

Fear or Faith?

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Numbers 24:10-19

Balak, the king of Moab, would have fit well into today's corporate management culture, which believes that if you have a problem, you hire a consultant. The word was out: "If there's cursing to be done, Balaam's the one." Balaam got the contract, but Balak didn't read the fine print. "Did I not tell [you]," Balaam later reminded him, "I could not do anything of my own accord, good or bad, to go beyond the command of the LORD . . . ?" (Numbers 24:13). God had blessed Israel, and no one, not even a hotshot prophet, could change that.

We cannot manage God or leverage our position against Him, but we can respond with either fear or faith to what God is doing. While Melchizedek brought bread and wine to bless Abram for his victory (Genesis 14:18), Balak reacted in fear and sought to curse Moses and Israel. In the end, Balak brought destruction on himself and his nation. God is working. How will we respond? With fear or faith?

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