

WHEN YOU' RE BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA

1. YOU KNOW ITS GOING TO BE A BAD DAY WHEN...
 1. You call your answering service and they tell you it=s none of your business.
 2. You put your pants on backwards--and they fit better.
 3. Your horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell=s Angels on the freeway.
 4. You sink your teeth into a beautiful steak and they stay there.

2. I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.

3. IF I MAKE MY BED IN HELL.
 1. ***He will be there in your time of need.***
 2. ***He will be there when you are depressed and down.***
 3. ***He will be there with you when the storms are blowing***

4. WHEN YOU ARE BETWEEN PHARAOH AND THE SEA.
 1. ***And they were sore afraid.*** (Exo 14:10 KJV) And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.
 2. ***See the salvation of the Lord.*** (Exo 14:13 KJV) And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. (Exo 14:14 KJV) The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
 3. ***God=s protection.*** (Exo 14:19 KJV) And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: (Exo 14:20 KJV) And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.
 4. ***The Egyptians pursue.*** (Exo 14:23 KJV) And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
 5. ***God troubled the Egyptians.*** (Exo 14:24 KJV) And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,
 6. ***He knocks the wheels off the chariots!*** (Exo 14:25 KJV) And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

5. GOD WILL CONFOUND THE ENEMY FOR OUR SAKE.
 1. ***He will cause the enemy to see and hear what they need to see and hear.***
 1. May see and hear many where there are only a few.

2. Makes God no difference whether there be many or few.
2. ***The four lepers.***
 1. *The lepers go into the city.* (2 Ki 7:4 KJV) If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. (2 Ki 7:5 KJV) And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians:
 2. *The Lord confounds the Syrians.* (2 Ki 7:6 KJV) For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. (2 Ki 7:7 KJV) Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.
 3. *The lepers have a ball!* (2 Ki 7:8 KJV) And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.
 4. *They weren't satisfied.* (2 Ki 7:9 KJV) Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.
 5. *They want to share their joy.* (2 Ki 7:10 KJV) So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them
 6. *The king is skeptical.* (2 Ki 7:12 KJV) And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.
3. ***The ditches full of water.***
 1. *The alliance of three kings.*
 1. King of Israel (Jehoram), King of Judah (Jehosaphat), and the King of Edom go against King of Moab.
 2. Call for a prophet.
 3. Bring a minstrel. (2 Ki 3:15 KJV) But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.
 2. *Make ditches.* (2 Ki 3:16 KJV) And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. (2 Ki 3:17 KJV) For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.
 3. *God will deliver the Moabites.* (2 Ki 3:18 KJV) And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

4. *Ditches filled with water.* (2 Ki 3:20 KJV) And it came to pass in the morning...there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.
5. *The Moabites see blood.* (2 Ki 3:21 KJV) And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border. (2 Ki 3:22 KJV) And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood:
6. *The Israelites smite the Moabites.* (2 Ki 3:24 KJV) And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country.

6. THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS.

1. (Psa 34:7 KJV) The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
2. (Psa 68:17 KJV) The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
3. (Psa 91:11 KJV) For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. (Psa 91:12 KJV) They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
4. ***Daniel.*** (Dan 6:22 KJV) My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me:
5. ***Peter.***
 1. (Acts 5:19 KJV) But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth
 2. (Acts 12:7 KJV) And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.
 3. (Acts 12:11 KJV) And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

7. EXHORTATION.

1. ***Don't believe the worst when in a bad situation.***
2. ***Confess that you know our God will deliver us; don't see yourself perishing by the sword.***
3. ***The confession of the Three Hebrew Children.***
 1. But if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
 2. (Dan 3:16 KJV) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

3. (Dan 3:17 KJV) If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. (Dan 3:18 KJV) But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.