of holy wars before but-

Dr. Blair: Yes I have.

Continuation of Question: But I'm concerned with my own ideas about it. Is there really such a thing as a holy war, or, again, as I said is it just a time of retribution following up of karma or whatever, it is cause and effect and it's time for this particular thing to happen. Is it that God is sanctioning these particular killings, he's on one side and not another? Is there such a thing as a holy war that is sanctioned, where as other wars and killings would be considered wrong and it's sometimes right?

Dr. Blair: Most definitely, there have been, again you have to go back to the purpose of the fulfillment of what is being done and the reason for it being done. As it has been so many times in your world, from the beginning nearly, there have been those who have for one reason or another defiled, as it were, God, and in so doing brought that type of karmic reaction to themselves, yes.

Response: So it's not that you would say that God is particularly on one side and against another?

Dr. Blair: Not at all. You see, you would look upon it as though all of Jericho was indeed slain and done away with. And this is not at all the case. It was only those who were in direct contrast to bring about the God's fulfillment at that time, that were not protected during the time of the wars. But indeed the majorities by far were led to the light of God, by the one Joshua, yes. That is like saying that because in - well let's put it in perspective that you can more clearly and easily understand. Let's speak of the little town here in which you live. If you had one in government here, who was indeed very, very bad, as it were, and I say reaching out, knowingly hurting others bringing holocaust to the overall situation, it might well indeed be God's intention to allow that one to go forth in his evolvments in such a way that he would do away with himself, to remove the problem that does not mean that all in the little town are

indeed condemned by it. Do you understand what I'm saying? I'm trying to put it into simplicity for you.

Response: I guess it's the old idea in the Old Testament that God was the war god and the vengeful God and he was just on the side of the Jews and that's the part you know tends to come across and we don't quite see through it.

Dr. Blair: Yes that is true. But at the same time you said God was on the part of the Jews, on the side of the Jews, but still there was no peoples ever persecuted to a greater extent than the Jewish people of that time. You see later there was some Holocaust and so forth where the Jewish people were concerned. But it was by far greater in the time of the Old Testament than it has been at any time since. So while they may have been the chosen ones and it appeared that because God gave them certain opportunities, as far as what you might refer to as victories over their enemies, as it were, there was also great suffering that they were experiencing at the same time. In other words the entirety of the Jewish clans, as it were, as you well know were indeed dispersed and spread throughout the entire world. You see what I'm saying, families were separated, there was great hardship, there was great trials and tribulations on the part of the Jew. But yes indeed when it came time for that to be fulfilled then God fulfilled it.

How's the time David? Well I believe that'll allow time for another question if we have one. Yes, I have one over here first.

Question: I just wanted to thank you.

Dr. Blair: Well it is indeed our pleasure always and you know that you are held in the hallow of God's hand as you go forth to do the work.

Yes, now I believe I have a question over there.

Question: Going back to the story of Joshua. I'm trying to dig in my mind to remember the completion, I know he blew and the walls fell down. You were talking about belief systems though and I was wondering what was the convincing thing about this man when they were in doubt, the fact that the walls fell down, I'm trying to remember.

Dr. Blair: Yes, but it was the strength of Joshua's belief that cause them to indeed follow him into the battle to begin with. Because there were many among his own that were weak in heart and spirit and could not believe it being possible. But because of his great belief that was demonstrated by him, the others were willing to follow and became believers of course, when the walls came tumbling down, as it were.

Now I believe that I have exhausted the time that we've had permitted here this evening. And I hope that each of you will be able to bring this into focus in your own individual lives, realizing that as you go forth on you various endeavors, as you go forth to meet the challenges that is placed in your path, as it were, that you realize you're not meeting the challenges alone, but in reality that, by far the greater portion of the load to be bared will indeed be carried by God Almighty himself, if you just but think but to ask, knowing that as you ask you shall receive.

It has indeed been a pleasure once again of having this opportunity. And as I leave the

body now I ask only that God pour forth his richest of all blessings upon each and every one of you. May you ever walk in his light and know his love, but most of all may you be filled with his peace. God Bless you, one and all.