Blessings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome as we explore the teachings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Remember, every account in the Bible carries a message—nothing is without purpose.

Today, we will briefly study the story of a judge named Ehud. As we reflect on his story, understand that the goal of this lesson is to awaken the spiritual gift within you so it can be activated and bear fruit.

At one point, the Israelites had greatly sinned against God. As a result, God allowed them to fall under the oppression of Eglon, the king of Moab, for 18 years. Yet, when they cried out to God, He heard their plea and sent Ehud, a deliverer, to rescue them (Judges 3:12-30).

The Bible mentions that Ehud was left-handed, and this detail is spiritually significant. God often uses the unexpected, what the world considers weak or less honorable, to accomplish mighty works. Just as the left hand is often overlooked, so are certain gifts in the Body of Christ, yet they can achieve remarkable results.

Ehud was sent with tribute to King Eglon. He crafted a double-edged sword, concealing it on his right thigh (Judges 3:16-18). When he presented the tribute, he requested a private audience with the king, implying a secret message from God. Alone with Eglon, Ehud used his hidden weapon to deliver the Israelites from oppression.

> *Judges 3:21-22 (ESV) says:*
> *“Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly; the fat closed over the blade, for he did not pull the sword out; and his bowels discharged.”*

Notice that it took strength and precision beyond ordinary human capability. This teaches us that God equips His servants with divine power to accomplish what is humanly impossible.

Even in Israel’s battles, God chose warriors skilled with left-handed swords. Judges 20:15-16 highlights that among Benjamin, 700 men were specifically chosen as left-handed warriors, capable of extraordinary feats. This illustrates that God’s power and strategy often operate through what seems unconventional

or underestimated by the world.

Spiritual Application:

The lesson is not merely about swordsmanship but about spiritual gifts and callings. Not every believer is called to be a pastor, apostle, prophet, or teacher. God has placed diverse gifts within His people, and some may seem “unremarkable” or less visible, but they are vital for the work of the Church.

> *1 Corinthians 12:23-25 (ESV) reminds us:*
> *“And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor…that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.”*

Some gifts—miracles, healing, tongues, interpretation, encouragement, generosity—may appear dormant because believers often aspire only to visible ministries. Yet, every gift, when exercised, strengthens the Body of Christ.

If you feel a special calling within you, even if it differs from others, do not suppress it. Develop it diligently. God has placed it in you for the benefit of the Church. Whether it is teaching, giving, evangelism, or prophetic insight, pursue it with passion.

Remember, every member of the body has a role. Salvation and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit reveal each member’s importance. Often, the impact of a gift becomes clear only in community with others. Hidden gifts can remain dormant if isolated.

Strive to discover your unique place in God’s work so that you may bear fruit. God expects each of us to be fruitful for His glory.

May the Lord bless you abundantly.

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