

The prayer warrior (1)

Why do we need them?

In the 21st century, prayer seems to be less of a priority than it used to be. Prayer meetings are poorly attended, God's people seem to have little idea of how to pray seriously and especially how to fight in prayer. Our enemy has never made such a mistake.

At every opportunity he "comes in like a flood" (Isaiah 59:19), and "rips open pregnant women." (2 Kings 8:11-12). He threatens (Acts 9:1) and murders. (Mathew 2:16) Apostle Paul warned powerfully of the violence and oppression of the enemy (Ephesians 6:12) and the beast of Revelation 13 killed and enslaved. (Revelation 13:16-17) his work can be described in these words – "The thief comes to kill and steal and destroy." (John 10:10)

Prayer warriors are needed to stand against this tide of evil which is constantly battering God's creation. The Lord needs those who, as Gideon found, kept constantly alert against the attacks of the enemy. (Judges 7)

What kind of person is a prayer warrior? It is someone who sees the attacks of the enemy as tearing down the name of Jesus and is jealous for the name of the Lord. It is someone who sees this as defilement (David in 1 Samuel 17:45-47). It is someone who wants to rise up and stand for the name of the Lord and to protect that name.

What is a prayer warrior like?

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David - the battle is the Lord's. (1 Samuel 17:45-47)

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

The prayer battle is a tough battle and needs a strong spiritual focus to survive. Here is how David saw it -

- * The battle was the Lord's battle and not his battle.**
- * The power in the battle is the Lord's power.**
- * There is no question of losing.**
- * It is going to be a long hard battle**
- * It is going to be tough.**