

- A. When there is defection in the camp as the enemy has deceived the people of God. Numbers 25:1 ff.....

The wicked advice of Balaam had led Israel into false worship and the wrath of God. The crisis was internal but deadly and needed Divine help and action--immediately.

- B. When sin threatens the work or the testimony in an open manner Joshua 7:16.

The sin of Achan brought Israel to a state of near ruin...it would need to be dealt with for the success of the conquest. Joshua gives a very impassionate call on God for help.

- C. When the testimony is attacked: Isaiah 37:14

The blasphemous words of the emissary of the Assyrian king make a mockery of God and ridicule His Person. That is a crisis of a deeply spiritual condition and the prayer of Hezekiah is for deliverance for the nation but, especially, vindication of the character of the Lord.

- D. When life and the existence of the nation are threatened: Esther 3:13 ff.

The plot of Haman is to exterminate the Jews and it looks as if he might very well succeed unless God intervenes in a direct and positive way.

- E. When the Gospel is jeopardized: Acts 4:18, 5:28, etc.

The occasions in which the Gospel is such a burden to the unbelievers that they decide to destroy its work...that is a major crisis time in the life of God's people.

- III. Conclusion: I am not saying these are all and I am not trying to minimize some personal trial in your life. But these are times of enormous stress and in all such times our resource and help is the Lord. The problems may be too big for our faith but they are never too big for Him and our delight is to look to Him and as we see in the foregoing Scriptures how He has worked we have some insight into what He may do and we have the assurance that He cares for us in such a way as to not allow us to be thrown into trials from which there is no escape or victory. Tell God what the crisis is, if you please, and watch to see what He will do and in the meantime, do what He has already told you (us) to do.