

Grace, Blood and Wrath

2 Kings 3:16-27

1. _____ Grace of the LORD (v. 16-20)
 - a. "That streambed will be _____ with water."
 - i. _____ in the streambed
 - ii. Filled without _____ wind or rain
 - iii. Enough for the army and the _____
 - b. "This will be too _____ a thing in the LORD's eyes."
 - i. He will also give you _____.
 - ii. You shall _____ Moab.
 - c. "And it happened in the morning as the _____ went up."

2. _____ Victory of the LORD (v. 21-25)
 - a. Perspective of the _____
 - i. Moabites' eyes saw " _____ "
 - ii. Moabites' minds discerned " _____ "
 - b. Ambush of the _____
 - i. LORD's " _____ " did the work
 - ii. Army's _____ spoiled the land
 - iii. Slingers' handiwork _____ the capital

3. _____ without the LORD (v. 26-27)
 - a. _____ troops fail to cut through Edom
 - b. Fiery sacrifice of the king's _____ "succeeds"
 - i. Wrath option #1: _____'s wrath on Israel
 - ii. Wrath option #2: _____'s wrath
 - iii. Wrath option #3: _____'s inspired "fury"
 - iv. Wrath option #4: _____'s shock/indignation
 - c. _____ options without God's Word or Ways

“If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you – for your name is in this house – and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.”

And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, ‘Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.’

2 Chronicles 20:9,21

*For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance.*

John 1:16; Matthew 25:29a

Follow-Up Quote

“Verse 27 is a picture of ‘seeking god’ in paganism. You have to coerce and manipulate – perhaps in the most costly way (cf. Micah 6:6-7). Even not very faithful Israelites are repulsed and horrified. Do you see the message for Israel here? It’s as if Yahweh says, ‘See where pagans go in their desperation? See where paganism leads? Do you savvy at all the matchless gift you have in a God who lives and hears and speaks and delivers without bribery?’ It’s as if the writer is pleading, ‘O Israel, do you realize the treasure that you have in Yahweh? You never need to resort to stuff like this.’ In Moab you can bash your head against the wall or sacrifice your son on it. Both are equally futile. But to Israel Yahweh has given prophets through whom one can receive the light and help one needs (see Deut. 18:15-22 in light of 18:9-14). Here is the easy yoke of the word of God. What a relief biblical religion is! If you don’t believe it, try paganism.”

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 44)