

The Lord Is On My Side

Scripture: Romans 8:31b
Psalm 118:6
Psalm 56:9

Introduction

In the thick of the battle, we feel alone, forsaken, wearied of the fight, and exposed to our enemy. We often feel that no one cares. But God is for us; the Lord is our side. He will not suffer you to be cast down, but will fight for you and give you victory.

I. Know your enemy

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- A. His character
 - 1. A liar
 - 2. A destroyer
- B. His purpose
 - 1. To destroy you and all you stand for
 - 2. To take you to hell
- C. His tactic
 - 1. To deceive
 - 2. To masquerade

II. Know your ally

Psalm 118:6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Psalm 56:9 When I cry unto thee, then my enemies turn back: this I know; FOR GOD IS FOR ME.

Romans 8:31 What shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

- A. He is Jehovah-nissi
Isaiah 59:19 When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.
- B. He is Jehovah-shammah
Ezekiel 48:19 ...and the name of that city from that day shall be, The Lord is there
- C. Your battle is His battle
1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your cares upon him, for he careth for you.

III. Know that God gives you victory

Psalm 91:14-16 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

1 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair. Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

- A. When the enemy is Satan's minions
Job -- Job 1-2
- B. When the enemy is the wicked
 - 1. Sennacherib 2 Kings 19
 - 2. Jehoshaphat 2 Chronicles 20
- C. When the enemy is a brother in the church

Psalm 55:12-14 It was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him. But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

- 1. Miriam and Aaron -- Numbers 12
- 2. Korah and company -- Numbers 16