

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"God's Protection-Intercession for Our Armed Forces"

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Psalms 33:16-18 says "No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love."

The great preacher Charles Spurgeon wrote, "The strongest battalions melt like snowflakes when God is against them." America has been blessed with great and powerful military forces, yet Americans must understand that the Lord is not on the side of those who have the biggest war heads and largest armies. His eyes watch out for those who look to Him as Lord and who fully understand that victory only comes from Him.

The Word of God lays out a format which can be followed in battling enemies of a nation with a motto, "The People of God" or "In God We Trust." There are those who are trained to go and fight and there are those who are commissioned to pray.

This is so clearly seen in Exodus 17:10-13. Exodus records the events of a battle commissioned by Moses and anointed by God to fight against the Amalekites who threatened the people of God. The warrior leading the Lord's army was Joshua, whose name means "Yahweh is salvation." The Bible says, "So Joshua fought the Amalekites... Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired... Aaron and Hur held up his hands... so that his hands remained steady till

sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword."

In Exodus 17:9 we read of Moses telling Joshua that he would be holding the staff of God in his hand. This staff of God was a way

of appeal to the Lord. Our appeal today is to enter the throne of grace in the name of Jesus Christ. Christians are not only to be light upon a hill, but intercessors as well. Our nation is fighting an

enemy right now and Christians are to be quick and steadfast in prayer as Moses, Aaron and Hur. Our armed forces need God's intervention as much as Joshua's army did.

Growing Happy Flowers



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Maybe you can get by with tired old dirt, but your garden will not be as vibrant or your plants as happy. One of the most important rules of successful gardening is that you must enrich your soil for your flowers to grow successfully. To keep your spirit vibrant, it, too, needs enrichment. Learn how to cultivate your spirit with God's unconditional love - nourish your spirit regularly in God's house. When you worship each week you will feel fully alive!

Weekly Scripture Reading

Romans	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians
6.1-23	1.1-24	2.1-21	3.1-14	3.15-29	4.1-20	4.21-31

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