

THE BIG IF ~ Psalm 124:1-8

WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF... ~ Psalm 124:1-5

[1] If the LORD had not been on our side-- let Israel say-- [2] if the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us, [3] when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive; [4] the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, [5] the raging waters would have swept us away.

WHAT DID HAPPEN WHEN... ~ Psalm 124:6-8

[6] Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. [7] We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. [8] Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

SUMMARY of PSALM 124

If God Had Not Been on OUR Side wee Would Have been... vs.1-5

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God in His Sovereignty... vs. 6-8

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APPLICATION

Psalms 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but WE TRUST in the name of the LORD our God.

Name of the Lord =

➔ Maybe God brings us to these points of Crisis...

...SO THAT

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 ...about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far **BEYOND** our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. [9] Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves BUT ON GOD, who raises the dead.

2 Timothy 4:16-18 At my first defense, **no one came to my support**, but **everyone deserted me**. May it not be held against them. [17] But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength...

APPLICATION

Romans 8:31-32 What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Psalms 118:6 The LORD is with me; **I will not be afraid**. What can man do to me?

C. S. Lewis -*The Screwtape Letters*

“Never forget that that when we are dealing with pleasure in its healthy and normal and satisfying form we are in a sense on the enemies ground. I know we have won many a soul through pleasure but all the same it is His invention not ours. He made the pleasures. All our research so far has not enabled us to produce one. All we can do is to encourage the humans to take the pleasures which the enemy has produced at times or in ways or in degrees which He has forbidden. So we always try to work away from the natural condition of any pleasure to that in which it is least natural, least reminiscent of it's maker and least pleasurable. An ever increasing craving for an ever diminishing pleasure is the formula.”

1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us **with everything for our enjoyment**.

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Philippians 4:12-13 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. [13] **I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

SO WHAT ??