

## Chapter 25

9- And Amaziah said to the man of God, but what shall we do for the hundred talents of silver, which I gave to the army of Israel? And the man of God said, Yahoah is able to give you much more than this<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Amaziah set out to strengthen the defenses of Judah and hired 100,000 might men of Israel from the tribe of Ephraim. But Israel and Ephraim had long since rejected the Lord and served other god's so such an alliance was unacceptable to the Lord. Therefore, a man of God came and told Amaziah that Yahoah would not be with him to help him if Ephraim was involved. If Amaziah was going to strengthen himself by the help of man God would not be His strength but would cast Him down for success was not determined for the people of God based upon their own strength but based upon the Lord who alone was able to help or to cast down (vs. 8; Deuteronomy 8:17). All Amaziah could think about was the 100 talents of silver that he had already invested to hire the men of Ephraim. However, while he was concerned about his great lose of money and wasted expense the man of God assured him that God was able to do much more than this. God is able to save you when the 100,000 mighty men of Ephraim will fail. God is able to give you much more money than 100 talents of silver if you will serve Him. God is able to defend you and establish you more than you can defend or establish yourself.

God is looking for us to put all of our trust and confidence in Him and make Him the sole object of our trust (Jeremiah 17:5-8). He is a jealous God who is not willing to be set along side of any other gods nor is he willing to be just another alternative for provision and protection. Furthermore, God is not willing to bless any unholy alliances. Those who will at the end of the battle say that my own hand has gotten me the victory or at the end of the success say it was by our own wisdom and skill that we prospered. The blessing and miracles of God must not be profaned by men receiving any of the glory of the honor for what God alone did with His own power and might for He will not share His glory with another (Isaiah 42:8; 48:11; Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24). If we are going to walk in the blessing of the Lord then we must have a pure heart about seeking those things that will glorify God alone and not another (John 5:44). If God is gong to get all of the glory then we are going to have to walk with Him through the fiery trials of faith and learn to not look to another. We are going to have to learn the walk and relationship that has been purified of all self-reliance. Let us all be reminded that if we will trust in the Lord and rely only upon Him then He will do much more than we or the mighty men of the earth can ever do for us. Take all that anyone has ever done and realize today that "God is able to give you much more than this!"