

GOD OF THE HILLS, GOD OF THE VALLEYS 1 KINGS 20

Text: 1 Kings 20:23,28

(1 Kings 20:23) "And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they."

(1 Kings 20:28) "And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD."

Introduction:

1. BASED OUT OF SELFISHNESS OR GREED (vs. 2-3)

(1 Kings 20:2-3) "And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith

Benhadad, {3} Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine."

2. FULL OF RECKLESSNESS (V. 10, 16)

(1 Kings 20:10) "And Benhadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me."

(1 Kings 20:16) "And they went out at noon. But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him."

3. RESTRICTIVE (V. 23)

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- A. Limits the Lord by mistrusting the success of His cause.
- B. Compare Themselves to the Visible.
- C. Limits the power of the Gospel.

4. LESSONS

1. The Devil would like to keep you in the Valley.
2. Many think they can only serve God in the valley.