

God's Battle Axe

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Here am I use me, (2x) As the Lord wants somebody, Here am I use me.

Here am I send me, (2x) As the Lord wants somebody, Here am I send me.

In Isaiah 6:8, the Lord is asking, Whom shall I send, And who will go for us? Isaiah answered, Here am I, send me. What is your response to the Lord's question? Give the Lord your response without keeping Him waiting.

Note: In any settlement of people, you find the involvement of the following: God ruling in the affairs of men, a King, Princes, Princesses, Judges (corrupt or honest ones), Teachers (true or false ones), Prophets (true or false ones), Priests (true or false ones), Elders of the people, Mockers, Diviners, Dreamers, Soothsayers, Sorcerers, Satan and his unseen evil spirits destroying, etc. But you as God's battle-axe and weapons of war must play your role committedly and efficiently no matter what. You give out God's Word in season and out of season in order to turn people back to God (Jeremiah 23:22; Psalm 51:12-13; 2 Timothy 4:2). Also, you should be systematic, strategic and evaluative of your ministry efforts keep progress record.

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GOD'S BATTLE-AXE and WEAPONS OF WAR by Edward O. Eruteya (Strictly for the Church audience)

Friend (my born again friend), the Scripture text for this exhortation is in Jeremiah 51:20-23, NKJV. It read thus: 20You are My battle-axe and weapons of war: For with you I will break the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms; 21With you I will break in pieces the horse and its rider; With you I will break in pieces the chariot and its rider; 22With you also I will break in pieces man and woman; With you I will break in pieces old and young; With you I will break in pieces the young man and the maiden; 23With you also I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; With you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; And with you I will break in pieces governors and rulers. [Literally, breaking anything in pieces suggests the end of that thing; it can't be useful anymore once broken in pieces.]

Going by that Scripture text, there are ten (10) things which the LORD of hosts will use His battle-axe and weapons of war to do to break in pieces. Take note of them one by one: with you ... I will break ... one to ten things. Who is the you in this text? In the first instance, it is referring to the prophet Jeremiah whom God ordained to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5). Jeremiah was set over the nations and kingdoms of his time. He

is to: (i) root out (ii) pull down (iii) destroy (iv) throw down (v) build and (vi) plant as in Jeremiah 1:10. The first four tasks were against evil while the last two were for righteousness. How is Jeremiah going to accomplish this? It is through his ministry as an ordained prophet. Indeed, it is through his ministry which is not by physical might (energy). It is not by physical activities but by spiritual activities he being in God's council. He was God's tool, God's instrument, God's vessel that ministered through the period of the five last kings of Judah, namely: Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah. His ministry had great impact on the people however rebellious the people were. His messages from God were very accurate. He was a good receiver and a good transmitter of God's Word. He spoke from the mouth of God (2 Chronicles 36:12b). Jeremiah was God's tool; God's battle-axe. God's weapon is for spiritual warfare and not for physical fight at all.

What was God using to fight? Is it with bare hands? Oh, no. But it was by His Words through the prophet. Is God's Word not like fire that burns to consume things? His Word not like hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? (Jeremiah 23:29). His word has to pass through a vessel. And that was Jeremiah a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the master (2 Timothy 2:19-21). God's Word was in Jeremiah's heart like a burning fire, shut up in Jeremiah's bones (Jeremiah 20:9).

If you (my friend) must be God's tool, God's battle-axe and weapons of His warfare, then, you must be without flaws free from all spiritual impediments, free from all spiritual insulators letting the Spirit's anointing to flow. Oh, free from all spiritual hitches here and there. Yes, God must use appropriate tool, appropriate vessel. Do you fit into this? Are you God's choice? Do you qualify? Has God chosen you? Has God sent you? Do you have God's approval?

Yes, God's tool, God's battle-axe must be under His control. Not under the control of the flesh or Devil. The owner of an axe should hold the handle of it for use. Yes, Jeremiah was able to detach his feelings from what he was commissioned to declare. Though he suffered as a result of his messages from God, he never twisted them to his own advantage to be a false prophet!

Now adjure yourself. How much is your ministry doing in the town or locality where you live? In the reign of the kings of the town what has your ministry achieved? How much impact is your ministry in the life of the people of the town? You must seat down and evaluate your ministry. What have you rooted out, pulled down, destroyed, thrown down, built and planted in that town after several years of ministering? Are you really God's tool the appropriate tool? How do you know that you are God's tool? Is it by the name/title you bear or your service to God? Do your decision and way of life promote the gospel, which is God's power for salvation to all who believe it? Or, is your ministry your belly watch it! Jeremiah was God's tool, God's vessel vide his dedicated life and service. He caught the vision. He maintained the vision and did go along with it till his death

Friend (my born again friend), your ministry must not be devoid of God's Word God's hammer, fire, sword, etc. Eat the Word (scroll) as Jeremiah and Ezekiel did. Jeremiah found the Word and ate it (Jeremiah 15:16). Ezekiel was given the scroll and he ate it

(Ezekiel 3:1-4). Diligent meditation as the way of eating God's Word must be a daily thing doing so day and night (Psalm 1). Yes, it should be a ministry that delights in prayer seeking God's face and His strength continually (1 Chronicles 16:11); but how is your prayer life? It should be a ministry that delights in sanctified living; renouncing the hidden things of darkness (2 Corinthians 4:1-4). It should be a ministry that is Holy Spirit filled; while fasting is not neglected; and sowing God's Word in the heart of individuals by all means possible. It should not be by might, nor power but by the Spirit. May the Lord God find you useful for His work on earth as He found Jeremiah, Amen! You have no valid excuse why He can't use you. So sing the chorus below and you get ready to pray, enlisting yourself in God's service: