

A BETTER PLACE

MORE THAN THE PHYSICAL

- A. A better place physically
 - 1. Improves the narrative
- B. A better place internally
 - 1. Life is much more than a physical location
 - 2. Where we are internally matters (***Proverbs 15:15 NKJV***)
 - 3. Our connection to the Lord and His Kingdom gives us access to a better place

A KING LEADS A NATION TO A BETTER PLACE

- A. Facing a major problem
 - 1. Three armies were coming against Judah
 - 2. Jehoshaphat, a godly king, was afraid
- B. Jehoshaphat connects with God (***2 Chronicles 20:12-17 NKJV***)
 - 1. Calls the nation together to seek God's help
 - 2. In his prayer, Jehoshaphat starts with the bigness of God
 - 3. He concludes with an appeal for help
- C. God answers with a promise of help
 - 1. Directs the people to not be afraid or discouraged
 - 2. Also tells them to go down and face the enemy
 - 3. God promises to deliver Judah from their enemies
- D. Jehoshaphat and the people connect with God's promise (***2 Chronicles 20:20-22 NKJV***)
 - 1. The king encourages the people to believe God and His words
 - 2. Before they saw the promise fulfilled, they began to praise God for His mercy
 - 3. The Lord took care of the problem

GETTING TO A BETTER PLACE

- A. Make a connection with the Lord
 - 1. Always starts with the heart (***Hebrews 11:6 NKJV***)
 - 2. Connect/seek God with prayer
- B. Find a promise of God to go on
 - 1. The promises in His word give us a place to go
 - 2. God's Word is an answer for our problems (***Psalms 119:50 NKJV***) (***Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV***)
- C. The better place is connecting with the promise, not the problem
 - 1. We live between the problems and the promises
 - 2. Praise and thanksgiving connect us with the promises
 - 3. Believe in God and be strong; believe His promises and prosper