

DELIVERED, BUT NOT DEVOTED

1 Kings 20

Big Idea: *God gives undeserved victory so that we may know Him as the Lord.*

¹“Now Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army, and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Samaria and fought against it. ²Then he sent messengers to the city to Ahab king of Israel and said to him, ‘Thus says Ben-hadad, ³‘Your silver and your gold are mine; your most beautiful wives and children are also mine.’ ⁴The king of Israel replied, ‘It is according to your word, my lord, O king; I am yours, and all that I have.’ ⁵Then the messengers returned and said, ‘Thus says Ben-hadad, ‘Surely, I sent to you saying, ‘You shall give me your silver and your gold and your wives and your children,’ ⁶but about this time tomorrow I will send my servants to you, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants; and whatever is desirable in your eyes, they will take in their hand and carry away.’ ⁷Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, ‘Please observe and see how this man is looking for trouble; for he sent to me for my wives and my children and my silver and my gold, and I did not refuse him.’ ⁸All the elders and all the people said to him, ‘Do not listen or consent.’”

1. God’s grace _____ so that we may come to _____
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¹³“Now behold, a prophet approached Ahab king of Israel and said, ‘Thus says the Lord, ‘Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver them into your hand today, and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ ¹⁴Ahab said, ‘By whom?’ So he said, ‘Thus says the Lord, ‘By the young men of the rulers of the provinces.’ Then he said, ‘Who shall begin the battle?’ And he answered, ‘You.’”

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2. God warns us that if _____
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³²“So they girded sackcloth on their loins and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, ‘Your servant Ben-hadad says, ‘Please let me live.’ And he said, ‘Is he still alive? He is my brother.’ ³³Now the men took this as an omen, and quickly catching his word said, ‘Your brother Ben-hadad.’ Then he said, ‘Go, bring him.’ Then Ben-hadad came out to him, and he took him up into the chariot.”

John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.”

Ephesians 4:27 “And do not give the devil an opportunity.”

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