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THE SPIRIT OF COMPLACENCY

Joel 3:14 says, ***“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”*** This indicates that they weren't going forward, and they weren't going backward. They were in a trench, stuck in a place of indecision.

Israel was a nation tremendously blessed of God. When they walked with God and followed his lead, this small nation took out larger nations because the LORD (JEHOVAH) was with them. When they got into a position of complacency then they lost the battles. This not only happened to Israel but other countries as well.

Complacency could be defined as being satisfied with your accomplishments and not critical of oneself. It is a state of being lukewarm. It is being in the valley of decision. This doesn't happen overnight. It comes when we are satisfied that where we are is good enough.

We should never allow ourselves to be complacent. Complacency puts off the assignments by God. It has an attitude of “I can do that later.” It does not challenge itself to do better. It settles for being lukewarm and says, “Well, at least I used to be hot, and that must mean something to God.”

Yesterday's victories and yesterday's losses are gone. Today is the day to put on the whole armor of God and determine to enter a battle for the Lord to win and not quit when the heat is on. It means we sharpen our swords when others have laid their swords down and retreat. It means that we make a stand for righteousness rather than compromise with “halfway Christianity.” It means we have the attitude of “all the way Christianity.”

Satan will use those that are complacent to deter those that truly are doing the will of God. He uses complacency as a roadblock to stop Christians from going into the enemy's camp and retrieving lost souls bound in sin.

Complacency always puts off to tomorrow what should have been done today or yesterday. If you have a spirit of complacency in your life, then you must repent. Anyone can change, but you first must admit you need to change. You must be determined not to be satisfied with what was and be determined to make a change.

You must be determined not to be complacent.