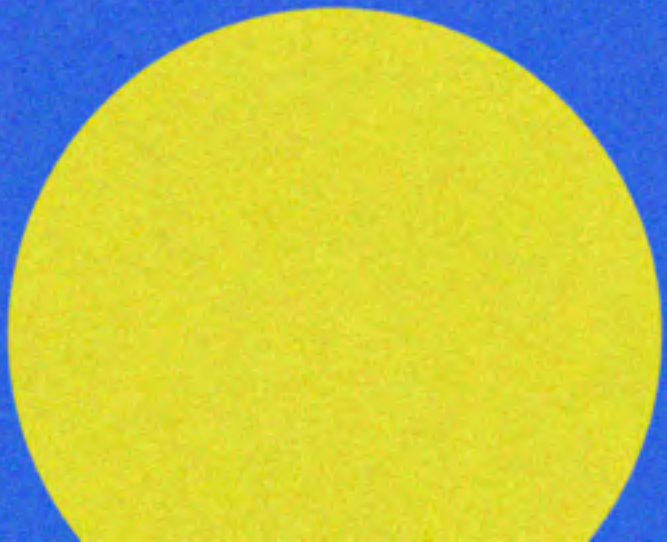
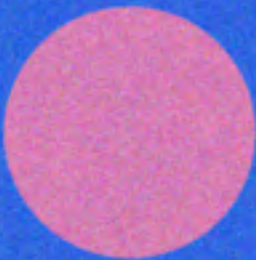
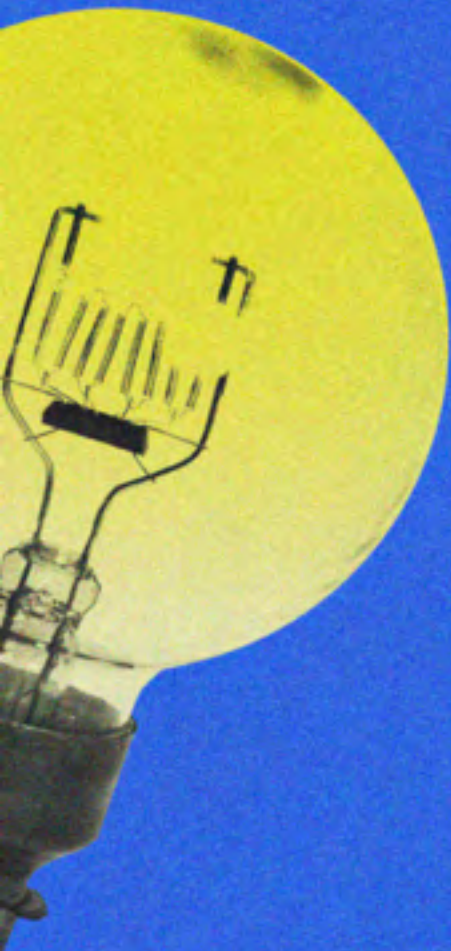
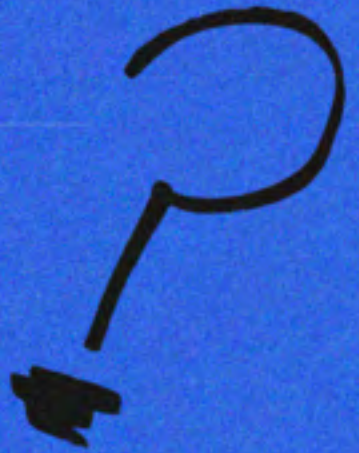




3 DEFINING QUESTIONS



Dear GOD,
instead of letting people die and
having to make new ones, why don't
you just keep the ones you have?

- Jane



Dear GOD,
maybe Cain and Abel would not kill
each other so much if they had their
own rooms. It works with my brother.

- Larry



Dear GOD,
are you really invisible, or is it just a trick?

- Lucy



Dear GOD,
did you mean for the giraffe to look
like that or was it an accident?

- Norma



Dear GOD,
I went to this wedding, and they kissed
right there in church. Is that okay?

- Neil



Dear GOD,
what does it mean you are a Jealous
God? I thought you had everything.

- Jane



Dear GOD,
did you really mean "***do unto others as
they do unto you***"? - Because if you did,
then I'm going to fix my brother.

- Darla



Dear GOD,
thank you for the baby brother,
but what I prayed for was a puppy.

- Joyce



Dear GOD,
I think about you sometimes
even when I'm not praying.

- Elliott



The more we know the person we
are conversing with, the deeper,
the more meaningful, the more
enjoyable the conversation becomes.



**Prayer is growing deeper
into God and growing deeper
into God results in prayer.**



We must learn to integrate
theology with **prayer**.

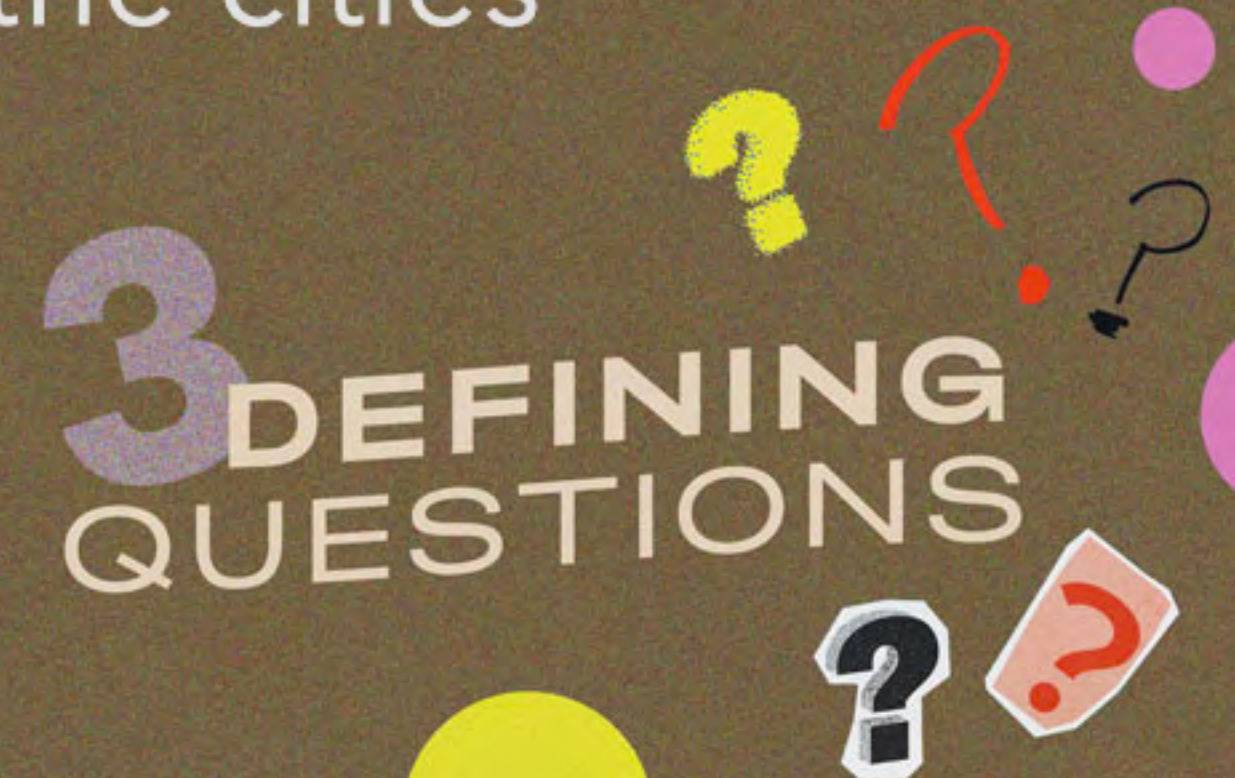


Theology is simply **the study of God.**



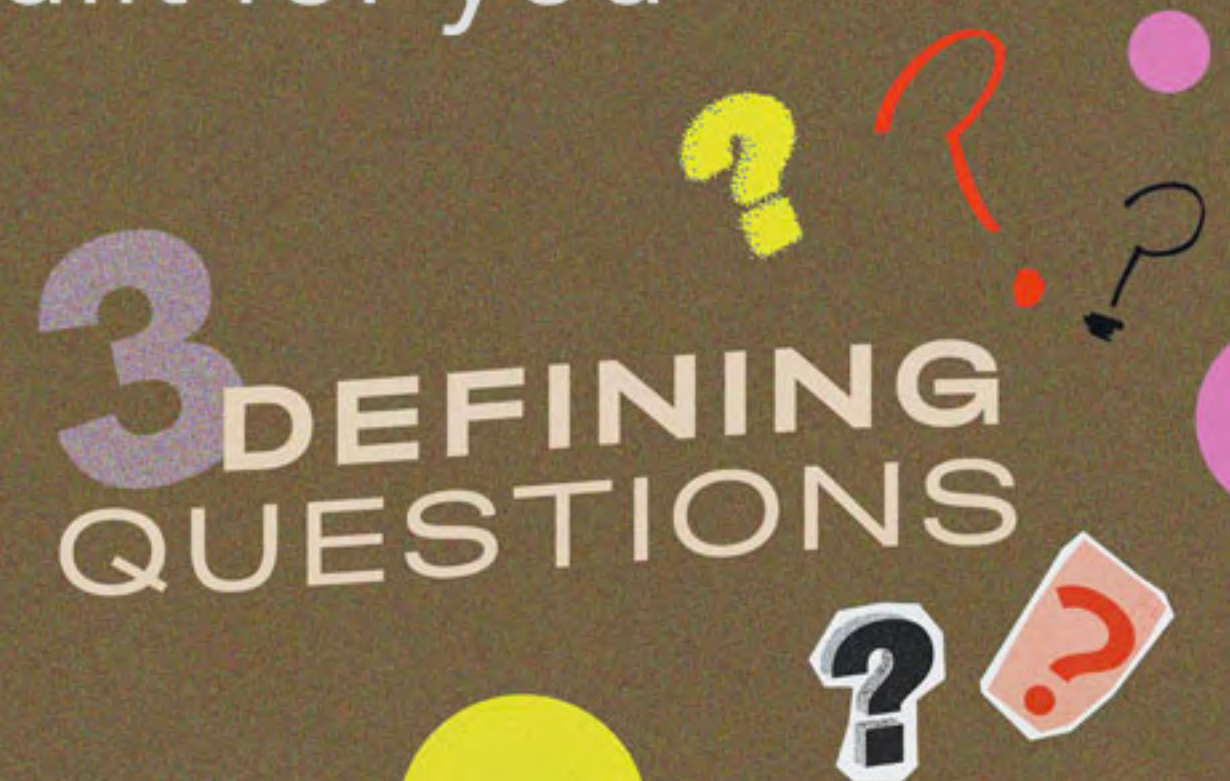
2 CHRONICLES 20:1-12

After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ² Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar" (that is, Engedi). ³ Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴ And Judah assembled to seek help from the Lord; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.



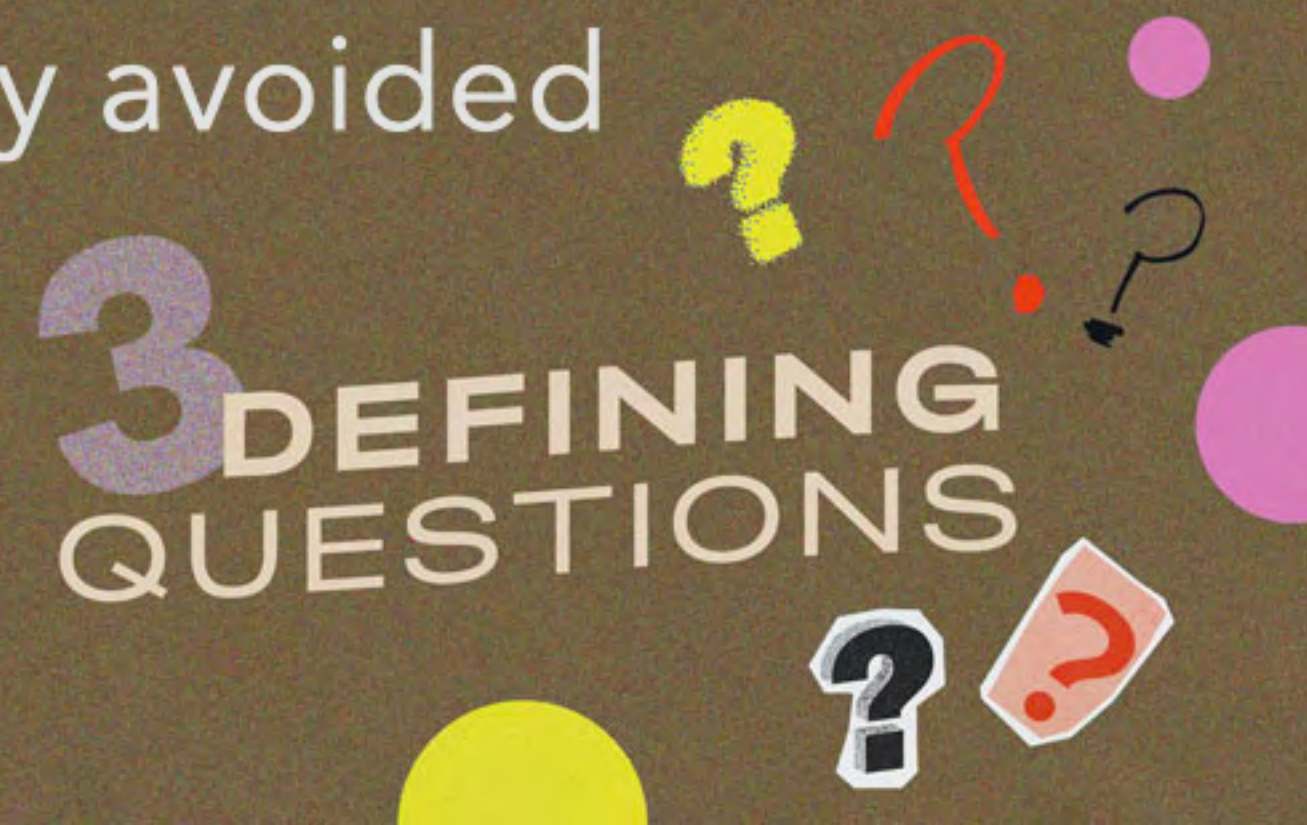
2 CHRONICLES 20:1-12

⁵ And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, ⁶ and said, "O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. ⁷ Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying,



2 CHRONICLES 20:1-12

⁸ And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹ 'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' ¹⁰ And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy—



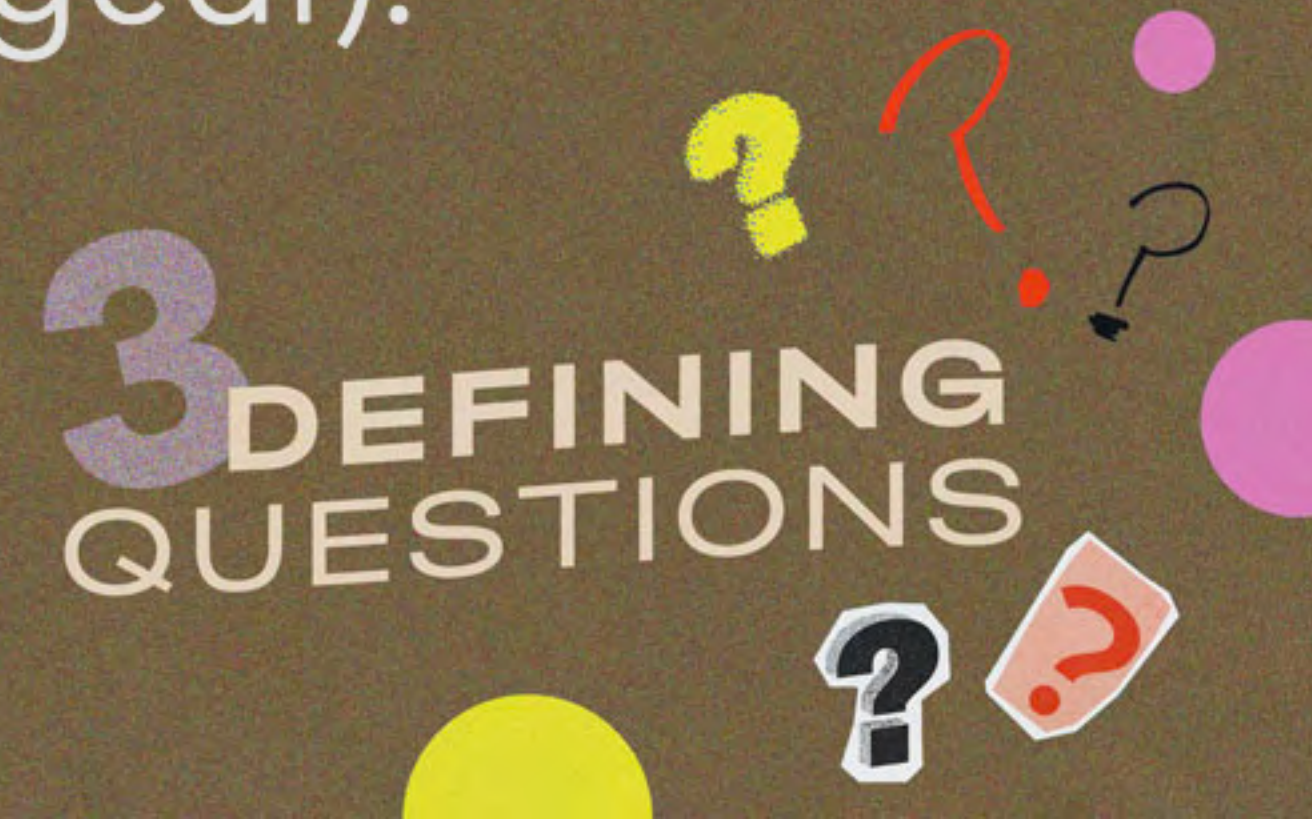
2 CHRONICLES 20:1-12

11 behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. **12** O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."



2 CHRONICLES 20:1-2

After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ² Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar" (that is, Engedi).



"On your knees! On your knees!
You are only safe when you are on your knees."



3 DEFINING QUESTIONS



3 DEFINING QUESTIONS



"Are you not?"



2 CHRONICLES 20:5-6

⁵ And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, ⁶ and said, "O Lord, God of our fathers, **are you not** God in heaven?"

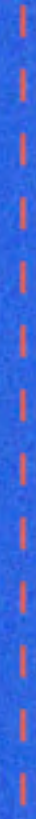


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It is rooted in a deep theological conviction that God is **sovereign**,
God is **good**, and He will bring
His **will** to pass.

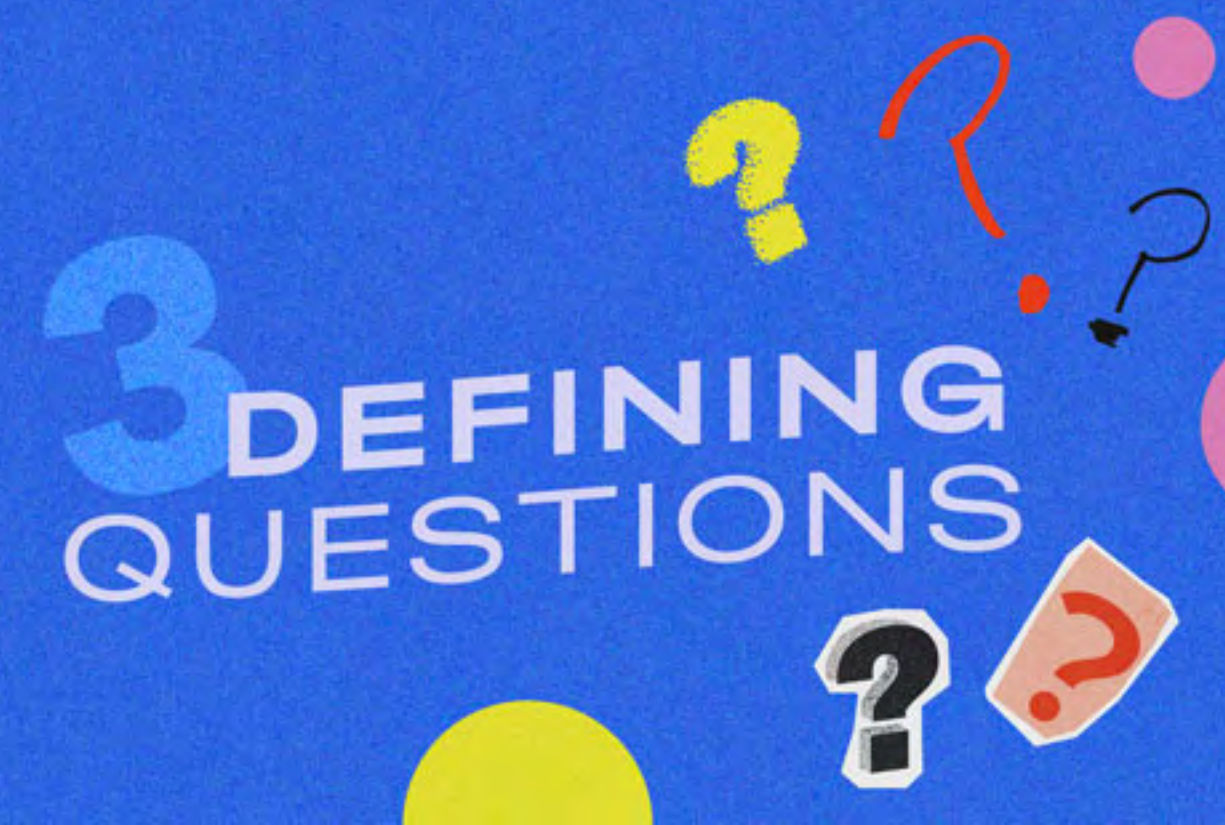


PHILIPPIANS 4: 6, 7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



"We mutter, we sputter
We fume and we spurt.
We mumble, we grumble
Our feelings get hurt.
We can't understand things
Our vision grows dim.
When all we need
Is a moment with Him!"



3 DEFINING QUESTIONS



"Are you not?"

"Did you not?"



2 CHRONICLES 20:7

Did you not, our God, drive out the
inhabitants of this land before your
people Israel, **and** give it forever to the
descendants of Abraham your friend?



Our **encounters** with God turn
biblical principles into truths.



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3 DEFINING QUESTIONS



"Are you not?"

"Did you not?"

"Will you not?"



2 CHRONICLES 20:12

O our God, **will You not** execute judgement on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.



PSALM 121:5

He is your **shade** at your right hand.



The word 'shade' can also be translated
as '**shadow**', '**shelter**' or '**shield**'.



3 DEFINING QUESTIONS



"Are you not?"

→ Who Our God Is

"Did you not?"

→ What Our God Has Done

"Will you not?"

→ What Our God Will Do



What a great **prayer**, from a
great **king** to a **Great God**!



2 CHRONICLES 20:14-15

Do not be afraid and do not be
dismayed at this great horde, **for the
battle is not yours but God's.**



THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD!



2 CHRONICLES 20:12

For we are powerless against this
great horde that is coming against
us. We do not know what to do,
but **our eyes are on You.**



Between the time we **sow**
until the time we **reap**;
there is a period of **waiting**.
We call it the **trial of faith**.



HEBREWS 6:12

We do not want you to become
lazy, but to imitate those who
through **faith** and **patience** inherit
what has been promised.



During this period of
waiting, we are in God's
'waiting room'.



ISAIAH 40:31

But those who **hope (wait)** in the Lord will
renew their strength; they shall soar up on
wings like eagles, they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



'hope' or 'wait' – 'kavah'



3 DEFINING QUESTIONS



"Are you not?"

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