

A Handicapped Hero

“But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly”, Judges 3:15-21.

Do you feel adequate to do all that God asks of you?

Viktor Frankl, an American neurologist and holocaust survivor made the comment ‘Everything can be taken from a man but one thing, “To choose one’ s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’ s way” ’ .

The majority of people, including many Christians living to day, live in a state of fear. For the Christian to live in that state, they have not harnessed God’ s Power in their daily living.

Let us for a few minutes consider God’ s Choice.

With a forty-year gap between the death of Othniel, Israel’ s first judge and Israel’ s second judge, Ehud.

Ehud, therefore, would have been born in the earlier part of that peace era, and was a member of the Tribe of Benjamin.

Born as a left-handed person, he would have been regarded as an

‘untrustworthy person’ .

At the start of his reign as a Judge of Israel, he did not concern himself with what the people thought, but accepted that God had endowed him to have a handicap for a particular reason.

God gave Ehud many gifts for the work He was calling Ehud to do, God gave Ehud the courage to walk into an enemy’ s highest domain, knowing that he might not return home alive.

God gave Ehud wisdom on how to get the enemy into an area where no one would hear his cry for help.

God gave Ehud a foil proof plan, for when the servants saw that the king had closed the door, they would not interrupt him.

God gave Ehud the organizational ability to raise an army to free themselves from an enemy.

Ehud trusted the Lord, not his own ability.

The battle was the Lord’ s, and the Lord, through Ehud’ s obedience, gave the Land eighty years of peace.

The Lord can do mighty things with the apparently physically weak, and through the perceived weakness of one man, the land had its longest period of peace during the times of the Judges.

Jesus, the Son of God is the Judge the Father selected to lead His People to day.