

## PRAYER STUDY #76

### A CALL TO WAR

#### **“The Army of the Lord will stand in the Evil Day.”**

*“Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.*

Ephesians 6:13

The Children of Israel in the Wilderness type the Body of Christ.

Four aspects of life in the wilderness wanderings:

1. Gathering: “Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.”
2. Growth: They followed the cloud by day and the fire by night.
3. Great Struggle: They were called to war against enemies.
4. Great Harvest: In the camp these were great feast days.

We are being called to come together so that we can mature(iron sharpens iron)and grow. This always stirs up the enemy of our souls who wars against us. But when we stand and fight, we will produce fruit or a great harvest, especially at the end of the age, which we are fast approaching.

Exodus 15:3 *The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is His name.* The Lord is in us so the warrior is in us.

Exodus 14:14 *The Lord shall fight for you...* The Lord will fight for us.

Psalms 24:8 *Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.* He is mighty in battle.

Psalms 119:61 *The bands[troops] of the wicked[demons]have robbed me, but I have not forgotten thy law.* There is a company set against God’s people.

Revelation 19:11 *And I saw heaven opened and behold, a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.*” He judges and makes war.

Revelation 17:14 *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and they that are with Him are called and chosen and faithful.* The ten kings make war with the Lamb. Since the Lamb is in us, they are making war against us.

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 30:1-16: *And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south and Ziklag and smitten Ziklag and burned it with fire and had taken the women captives that were in it; they slew not any, either great or small, but*

*carried them away and went on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters were taken captives. Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess and Abigail, the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters. But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. And David said to Abiathar, the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me here the ephod. And Abiathar brought there the ephod to David. And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue, for thou shalt surely overtake them and without fail recover all. So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred abode behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. And they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David and gave him bread, and he did eat, and they made him drink water. And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten his spirit came again to him, for he had eaten no bread nor drunk any water three days and three nights. And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? And from where art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite, and my master left me because three days ago I fell sick. We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites and upon the border which belongeth to Judah and upon the south of Caleb, and we burned Ziklag with fire. And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by god that thou wilt neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. And when he had bought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines and out of the land of Judah. READ 1<sup>ST</sup> SAMUEL 30:17-31)*

### **Seven points about warfare**

1. David had to encourage himself in the Lord.
2. When you are in war, you have to hear the Lord(verse 8).
3. David began to hear from God(verse 8).
4. You need warriors around you to fight with you(verse 10)
5. Identify your enemy(verse 12-16)
6. Fight until you win(1 Samuel 30:17-20)
7. Share with others what you win(verse 22)

(Much of this material was taken from notes from Tommy Cook from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a teacher who came in this area several years ago.)