

## The Battle is the Lord's

### 1. My Strength

Ephesians 6:10-11, 13 – Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil... Take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day and having done everything to stand firm.

Isaiah 30:15 – In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10 – Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Psalms 8:2; Matthew 21:16 – Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark (strength) because of your foes - to silence (still) the enemy and the avenger. Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise .

Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

### 2. Through Him

Psalms 44:4-7 – You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob. Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down them that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But you have saved us from our enemies, and you put them to shame that hated us.

Psalms 18:31-40 – For who is God except the LORD? And who is a rock besides our God? - the God who

girded me with strength, and made my way safe. He made my feet like the feet of a deer, and set me secure on the heights. He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand has supported me; your help has made me great. You gave me a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip. I pursued my enemies and overtook them; and did not turn back until they were consumed. I struck them down, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet. For you girded me with strength for the battle; you made my assailants sink under me. You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed.

2 Samuel 22:35-43 – He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your help has made me great. You have made me stride freely, and my feet do not slip; I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, and did not turn back until they were consumed. I consumed them; I struck them down, so that they did not rise; they fell under my feet.

Psalms 60:11-12 - Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for He it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalms 108:12-13 – O grant us help against the foe, for human help is worthless. With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

Psalms 144:1 – Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.

### 3. Battle through praise

2 Chronicles 20 – When the enemy came against them, they gathered to seek help from the Lord. They put their trust in Him, and He gave them wisdom. They sent the

praisers and proclaimers of God's mercy out before the army. They didn't even have to fight. The enemy defeated itself, and God's people got the spoil.

Psalm 149:5-9 – Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Acts 16 – When Paul and Silas were in prison, they praised and thanked the Lord. He broke down the doors and delivered them.

Isaiah 30:31-32 – The Assyrian will be terror-stricken at the voice of the LORD, when He strikes with his rod. And every stroke of the staff of punishment that the LORD lays upon him will be to the sound of timbrels and lyres; battling with brandished arm He will fight with him.

Isaiah 13:3-4 – I myself have commanded my consecrated ones, have summoned my warriors, my proudly exulting ones, to execute my anger. Listen, a tumult on the mountains as of a great multitude! Listen, an uproar of kingdoms, of nations gathering together! The LORD of hosts is mustering an army for battle.

Psalm 9:1-4 – I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you. For you have maintained my just cause...

Psalm 22:3 – The Lord inhabits the praise of His people.

#### 4. Trampling the enemy through intercession

Isaiah 63:1-5 – Who is this that comes from Edom, from Bozrah in garments stained crimson? Who is this so splendidly robed, marching in his great might? It is I, announcing vindication, mighty to save. Why are your robes red, and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press? I have trodden the wine press alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their juice spattered on my garments, and stained all my robes. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year for my redeeming work had come. I looked, but there was no helper; I stared, but there was no one to sustain me; so my own arm brought me victory, and my wrath sustained me.

Isaiah 59:15-17 – Truth is lacking, and whoever turns from evil is despoiled. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so His own arm brought him victory, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in fury as in a mantle.

Isaiah 42:13-19 – The LORD goes forth like a soldier, like a warrior He stirs up his fury; He cries out, He shouts aloud, He shows himself mighty against his foes. For a long time I have held my peace, I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor, I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbage; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into

light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them.

Ephesians 6:14-17 – We wear what He wore to fight the battle.

Flow with God. Don't push or force too much. That is when you get in the flesh. Don't hesitate to flow with the Lord in the Spirit, but don't push it either.

Don't let your prayer life become all work and no play.

Not all prayer is plucking up, breaking down, destroying, overthrowing, building or planting (Jeremiah 1:10). Much is praise, rejoicing, resting, waiting on Him and just being with Him.

The Word is what teaches me to pray effectively - not my previous teaching or beliefs.

Psalms 43:3 – O send out your light and your truth, let them lead me, let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling places (presence).

Sometimes God's plans of doing battle are not ours. Our thoughts are not His. Battle is not always work. Sometimes it is praise, worship, joy and laughter.

Don't be controlled by people. Obey the Lord. Yield to Him.

I will be miserable in whatever I do if I resist the Spirit of God or if I don't listen to His plan or if I try to do what I think people think I ought to do.

When the Holy Spirit is moving, yield. Turn off your mind and yield to the Spirit. Be moved by Him. Obey Him. Follow His direction inside of you.

Exodus 15:6-7 – You right hand O Lord is majestic in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. And in the greatness of your excellence you do overthrow those who

rise up against you; you do send forth your burning anger and it consumes them as chaff.

Psalms 44:3, 5 – For by our own sword we do not possess the land; and our own arm does not save us. But your right hand and your arm and the light of your presence, for you do favor us... Through you we will push back our adversaries; through your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

Psalms 89:13, 21-23 - ...with whom my hand will be established; my arm also will strengthen him.. (You have a strong arm; your hand is mighty, your right hand is exalted). The enemy will not deceive him nor the son of wickedness afflict him. But I shall crush his adversaries before him and strike down those who hate him.

He trains my hands for battle so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. I pursued my enemy and overtook them. I did not turn back until they were consumed. I shattered them so that they were not able to rise. They fell under my feet. For you have girded me with strength for battle, you have subdued under me those who rose up against me. You have also made my enemy turn their backs to me, and I destroyed (silenced) those who hated me.

It is God who gives the plan of attack. It is not for me to just do what I did the last time or what I think I should do. Every battle needs a plan of attack of its own and God's thought, His ways, His plans are not always ours. We need to be led by the Spirit not our minds.