

Psalms 124:1-3, "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:"

My prayer this morning is for the children of God to understand the blessing of having the Lord on their side. The Old Testament is full of examples of how the people of God overcame the enemy when the Lord fought for them. Whether it be the "hornet" of Exodus 23:28, the "great thunder" of 1 Samuel 7:10, or the "angel of the Lord" in Isaiah 37:36, the power of God was and is able to win the battle. In the verses previously cited, it was an experienced man of battle that wrote of his trust in God's help. David, throughout his life, had been hounded by the enemy. David was attacked by Saul of Kish, Absalom his son, and others, but in each case, the Lord fought his battles for him. David says the benefits of having the Lord on your side is:

(1) Having the Lord as your defense (Ps 124:6). In 1 Samuel 19:11 Saul, the King of Israel, had sent messengers to take David's life. In an extreme rage of envy and jealousy of his son in law, Saul sent the messengers to kill him. David at that time learned a valuable lesson concerning the defense he had in the Lord, as it was The Lord who delivered him that day. David would write in Psalms 59:9 that "God is my defense" when the wicked and "workers of iniquity" rise up against me. And so it is today dear child of grace. Those who fight the "good fight of faith" (1 Tim 6:12) can depend on the Lord to hedge them from the overwhelming waters of tribulation and persecution.

(2) Having the Lord as your guide in battle (Ps 124:7). David well understood the guiding eye of the Lord. He would write in Ps 32:8 that the Lord will "guide thee" with His eye. David knew his vision was limited, but knew the Lord's was not. If the Lord is able to see all things, even before they happen, how precious it is to have His guidance as you go forward into the battles of life.

(3) Having the strengthening help of the Lord (Ps 124:8). David understood that his strength would be weak, but trusted in the strength of God. When David went out against Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:45, he would say, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." Amen!

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