

The LORD Is a Warrior and We Are Overcomers

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I. The LORD is a Warrior

Ex 15:3 The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name. (Ps 78:65)

A. “Warrior” - pertains to God’s role in Israel’s battles;

The Lord fights on Israel’s behalf.

Dt 1:30 The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, (Ex 14:14, 25)

Dt 3:22 Do not fear them, for the LORD your God is the one fighting for you.
(Josh 10:14, 42; 23:10; Jer 21:5; Neh 4:14; 2Chr 20:29)

God intervened miraculously on their behalf with elements of nature.

Jos 10:11 As they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

Jos 24:7 But when they cried out to the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your own eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness for a long time. (Jud 5:20)

B. The battle belongs to the Lord

David says to Goliath “the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and He will give you into our hands.” (1Sam 17:47)

Jahaziel prophesies to Judah and King Jehoshaphat “thus says the Lord to you, ‘Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God’s.’” (2Chr 20:15)

Hezekiah speaks to the men protecting the city from Sennacherib, the king of Assyria “Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed ... for the one with us is greater than the one with him. With him is only an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles.” (2Chr 32:7-8)

C. They had to fight in the battle

Inheritance: Even though Palestine was given to Israel as an inheritance, they had to conquer their enemies and defeat them in battle (Ex 23:27–33).

Their trust was to be in the Lord and **not in:**

Having superior equipment (horses, chariots, weapons)

1Sam17:45-47 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. 46 “This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD’S and He will give you into our hands.”

Pr 21:31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But victory belongs to the LORD.

Having greater numbers.

Jos 23:10 "One of your men puts to flight a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, just as He promised you.

Dt 20:1 "When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.

Jud 7 (Gideon fights with 300 men)

1Sam 14:6 (Jonathan and his armor bearer)

Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few."

Man.

Isa 2:22 Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils; For why should he be esteemed? (1Sam 17:47; Isa 31:1-3; Hos 8:14).

D. Victory - Israel was victorious because God went before them, and they defeated their foes.

Dt 20:4 for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. (Ex 15:15-16; 23:27; Jud 4:14; 2Sam 5:24)

E. The Key - David's example:

1Sam 30:6 Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

II. When facing a battle, remember that God is your:

Shield

Ps 18 For the choir director. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said,

Ps 18:1-3 "I love You, O LORD, my strength." 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

Ps 18:30 As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him. (Gen 15:1; Dt 33:29; 2Sa 22; Ps 28:7; 84:11; 115:9; Pr 2:7; 30:5)

Refuge

Ps 61:3 For You have been a refuge for me, A tower of strength against the enemy. (Ps 9:9; 46:1; 91:2,9; 119:114; 142:5; Jer 16:19; Joel 3:16; Na 1:7)

Hiding-place

Ps 32:7 You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. (Ps 27:55; 64:25; 119:114)

Fortress

Ps 31:3 For You are my rock and my fortress; (2Sa 22:2; Ps 18:2; 62:2,6; 91:2; 144:2)

Stronghold

Ps 144:2 My lovingkindness and my fortress, My stronghold and my deliverer, My shield and He in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.

(Ps 9:9; 27:1; 37:39; 43:2; 144:2; Joel 3:16)

Defender

Ps 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? (Ps 28:8)

Rock

Ps 27:5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. (Ps 18:2,31,46; 95:16 Isa 26:4)

Ps 144:1 Blessed be the LORD, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle;

III. We are victorious in Christ

Prophetic promise:

Isa 19:20 It will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a **Savior** and a **Champion**, and He will deliver them.

Isa 42:13 The LORD will go forth like a **warrior**, He will arouse His zeal like a **man of war**. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.

Jer 20:11 But the LORD is with me like a **dread champion**; Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

Zeph 3:17 "The LORD your God is in your midst, A **victorious warrior**. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

Jesus has defeated our enemies

Heb 2:14-15 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

1Jn 3:8 The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Col 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Jn 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." (Jn12:31; 14:30)

Rev 5:5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

We must fight

1Tim 1:18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight,

1Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

We are overcomers, we will win!

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

1Cor 15:57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Jn 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

1Jn 5:4-5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1Jn 2:13-14)

Rev 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.