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OUR SURE DEFENSE [CONTINUED]

“The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” (Isaiah 52:10)

We conclude with God’s personal intervention when nations and rulers fail to carry out his purpose of justice and freedom. Here his arm becomes redeemingly bare. You see, both history and experience give testimony to the truth that all nations conspire to violate the will, purpose, and even the mandate of God in assuring justice and freedom for all. **When nations fail to use their power to help those in need, then God will personally take over in defense of the helpless and hopeless.**

For instance, when Egypt held the Jews for 430 years in abject slavery and placed unbearable burdens upon them, God rolled up his sleeves and stepped down into the back of Jethro’s pasture. He said to Moses: ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt....And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians....’ (Exodus 3:7-8). The Lord rolled up his sleeves and wrecked Egypt and brought justice and freedom to his Chosen People. To this day Egypt has not fully recovered from the knockout.

Where is invincible Babylon that put the holy city of Jerusalem in ruins and destroyed the holy temple? Then she herded the Israelites, like cattle, to Babylon by the River Chebar. It was a ghetto that bred despair and death. **In that strange land they were left without faith or freedom to sing.** So deplorable were the conditions that God rolled up his sleeves and made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations for all the ends of the earth to see. He knocked Babylon into oblivion, and she is still down, counted out.

This is what Calvary is all about. When man’s redemption was at stake, God made bare his holy arm and came down in the likeness of his begotten Son. He even gave the world the advantage of arresting him, whipping him, spitting on him, and indicting him as a criminal. He allowed the combined powers of government and religion to strip him, nail him alive to a wooden cross. But even on the cross he made bare his holy arm, rolled up his sleeves, and proved that he could still win. **With an almighty jab he smote the universe, and the blow was so tremendous that ‘the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose’ (Matthew 27:51-52).** The centurion felt the blow and screamed, “Truly this was the Son of God” (Matthew 27:54). AMEN.

~Dr. Dearing E. King
Outstanding Black Sermons
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“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

