

## **The Battle is the Lords**

### **Introduction**

Today as we come together as a church, as a family of believers to worship the God of all god, the Son of all sons, the Spirit of all spirits, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are for ever to be praised.

Let us, stand up and praise and worship God, the three in One, the King of all kings, the Lord of all lords, the Master and creator of everything both seen and unseen.

### ***Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-30***

#### **Message**

Now as you know today is the day that we are going to give our finances towards this churches project, to collect finances, to lay the foundations for this church, your church.

For far too long this church, these Head Quarter build of the Holy Cross Pentecostal church have been put aside so that we can build and put roofs on churches in various villages throughout Malawi.

Already we have put roofs on the church in Kawamba, Kwambuli, Longwe, Jenda, and today, we want to start the process of building this church and the building that will make up the HCPC church complex.

#### **No coincident**

You see God in His infinite wisdom has chosen you to be in this church, at this time, as a member, maybe even a visitor because He need you to help Him!

The God of the entire universe want you, He wants you to help. It is not a coincidence that you are here today, or that I am here today?

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No one here today, except Pastor George, knew I was going to be here in Lilongwe and be preach here today!

God has brought you here to hear this message and to challenge you to make these buildings a reality.

I have good news for you, all the money needed to build the Holy Cross church throughout Malawi is in your pockets. 😊

Yes you heard correctly, the money, the finances, the means to build the Holy Cross head quarter buildings in in our pockets.

Now I know that many people have already switched off their minds because Satan is lying to you by saying, "I have no money, how can I help build this church, it is going to cost millions of Kwachas" – that is a lie, that is a lie from the pit of Hell.

Satan know that if he can make you say something, then you will have whatever you say! Yes that is in the Bible, You will have exactly what you say!

And I will prove it to you, turn in your Bible to **Mark 11:22-25**

*"<sup>22</sup> "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup> "Truly I tell you, if anyone **says** to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they **say** will happen, it will be done for them. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."*

**Proverbs 18:20-21**, says<sup>20</sup> ***From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.***<sup>21</sup> ***The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.***

So my question to you today is, **"what are you saying about yourself, what are speaking into your life, or your future?"**

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**What lies is Satan speaking into your life that you are believing and repeating** and reaping the harvest of the fruit of your unbelief!

**What are you saying about yourself, your family, your job, your wife, your finance**, because according to the Bible, and **Satan knows this?** Whatever you **say good or bad, you will eat the fruit of your mouth or what you have said!**

That is why some of you may have heard me say this before, **"We, you and I are the SUM TOTAL of what we have said!**

### Thinking differently

#### Have Faith in God!

So if we are going to start building anything at this site, if we are going to lay these foundations and start building this church, **we are going to have to SAY and do things differently.**

Jehoshaphat, had a choice, speak out the problem and admit defeat or **speak to his problem in faith and have victory!**

We see in verse 5, that Jehoshaphat, **assembled the whole of Judah at the Temple and prayed a prayer of faith.**

He acknowledges God and all the things that God had done for Israel in the past. He says about God, that:

- "...You (God), rule over the Kingdoms of the nations..."
- "...Power and might is in His hand..."
- "...no one can withstand You..."

So if we are going to build this church, **we need to stop saying:**

- We don't have money.
- We are too poor
- Maybe a white person will bring us the money
- Maybe a rich businessman will give us the money

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**We need to put our faith in God and God alone.** Yes He, God, can and will use your money, and yes He can use white, black or other people to give money and yes He can use business people to give, but **primary God is going to use YOU to build this church!**

He, God, can do amazing miracles too, He can and will do far more than we have ever hoped for or could imagine.

You see, **If we continue to do what we have been doing in the past, will always get the same result, but if we choose to doing things God's way, we WILL have a different result!**

**If we will humble ourselves and acknowledge that all finances and all wealth have the source in God alone, and we ASK Him, in FAITH, for the finances we need.**

**And say in faith, that God is able to do this task.**

**God will hear, give us a strategy and we will build and complete this place.**

### **Change how we act**

So we need to **start acting in FAITH, and stop speaking negatively** but **IN FAITH speak and believe we have received what we have asked for** – we will get whatever we AKSED for!

**We need to get our mouths and thoughts saved today, so that we can possess ALL the promises that God has in stall for us!**

We have to **change the way we are think**, the way we speak and we need to change the way we think!

**God's thought need to become our thought.** They need to change into the thoughts of God. **Isaiah 55:8-9,**

*"8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

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**God thoughts are not our thoughts, in fact the way God think in totally contrary to the way we might think.**

For example we are taught to be selfish, God's Word says God loves a cheerful giver (**2 Corinthians 9:7**)

We are taught to hoard money, we hold on to it, we allow money to rule us, when God says that now one can server both money and God. (**Matthew 6:24**)

**Satan will uses your thoughts to hold you in bondage and will prevent you from stepping out into what God has planned for you and this church.**

**So we need to change the way we think, into the way God thinks. Stop limiting God by your thoughts!**

### Change what we say

Next we need **to change what we say**, because **Mark 11** says that we will have whatever we say! **What are you saying about yourself now?**

I am poor – Jesus says in **2 Corinthians 8:9**: - He, Jesus became poor so that in His poverty we might become rich.

I am sick – Jesus died so that all may be heal - **Psalms 103:3** says that He, Jesus, heals ALL our sicknesses and diseases.

Did you know that there is a very powerful weapon that is **more powerful than all the bombs in the world? More powerful than riches and fame. That weapon is our mouths.**

With our mouths **we can praise God and curse someone.** With that **same mouth we can speak blessings and curses.** With that **same mouth we build up or breakdown.** With that **same mouth we can speak words of love or destruction.**

**The tongue, our words have power and they can change our world, for good or bad today!**

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**You can choose what type of life you will have in your future, by changing your WORD, what you speak today!**

**By what you say. If you say this church will never be built because we have no money, then that is exactly what you will have, no church.**

**But if you, unite your faith with your friends and together we start to speak in faith, that this church will be built it will happen. And you start to participate in this miracle by giving like you have never given in your life and praying asking God to intervene, then ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**

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**You might say but Pastor Martin how can we build this church, where will we get the finances from?**

**If that is your question, you asking the WRONG Question – you need to ask, “Wow, God is going to do a great miracle and I need to do my part and watch and see what God is going to do!**

**In 2 Chronicles 20**, we read that King Jehoshaphat, faced a vast army of Moabites and Ammonites, you remember that the Moabites and Ammonites were the offspring of Lot’s daughters who slept with their father after the Mother died by turning into a pillar of salt.

**There had gathered a very large army and they were about to attack and kill the Israelites. There was no way that the small army of Israel would or could defeat them.**

**They face an insurmountable problem**, we at Holy Cross Pentecostal church are facing an insurmountable problem of finances!

**Our God, is greater than this problem and our faith and what we say is greater than this problem.**

**How would they defeat such a large army? How are we every going to get the finances to build this building?**

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Let's look at what King Jehoshaphat did, when the people came to present the problem of the Moabites and Ammonites he did not run to the temple and make hundreds of scarifies or hired soldiers to fight with him.

No, Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Israel, **he took ownership of the problem**, as I said before he told the people how faithful God had been and reminded them of God's promises toward them and **then he presents the problem to God** and then God through the prophet Jahaziel that God will deliver then and fight for them and God lays out the strategy for Israel to defeat the Moabites and Ammonites.

**Can you imagine, they must dig holes in the desert**, it was hot and seem so stupid but Jehoshaphat followed the Lords instruction to the letter and **God fought for Israel that day and totally destroyed the armies that came again Israel and Israel carried off much spoils, in other words became rich.**

The answer to building the Holy Cross church is simple,

- **Put your trust and faith in God** to solve this problem
- **Refuse to speak negative about the church**, pastors or the church building project.
- Do what you can:
  - Give money to the building of the church. If you do not have money trust God to open a door for you so that you can give.
  - Pray and fast for God to do something supernatural
  - Encourage your friends, congregation and pastors
  - Trust God to do what you cannot do!

## Conclusion

Church of Holy Cross, **that same God that did miracle and all the other miracles in the Bible, That God, wants to do a new miracle in Malawi**, at this place but **He has a plan that we need to follow in order to bring in the finances to build this church.**

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Holy Cross Pentecostal church, **God will fight for you, but we need to have faith that He will. We need to do what we can financially and let God do the rest.**

**We need to each see what we can do, today and into the future and do it, as the Nike advert says, "Just do it!"**

**Yes we may need to make some sacrifices** and give the money to this project and see and allow God to do the rest.

### **MALAWI FOR JESUS**

As I close, let me tell you a bit about Malawi for Jesus, which is our ministry. When God called us to come to Malawi in September 2011, we had no financial backing, I like to say, **"the Bank of Martin", was funding everything** – in other words I did what I could and God did amazing things.

**Today I have done 21 trips to Malawi**, I have paid the air fares for all these trips, supplied the finances for the costs of over 13 outreaches out of my own pocket and put roofs on four churches and we have seen over 80,000 people come to Jesus Christ. **That is just simply GOD doing amazing thongs through us.**

Yes this has cost millions of Kwachas! Maybe you are asking, **how God has supplied all this money?** Through me, I have given most of this money through my tithing and special giving but God has helped by letting others also give.

**I did what I could and God has done the rest**, so much so **that it is just amazing what he has done in Malawi through one person and his family, now imagine what God can do with you, if you would just hear what He says and do it without question.**

We are about to take a collection for the foundations of this church, what will you do? What will you say? I say, **"My God can meet all my need according to HIS riches in Glory in Christ Jesus"**. Let me be the first to give, here is 165,000MKW, I challenge everyone here, hear what God is saying to you and do what He has told you to do! Do you can and let God do the rest!