

IF GOD IS WITH ME

Why

DID THIS HAPPEN?

context

environment

- ① Judges: 1350 – 1050 BCE
- ② Between Joshua & King Saul
- ③ Midianite & Amalekite invasions 1190 – 1180 BCE

pattern

previous

① sin

② nations

③ israelites cry out for help

④ deliverer

pattern

new

- ① sin
- ② nations
- ③ israelites cry out for help
- ④ prophet
- ⑤ deliverer

prophet

message

- ① YHWH rescued you from egypt
- ② YHWH is powerful
- ③ israelites are idolaters/worshiping baal
- ④ israelites are disobeying

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- ③ appears to know prophet's message
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i will be with you

for God to be with someone, meant God declared He was to give someone success and protection to accomplish an assigned task

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Signs

- ① God remained
- ② meal miraculously consumed
- ③ the Lord disappears

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who is he?

- ① in a pit
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- ③ appears to know prophet's message
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- ⑤ not innocent; idolater

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possible considerations

- ① trial to change us (Jas 1)
- ② spiritual warfare (Eph 6)
- ③ persecution (Heb)
- ④ random evil (Luke 13:1-5)

ANSWERS

considerations

don't rule out the possibility that God may have never been with someone who assumes "God is with me"

expectations

wrong assumptions

- ① God may not be with them
- ② never declared himself to be with them
- ③ never gave them an assignment

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considerations

don't rule out the possibility that God may have **abandoned** someone he was with because of their **disobedience, sin, evil, or idolatry**

solution

deliverance

if the Lord handed the israelites over to the midianites,
don't you think he has the power to hand the midianites over to the isralites too?

solution

deliverance internally

"I will be with you" (6:16)

"peace be to you" (6:23)

"the Lord is peace" (6:24)

salvation

how can we have peace?

"peace" (Luke 2:14)

"go in peace" (Luke 7:50; 8:48)

"peace i leave with you" (John 14:27)

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"making peace through" cross (Col 1:20)

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solution

if you're a christian

if God has brought disaster and
abandoned you because of your
disobedience,

you better get obedient.

solution

if you're a christian

if God has brought disaster and
abandoned you because of your **sin**,
you better **get repentant**

solution

if you're a christian

if God has brought disaster and
abandoned you because of your evil,
you better get holy

solution

if you're a christian

if God has brought disaster and abandoned you because of your idolatry,
you better tear down those idols

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