

## Discipleship Word Study

### Battle is the LORD'S

**Definition: Battle** - A skirmish, a fight or a war; a clash, combat or conflict between individuals or groups of people.

#### Scripture Reading:

...Today you are on the verge of **battle** with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; for the LORD your God, is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies to save you. / Then David said to the Philistine, You came to me with a sword, with a spear, and with 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 defied...Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the **battle** is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands / Be strong and courageous: do not be afraid nor dismayed before the King of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help and fight our **battles**. / Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in **battle**. / O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of **battle**. / ... through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, become valiant in **battle** ...

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Deut 20:3-4; 1 Sam 17:45 & 47; 2 Chr 32:7-8; Ps 24: 7-8; Ps 140:7; Heb 11:32-24

#### Discipleship Directive:

Spiritually, the disciple also does battle with an enemy who desires to destroy us. This is why the disciple needs to put on daily the Full Armour of God (Eph 6:1-20). Each day we need to remember that we have an enemy that is out and about trying to destroy us personally. He also wants to destroy our family and church. His end goal is to bring about death and destruction, but Christ goal is to give us life in abundance (John 10:10). This is why we need to take up the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit each day. Plus, by prayer and by standing strong in the Word of God, we can through Christ's empowerment be an overcomer (1 John 4:4). The challenge is to keep walking in faith and not in fear. Fear destroys individuals and weakens any army. Twelve spies entered to spy out the promise land, ten came back with a testimony of fear, causing the people to wander for forty years in the wilderness (Numbers chapter 13 & 14). Later after Moses death, Joshua was encouraged by God and he then speak the words of God to all the people to rise up in faith and to cross over the river to conquer the land for God and for the people (Josh 1:5-7; 5:13-15). These battles were all physical ones, but we are not in a battle of flesh and blood. Our battles are against principalities and powers in heavenly places (Eph 6:12). It is important as disciples to keep focused on God, seeking His will and purposes for our life, He is our commander and chief. He is the one who makes all things possible (Matt 19:26). We go to battle under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and we need to remember that Christ has already defeated the enemy through the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary.

#### Dedication Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

I know that we are in a life and death battle with and enemy who wants to destroy us and your kingdom. Jesus, I pray that you would remind me each day that I fight not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers in the heavenly realm. Plus remind me that I am not alone but that there are others in your body who can pray and help me. Lord help me each day to stay wrap up in your arms close to your heart. I know I cannot do it in my strength or power, but if I remain clothed in your full armor, we together can win any battle that Satan tries to throw my way.

Your servant

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