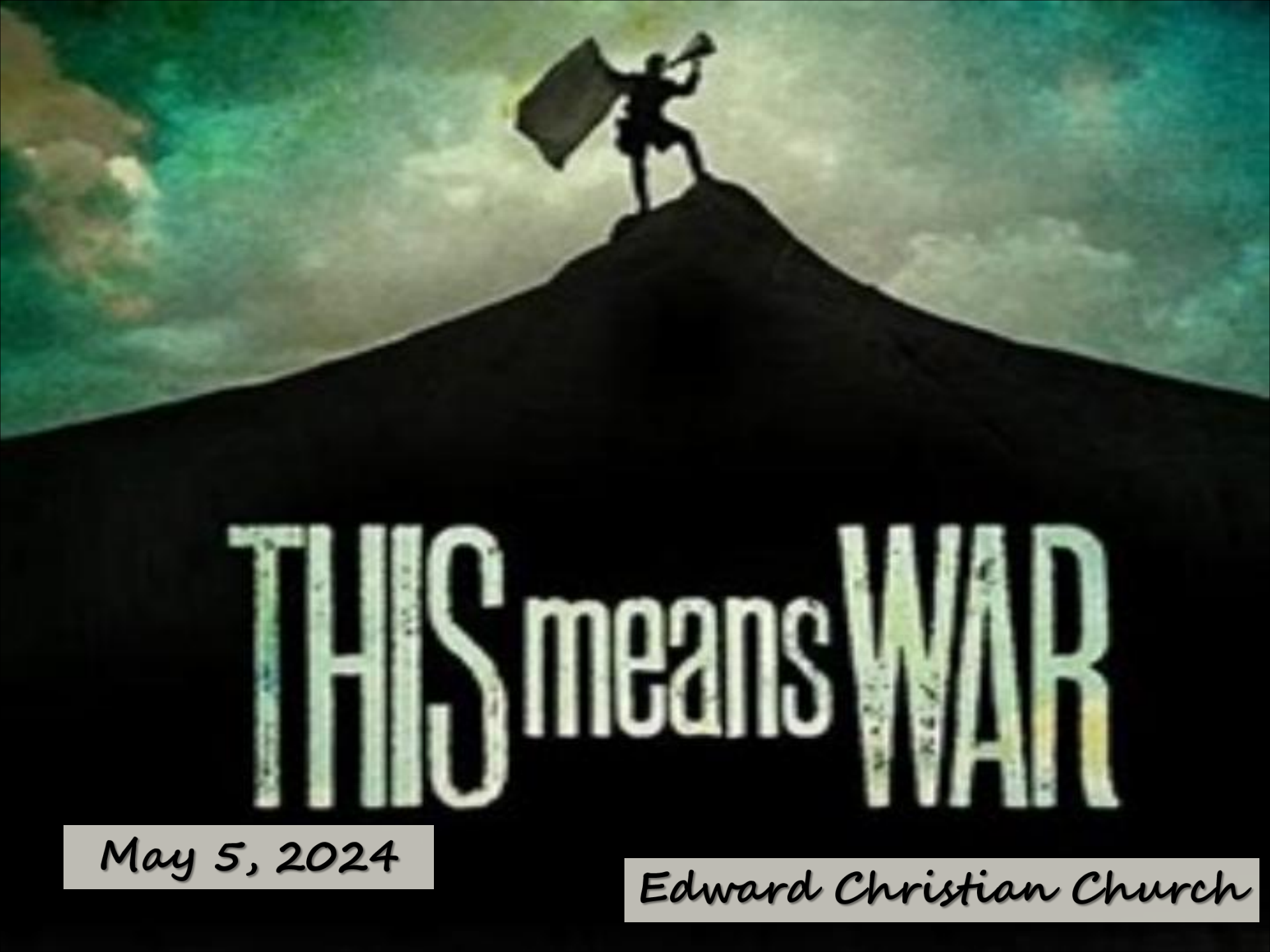
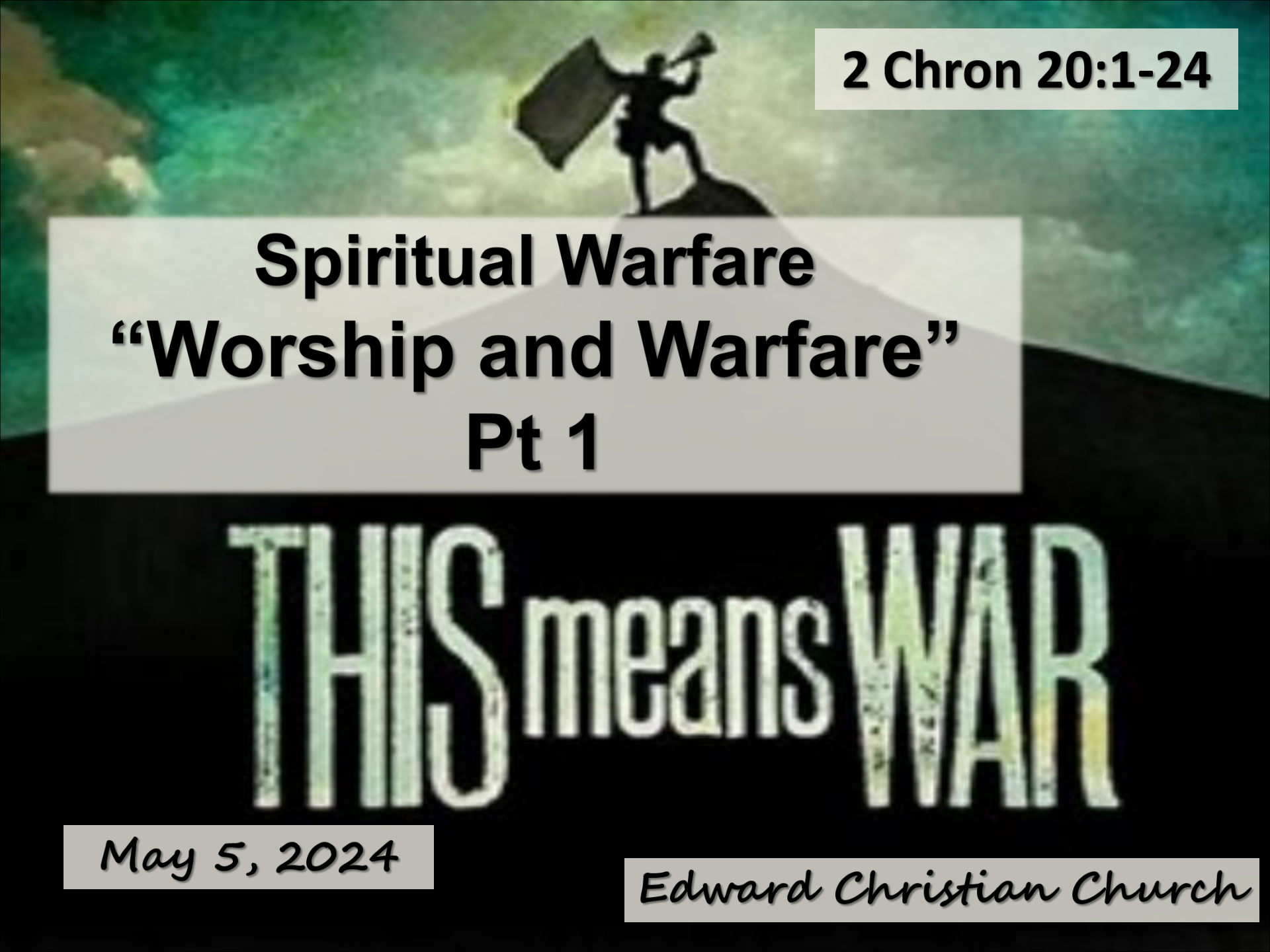




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2 Chron 20:1-24

Spiritual Warfare
“Worship and Warfare”
Pt 1

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A black and white photograph of soldiers in a trench. The soldiers are wearing helmets and carrying rifles. The text "Worship is WARFARE" is overlaid on the image. "Worship is" is in a white, cursive font, and "WARFARE" is in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font.

Worship is
WARFARE

Worship is an Act of War

It is a Spiritual Battle Against...

...the Principalities of Darkness

Worship Creates a Wall of Fire...

...Around the Soul in Warfare

**In the Old Test, the people of God learned that
worship and warfare went hand in hand**

**When they repented and truly worshipped God,
He always gave them victory**



WORSHIP IS SIMPLY
GIVING GOD HIS
BREATH BACK.

-LOUIE GIGLIO-

Power in Praises

- **When we lift our voices in song, pour out our hearts in worship, there's a shift that happens.**
 - **The atmosphere changes.**
- **The walls that surround us,
...burdens that weigh us down,
...battles that we face,
...fade into background.**
- **We're transported to a place where...
...it's just us and God.**
- **It's a Place of Peace,
...a Place of Joy,
...a Place of Strength.**

Maybe You Noticed Today ...

- No Music**
- No Singing**
 - No CDs**
- No A Capello**
 - No Praise**
 - No Worship**
- Very Little Being Sent Up**
- Very Little Being Sent Down**

If Satan Had His Way...

This Is How Every Service...

...In Every Church

...Would Be Every Week

Before I Address the Question “Why?”

Let Me Challenge Your “No Way

Who Would of Thought Removal of...

- **Morning Prayer/ Devotions in School**
- **National Anthem/ Pledge of Allegiance...**
...In Schools and Sporting Events
- **Prayer at School/ Sporting Events**
- **Manger Scenes –Public / Private**
- **Crosses –Public / Private**
- **Ten Commandments Court Room/ Public**

Now “Why”

All of the Above Mentioned

...Powerful

....Connects Us to God

Praise and Worship

...Connects God to Us

Invites His

Presence



ISAIAH 14:12-15

**12. How are you fallen
from heaven, O Lucifer,
son of the morning!
how are you cut down to
the ground, which did
weaken the nations!**

**13. For you have said in
your heart, I will ascend
into heaven, I will exalt
my throne above the
stars of GOD: I will sit
also upon the mount of
the congregation, in the
sides of the north:**

**14. I will ascend above the
heights of the clouds; I
will be like the most High.**

**15. Yet you shall be
brought down to hell,
to the sides of the pit.**

Isaiah 14

- Opens Our Eyes to...
- Why He Tries to Stop Our Worship
- He wants to be Praised and Worshipped

○ Not Only Instead Of God

○ But As God

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Ezekiel 28:12-13

¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. ¹³Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Ezekiel 28:12-13

• Opens Our Eyes to...

Satan's Connection to

- Praise
- Worship
- Music

Satan Understands It's Power

- Connect
- Control

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The background of the image is a solid, vibrant red. Overlaid on this are black silhouettes of soldiers in a trench. One soldier is in the foreground on the right, looking towards the left. Another soldier is further back on the left, also looking left. A third soldier is partially visible in the center. They are holding rifles. The scene suggests a moment of intense combat or a strategic pause during a war.

"Worship is
an act of war
against the
enemy of our
hearts."

—Holley Gerth

Praise Needs to Lead in Battle

Why?

- ✓ **Conditions Our Heart**
- ✓ **Conditions Enemy's Mind**
- **When Our Praise Is Silent...**
 - ...So Is God's Response**
- **When You Go Into Battle Remember...**
 - **Your Praise Is A Battle Cry**

—Holley Gerth

While the people
worshiped the Lord,
the Lord fought for
the people!

2 Chron.
20:22-25



2 Chron 20:22

The Power of Praise in Battle

- ❑ Places God in Front of Our Battles (21)
 - ❑ Prepares for God to Move (22)
 - ❑ Pushes Back the Darkness that Surrounds
- ❑ Perplexes Satan and His Plan (23)
 - ❑ Propels Us to Victory (24)

Praises Can Become
A Powerful Weapon In Our Battles!



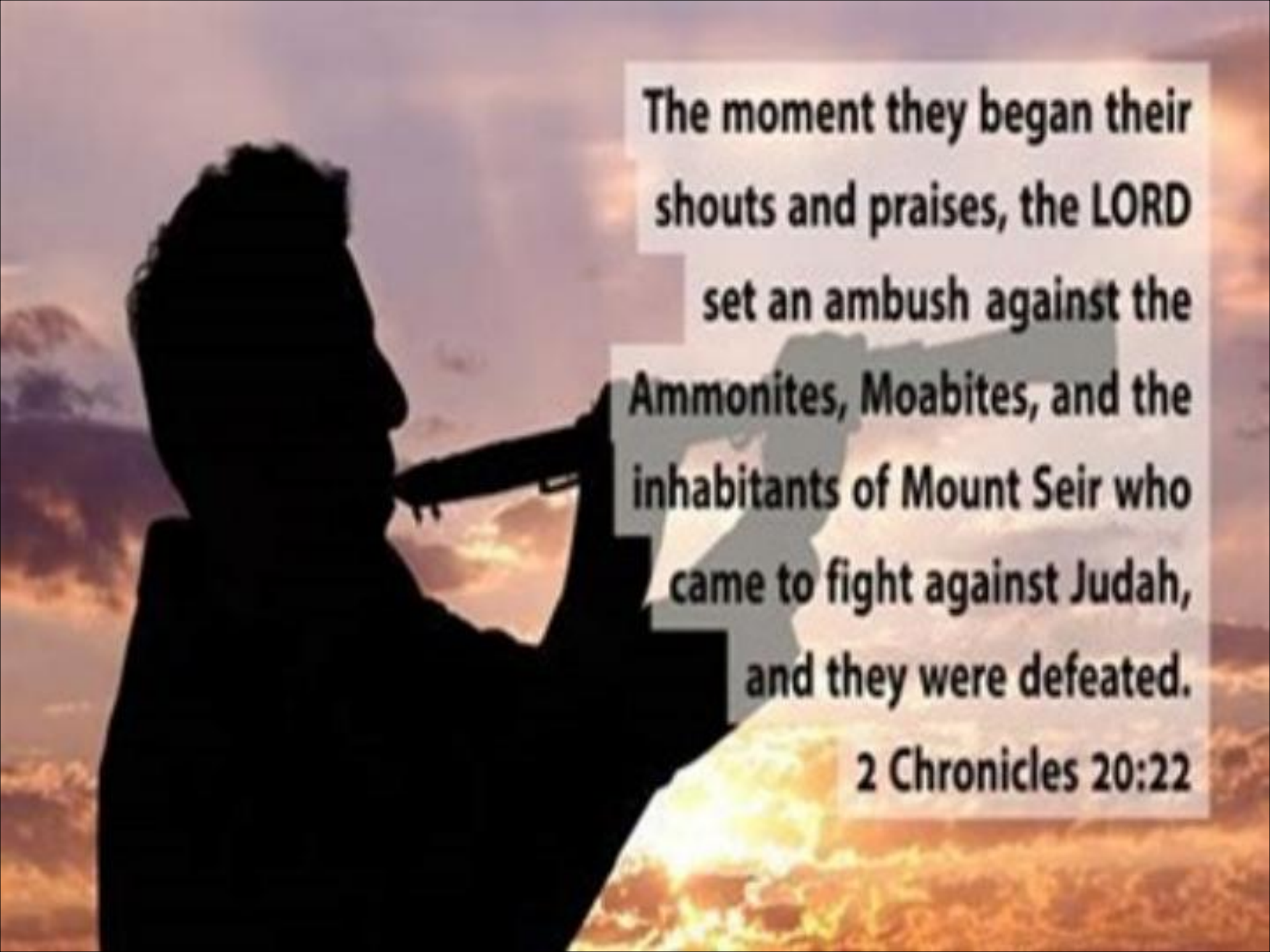
1st: Our Praises Invite God's Presence.

- **Psa 22:3**, God inhabits our praises
- We create a space where God can move...
...manifest His power.
- Our praises are like a welcome mat...
...inviting God into our situations,
- When God is present, anything is possible.

2nd: Our Praises Shift Our Focus.

- It's easy to stay focused on the obstacle
- Shifts focus from problem to problem-solver



A silhouette of a man in profile, facing right, shouting into a megaphone. The background is a dramatic sky with orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**The moment they began their
shouts and praises, the LORD
set an ambush against the
Ammonites, Moabites, and the
inhabitants of Mount Seir who
came to fight against Judah,
and they were defeated.**

2 Chronicles 20:22

3rd: Our Praises Release Our Faith.

- Its not just singing songs, making declarations
- Its declaring God is good, faithful, / able
....no matter what we're going through

4th: Our Praises Disarm The Enemy.

- it wasn't their Weapons that Defeated Them...
- ...it was their Worship.
- It Confused the Enemy...
...Caused Chaos in the Enemy's Camp
- It dismantled the Enemy's Strategies.
- Praise is a weapon that is Mighty in God...
...for the Pulling Down of Strongholds.

**"Worship isn't about the people.
Worship isn't even about the music.
Worship is about giving God the
honor and glory he deserves."**



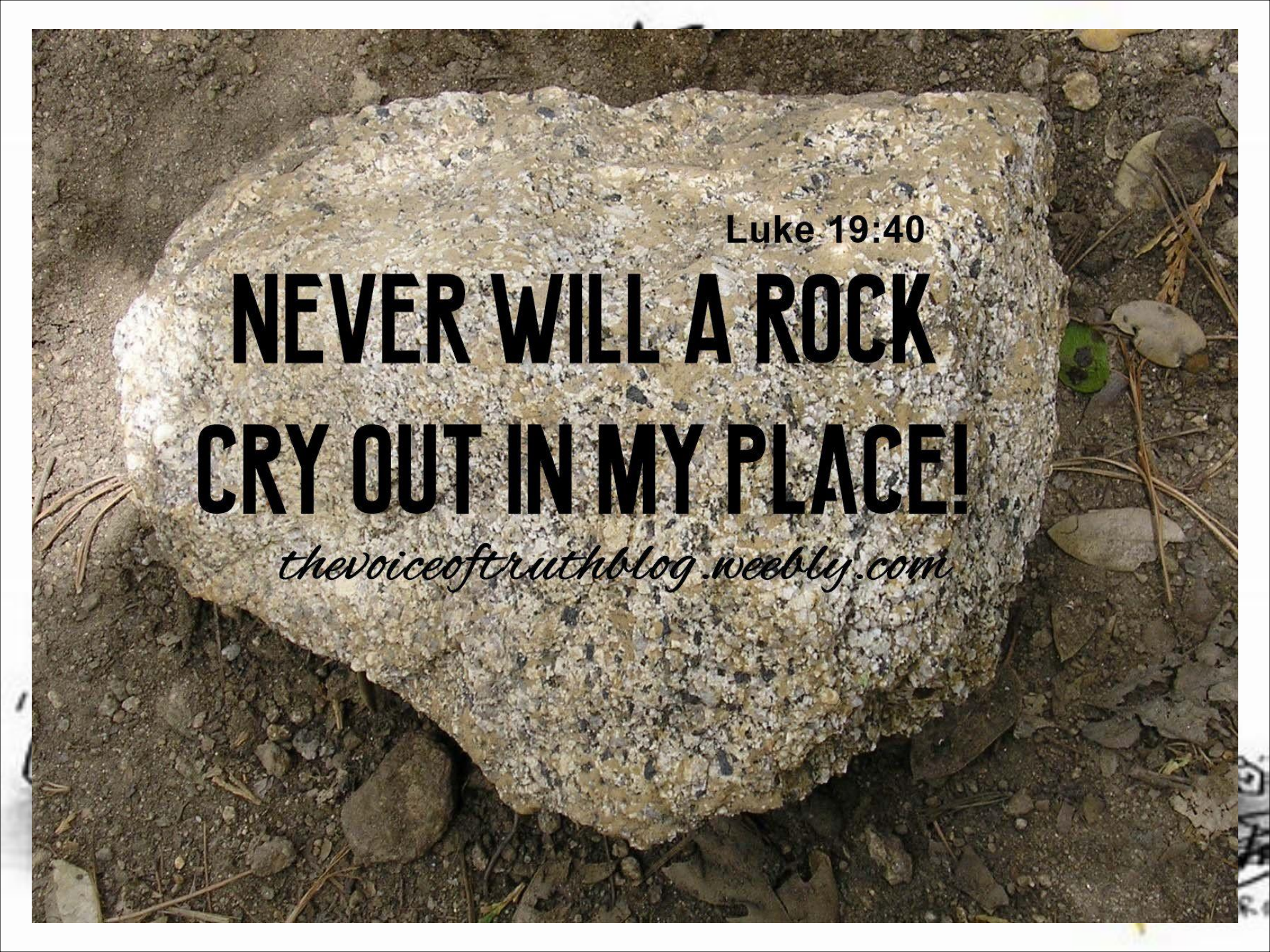
- **If Satan Can't Stop Our Praise / Worship**
 - **He Hinders It...**
- ...When We Forget that PW Is Not About**
 - **Pleasing Me**
 - But**
 - **Pleasing God**
- **When We Refuse to Worship or Complain About Worship....**
 - **This is What God Hears**



...THE
STONES
WILL CRY OUT

LUKE 19:40





Luke 19:40

**NEVER WILL A ROCK
CRY OUT IN MY PLACE!**

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If the bugle produces an indistinct sound

who will prepare
himself for
battle



1 Corinthians 14:8

If the bugle produces an indistinct sound

who will

himself

Praise and Worship

Similar but Different

Both Point to God

Worship is “Inside Job”

Bow Down

Praise is “Outward Job”

Raise Up

In Life’s Battles....

...Its Our War Cry!!!



Your
Worship
is Your
War-ship

