



“All I Did Was Worship”

VICTORY THROUGH WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving

We all know that common courtesy dictates saying “*thank you*” after receiving a service, a gift, or a favor.

What we may not realize is that thanksgiving is also a powerful way to get to our victory—that is, ***thanking before receiving***.



Thanksgiving and Prayer

Consider these verses on prayer and thanksgiving...

Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it **with thanksgiving**.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.

Defender (by Rita Springer)

You go before I know
That You've gone to win my war
You come back with the head of my enemy
You come back and You call it my victory

You go before I know
That You've gone to win my war
Your love becomes my greatest defense
It leads me from the dry wilderness

Defender (by Rita Springer)

All I did was praise
All I did was worship
All I did was bow down
All I did was stay still

Hallelujah, You have saved me
So much better Your way
Hallelujah, great Defender
So much better Your way

The Example of Jesus

When Jesus fed a multitude with 5 loaves and 2 fish, He thanked God before even distributing the food.

John 6:11

Jesus then took the loaves, and **when he had given thanks**, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

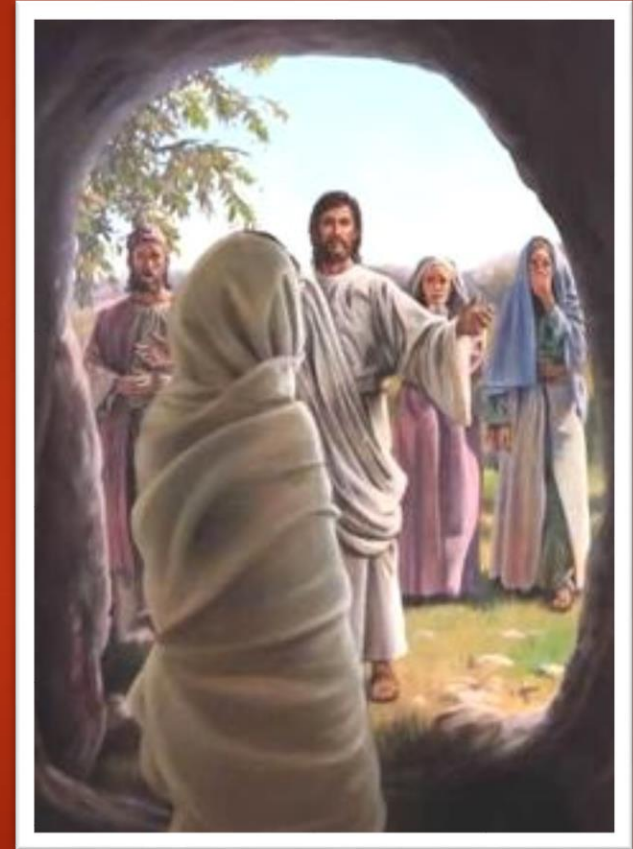


The Example of Jesus

Before raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus thanked God for listening to His prayer!

John 11:41-43

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “**Father, I thank you that you have heard me.**” ⁴² I knew that you always hear me...” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”



This Is How I Fight (Michael W. Smith)

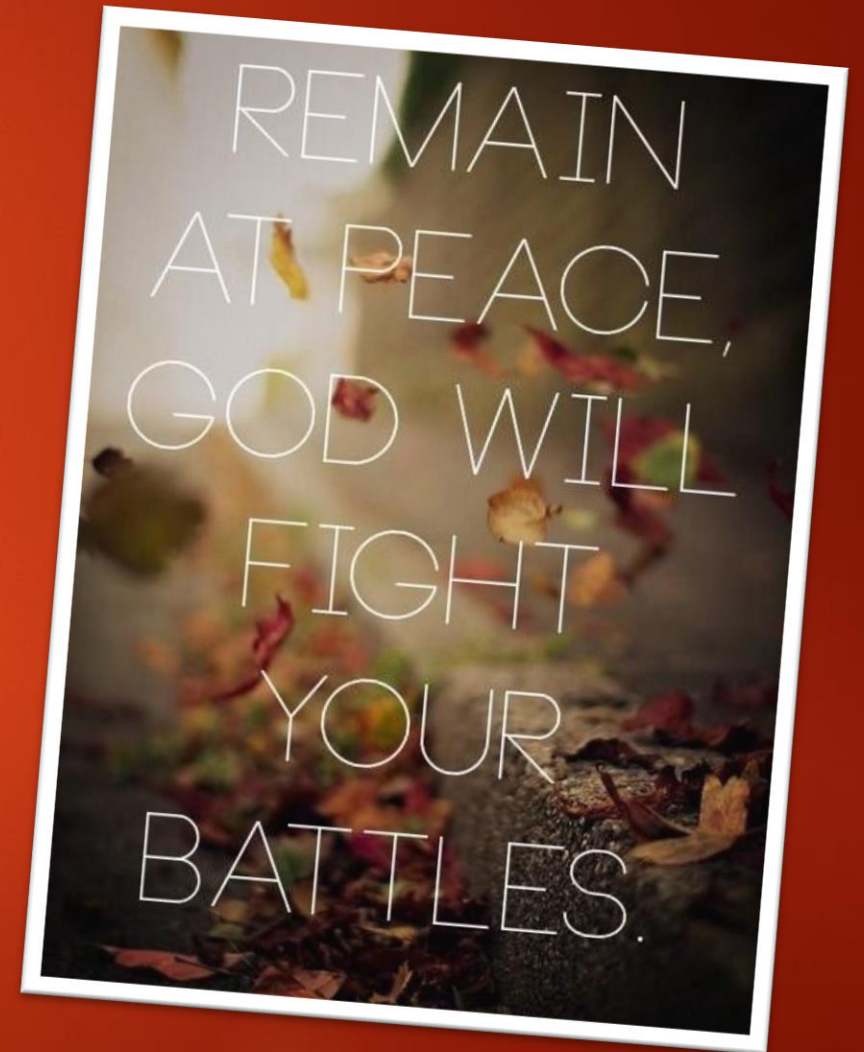
This is how I fight my battles

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It may look like I'm surrounded,
But I'm surrounded by You (4 X)



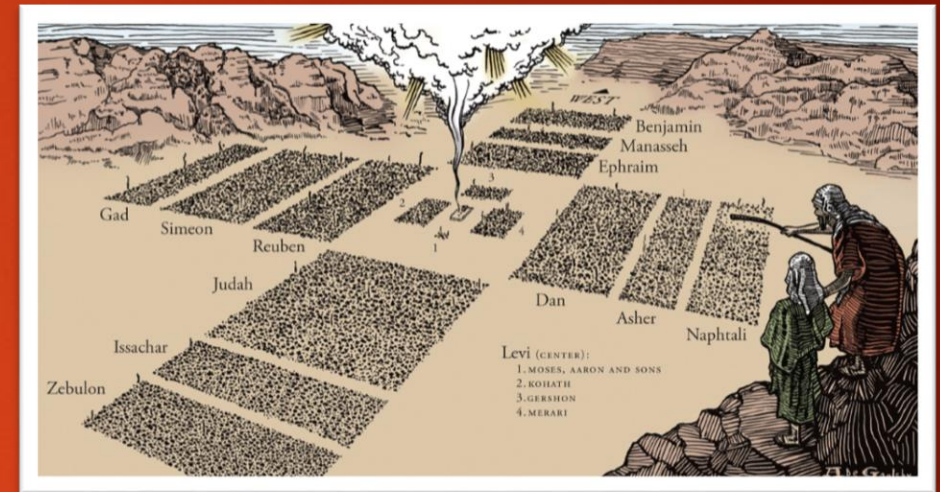
The Judah Principle

Israel had 13 tribes. One, the Levites, were set aside to God for priestly duties, leaving twelve. And when arrayed **for movement**, Judah was always to go out first.

Numbers 2:9

⁹ All those listed of the camp of **Judah**, by their companies, were 186,400.

They shall set out first on the march.



The *Judah* Principle

And when arrayed **for battle**, Judah was always to go out first, as well.

Judges 20:18

¹⁸ The people of Israel arose and went up to Bethel and inquired of God, “Who shall go up first for us to fight against the people of Benjamin?” And the Lord said, “**Judah shall go up first.**”



The Meaning of Judah

And when arrayed **for battle**,
Judah was always to go out first,
as well.

Genesis 29:55

³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will **praise the Lord.**” Therefore she called his name **Judah.** Then she ceased bearing.



The Meaning of Judah

Judah

¥ The Hebrew name Judah (יְהוּדָה) comes (from the root word Yadah (יָדָה) which means (to "thank or thank and praise God with extended hands"

MEANING OF THE NAME

- Judah
- **Basic meaning: praise**, the fourth son of Jacob by Leah. The name originated in Leah's words of praise to the Lord on account of his birth: "Now will I praise [Heb. **odeh**] Jehovah, and she called his name **Yehudah**"
- ([Genesis 29:35](#)).

Praise and Worship



**We can
always thank
God by faith
and praise our
way to victory!**