

## It's A Battlefield Brother, Not A Recreation Room

This is a phrase I heard in a song, many years ago. It's all I remember about the song, except the idea was that we had our part to play in this "christian walk". We don't sit back and just let God do it all. How true it is!

We are in an ongoing spiritual battle, constantly, and need to stay vigilant. It seems too many people believe that once they accept Jesus as their Savior, their troubles are over. Not so! Where does it say that in the Bible?

**Romans 8:37** (35-39) - says we are "more that conquerors through Him that loved us". How can we be conquerors if we aren't in a battle?....If we have no adversary? Why did God tell us in **Ephesians 6:11** to "put on the whole armour of God", if we have no battle in which to engage?

President Bush, after the tragedy of 9/11, said: " the problem is our enemies have been at war with us, but we have not been at war with our enemies".

Recently Rod Parsley said: "We must declare war on our enemy". This battle is not just a physical battle in the natural world, but it is a spiritual battle. **Ephesians 6:12** - "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We have a very strong, evil, deceiving enemy who is " seeking whom he may devour". He is subtle and will use all that he can, (all we allow him to), to destroy us. His name is satan. We must be aware of all the wiles of the devil. And, we must be aware of who we are, in Christ!

**I John 4:4-6** - "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hearby know we the Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of error".

Christians, Wake Up! We must use our "spiritual eyes and ears"! When we hear the "liberal left" standing for the killing of unborn babies; for taking prayer and Bible reading from the schools and encouraging promiscuity and "alternate lifestyles", (homosexuality), in our children; for removing the Ten Commandments, (on which all of our laws are based), from all public places; for promoting gay marriage and gay rights; and on and on.... we must stand against these things which are against the laws of God. God calls them "SIN".

The Constitution of the United States does not sanction these things either. It was written to restrain the government from interfering in the pursuit of Godly lives by the people, not to restrain them from this. It is time for the Supreme Court to stop their misinterpreting of the Constitution. What happened to our system of checks and balances in our government? The Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch were supposed to balance each other, so none of them could get carried away and usurp power over the others and take control. But it looks like this has happened. We now see the "Supreme Court" making laws as they see fit, completely ignoring that they are now in opposition to the Constitution.

Christians, Rise Up! Let's put on our spiritual armor. "We are the Army of God"! We are the "Body of Christ"! We can't be conquerors if we don't arm ourselves and go to the front of the battle!

First of all, we need to go to the polls on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, and vote against these ungodly agendas that the liberals support. (Only 25% of Christians even bother to vote. This is to our shame.)

Secondly, we need to call or email our congressmen and women and tell them how we stand.

Thirdly, call or email our President and tell him how you feel on the various issues on which he must make decisions.

And, above all, pray for them all that they will seek God for His will on the issues and pray for their safety.

Our first line of defense, (and offense), is PRAYER, AND PRAISE AND WORSHIP!

**I Thess. 5:17** - "Pray without ceasing".

**II Chron. 7:14** - "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

In **II Chron. 20**, we read about Jehoshaphat. The armies of three of his enemies were coming against him and his people. He was very much afraid and called the people together to fast and to pray. They held an all night prayer meeting and humbled themselves before the Lord and worshiped Him. Then God spoke to them through Jahaziel and said in **vs. 15b**:... "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's." Then He told them where to find the enemy and what to do. And they praised and worshiped God. Then Jehoshaphat, in **vs. 21**, "...appointed singers unto the Lord, and that they should praise the Beauty of Holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for His mercy endureth forever." And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord caused their enemies to turn on each other and slay each other.

No matter how large and imposing our enemies seem to be, God will bring us through as more than conquerors, when we turn to Him and do things His way. He is our commander, in chief.

We must study God's Word, the Bible, so that we are able to discern these evils when we see them or hear of them, and know from whence they came and oppose them. Please read **II Timothy 2:15**.

**Romans 12:1-2** - "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

**James 4:7-8** - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." Resisting is not passive, it takes action.

And finally: **Ephesians 6:10-18** - "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

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God Bless You!

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