

## Watch the Way

Nahum 2:1, *He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition* (keep your tools of warfare in good shape), *watch the way* (your journey into eternity; every one of us need to be a watchman.), *make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily*. At each corner of your world you have the four winds of heaven that blow upon you. The four winds are the military, economics, religion, and government (political). Every person on the earth functions in those four areas. God made us that we function in each one of them. No matter where we go we have four corners and four winds that are trying to affect us. In the beginning God had this to keep us in a place of fellowship with Him. When man fell, the fellowship ceased for a long period of time except for a very few people. That caused the whole world to go astray. Everything you do, think, or say, is your world and your four winds that affect you. Also these four winds are connected to the first four churches in Revelation. If you don't function in these four things according to the will of God, you're in trouble. I know there are a lot of people that think these four winds are the four winds of the whole world, and they are, but they affect each one individually in your world. If you just stop and meditate a little bit you will realize that each person has a little bit of a different world because of the call upon your life. You have to watch that these four things are in tune with the will of God and what He intended you so that you stay on your path to what God has called you from the foundations. Let's look back at verse 1 again. *He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face...* This is definitely the god of force. In the last days it's going to become very strong and very obvious what the devil is trying to do. I hear people calling in to talk shows, and even the talk show hosts, saying I don't understand how the wicked can keep doing wickedly and they're not afraid of what they do, but those that want to follow what is right are scared to death to get out and do anything. That is because the god of force is so strong in this nation, but it is starting to change. It will take until the end of this dispensation to fully get a handle on the god of force. Let's read this again. *He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face*. What does it mean to come up before your face? It means to get in your face and intimidate you. *Keep the munition*. Keep your warfare in a place that is productive. *Watch the way*. The early church was called The Way. The way is following Christ. Here, even in the Old Testament, they are saying, watch the way. *Make thy loins strong*. That is, keep your physical body strong, not in yourself, but in the Lord. That faith level, keep it strong. When we are weak we are strong because then the supernatural God is in us to keep us strong in our ability to do things. *Fortify thy power mightily*. Power is a force. There are two different kinds of forces. There is the force that God uses and then there is the force the devil uses. The force the devil uses is intimidation, fear, and all those things. He is looking for someone he can devour. But in God our force is the Spirit of the Lord on us, being a covering over us, so satan cannot win over us. It says in Revelation, the thing is over now, and the mystery of God has been revealed and time shall be no more. That means this world is now completed, what God wanted to do in testing the people of the earth, to see who He can trust and who want Him more than anything else. We have to want Him above any person in this world; wives, children, parents, whoever it is; you want Him above all of them. Jesus said if you love anyone more than Me, you're not worthy of Me. He expects us to have Him as the superior. You make your loins strong by having Christ in you and you fortify your power mightily by calling upon the name of Jesus. When you get enough of the Lord in you, with absolute faith in you, they can't compete with you. None of them.

With that in mind, let's look at Job 40. There are many people who think Job didn't exist; that it was just a metaphor or poem that was put in the Bible, but God is not into poems that don't have meaning. Let's start with Job 40:1, *Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said, Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? He that reproveth God, let him answer it. Then Job answered the Lord, and said, Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. Then answered the Lord unto Job out of the whirlwind*, Job was in a whirlwind the whole time. A lot of things were flying around him. There were some things he said that he shouldn't have and he was trying to tell God that He needs to let up on him a little bit. You know, David cried the same thing. How long Lord, are You going to keep hammering me? My bones are broken and I'm all but done and I only have so many years to live. But in verse

7, *Gird up thy loins now like a man.* After all the pain and all the things Job went through, God said, Alright Job. Just stand up and quit your whining. That ought to speak to us how God looks at our circumstances. He sees how easy we could overcome if we would just get up and be a man and do it. ...*I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. Wilt thou also disannul my judgement? Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?* Are you condemning Me, Job? Verse 9, *Hast thou an arm like God? Or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.* Ok Job, get up and see once what happens when you try to put your glory on you. Nothing. Verse 11, *Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him. Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret. Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.* Let's see you take the proud and put them down. Let's see you change the way people are. If you can do that then I'll believe you can save yourself. Verse 15, *Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.* Did you ever wonder why God made these great big animals, if they later became extinct? Where did these big animals exist? They were all over the earth. For what reason? As we look at this monstrous animal that God created we will see that it was made to keep the earth from over producing grass and brush and all the things that would come up if it was not kept. As the population increased, these big animals were pushed back until they finally had no place to go anymore and God said, they've done their job, they've kept the earth clean for mankind, now they can be extinct. They were even there after the flood. These big animals were in the ark, probably as little babies, but they were there. Verse 15 again, *Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.* The same time that I made man and all the animals, I made this big beast to help mankind by eating the grass and keeping it clean. Verse 16, *Lo now, his strength is in his loins...* His strength is in the lower parts of his body. His hind feet must have been extremely strong. He could probably push over trees and do a lot of things. ...*and his force is in the navel of his belly.* Do you have a lot of force in your belly button? Not really. The strength in his loins was a physical strength that was second to nobody. He was by far the strongest and protected animal that God made. *And his force is in the navel of his belly.* What is the navel for? Why did God leave a blemish in your stomach and leave that navel there? It's to remind you that when you were still in the womb, God fed you. You need to be reminded of that. He will feed you now if you follow Him, just like He did when you were a baby in the womb. That's what the navel is for. If that's what it's for, then his force is in the navel of his belly. God grew the grass and the ox ate it. Just like in the belly before an animal came out, God fed it, now He is growing grass and the force is he wants to eat and eat and eat because he's big and he's strong and he uses up a lot of grass. God gave him the grass and He took care of him. God said to Job, let's see you do that. Can you understand that's what the navel is all about? That's why He was specific about the navel, and not just his belly. Even though he is out and grown, a full adult, God is still feeding him as if he would be in the stages of growth, but now into becoming what God called him to be. Every time you see your navel, it's not there to be a lint catcher. If you pull the lint out you will see that it's there to remind you that God fed you as a baby and He'll feed you now. He was very happy with what this beast was doing. Verse 17, *He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.* He had stones above his back and underneath him, that when he walked there was a line that would go right down through the field or wherever he went. No doubt people knew that he had been there. Verse 18, *His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God.* That animal followed the ways that God gave him and his force was to eat grass to keep the earth clean from all the brush and everything that would grow. ...*he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.* God said, if I want to, I can take My sword and cause him to do what I want. Can you Job? Verse 20, *Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.* He wasn't afraid of anything. He was in the ways of God and he was just happy. He played before the Lord. Verse 21, *He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.* What's interesting about that verse? He drank water out of the Jordan river. How many Jordan rivers are there? He lived right there in the promised land. If this was a fairy tale, God would not have said this beast drew up the Jordan in his mouth. He must have drank a ton of water to suck up the

Jordan. Verse 24, *He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.* You can't catch him with a snare. He'll just walk right on. He was happy because he was in the way of God and his loins were strong and his force was to do what God wanted him to do in the way. Isn't that something? How many of you knew that was there? Now if this beast can do it, why can't we? We were made to be somebody but we don't want to walk in the ways of God. We want to walk in the way of ourselves, of our own government, of our own four winds of the earth. There were two things the behemoth was commissioned to do and he was doing them. The one was he walked with great strength in his loins and the other part was that there was a strong desire to eat grass and God gave him lots of grass so his navel would be satisfied, just like it was before he was born.

In Psalm 106, David talks about all the things the Lord did with His mighty power. Verse 8, *Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.* God has given us an even greater mighty power because we have the ability through Jesus to be set free where they weren't. In the last days, God's army will be the greatest army that ever walked on the face of the earth. We have the opportunity to be a part of that army. But we are not alone in it because the prophets labored to show us what we are fighting so we can take it down and not have to spend a lifetime figuring out what it is. Verse 20, *Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. They forgot God their savior, which had done great things in Egypt; Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea. Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them. Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord. Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands. They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.* Fortify your mighty power. The devil gives his power to his people to intimidate and to destroy the earth. God has given us a mighty power to destroy the power of them that are destroying the earth. If we will do that we will be in the beloved of God forever. When the children of Israel were getting ready to cross the Red Sea they didn't know it was going to part. They got caught in a trap and they cried out to God. God told Moses to raise his staff and when he raised the staff, the sea parted, they went through on dry ground, and when they got through, the water closed back up. They never saw the god of force again because God healed them by removing the god of force from their lives. That's what baptism is all about. When you are baptized, God is saying, if you will follow Me, I will remove the god of force in your life that you will never have to deal with it again.

Psalm 63:1, *O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;* David was a watchman on the way. His soul thirsted for God. That's how we were created to function. The behemoth was hungry for the grass because that's the way God made him. We are to be hungering and thirsting for the things of God; there is emptiness when He's not there. If you would study history you would find that every civilization worships something that is superior to them. That is what God made each person to be and have but it was to be towards Him, and not to satan and his kingdom. So, *O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.* If you are a watchman, before you go to bed, that day's happenings go before you. Verse 7, *Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.* The whole thing I want you to grab ahold of today is that you were made to be God's children who want to be with Him, who want and love Him. Without Him there is an emptiness there. When He backs away and tests you,

it's not a fun time because even though He is still there, He's silent. Hebrews 11:6 says we must believe that God exists and that He rewards those that diligently seek Him. That word diligently is like a force that is in us that is God. He placed that force within you to desire Him but the enemy comes to bring death to that. When Christ comes into your life it can be resurrected, that not only do you believe, but you function in what you were created to be. We don't really use the word force in God's kingdom. Being diligent is a realm of force, but it's not the kind of force that satan uses. If people in the United States would just understand that the force that is coming against us is of satan and the world is still owned by satan. Even though it's been broken and Christ is the head, the time will come that the army that is in heaven and those in alignment with God's for winds will be the ones that will ride on the white horses and have white robes and help to conquer all the things that are left. Jesus said in Matthew 24:31 He's going to send the angels to harvest those that are in the four winds that God created. He's going to the four winds of heaven. We live in a realm that if we function in the things of God, the four winds are our protection in His glory. If you don't walk in that you will just get hammered.

Philippians 3:14, *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: To be perfect is to be walking in the call to have a close fellowship with the Creator. ...and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.* Let's go back a couple verses, to verse 13, *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.* I know I haven't done everything right in the past, none of us have, but I leave those things behind because this is where I am now and I'm pressing on to that which God has called me, to watch the way I am and the places that I'm going.