



## THE CHRISTIAN WAR AGAINST EVIL

### Psalm 144

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Good morning Church! Today is the study of our last Royal psalm where we see the eternal God making provisions for the earthly king for warfare. Every Christian wages war against the spiritual forces of evil, but we don't fight evil alone.

#### **Psalm 144. A Psalm of David**

*"Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; **2** he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. **3** O Lord, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? **4** Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow. **5** Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they smoke! **6** Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out your arrows and rout them! **7** Stretch out your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me from the many waters, from the hand of foreigners, **8** whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. **9** I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you, **10** who gives victory to kings, who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword. **11** Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. **12** May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; **13** may our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; **14** may our cattle be heavy with young, suffering no mishap or failure in bearing; may there be no cry of distress in our streets! **15** Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!"*

#### **1. God's GREATNESS is Expressed by His CARE for MAN. (v 1-4)**

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." **Ephesians 6:10-20***

God's greatness brings us peace:

- LOVINGKINDNESS
- A FORTRESS
- A HIGH TOWER
- A DELIVERER
- A SHIELD
- A REFUGE

## 2. God's POWER brings VICTORY for Man's Battles. (v 5-10)

*"On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. **17** Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. **18** Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. **19** And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder."*

**Exodus 19:16-19**

*"Heaven itself was, as it were, made to bow that it might be united to the earth. God did, as it were, come down and bring heaven with Him. He not only came down to the earth, but He brought heaven down with Him to men and for men. It was a most strange and wonderful thing." **Jonathan Edwards***

## 3. God's BLESSING is Received. (v 11-15)

- PEACE identifies the PEOPLE and the LAND.
- As we wait upon God's BLESSING, we are to BLESS Him.

### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*