

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE #6 WHAT TO DO AFTER A VICTORY

1Chron. 29¹¹ Yours, O Lord, *is* the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. NKJV

I. Keep your guard up

A. Keep your guard up by **bewaring of pride**

III. **Saul** was humble when anointed king but the longer he remained king he took on a pride that cost him his kingdom.

1Co. 10¹² Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. KJV

B. Keep your guard up by **staying humble-**

Today in the NFL when someone scores a touch down they do silly things that are not professional. They act as if they did it alone. What about the team?

Barry Sanders, “Act like you have been there before”

III. Don't get cocky and challenge the devil. Don't belittle the enemy. Don't say, “I will never...again”

Rather say, “By the grace of God I will never again...”

C. Keep your guard up by **not minimizing your enemy.**

III. **Samson**- He flirted with the enemy. Three times Delilah tested him yet he mocked her testing. We are nothing without the anointing. Finally is enemy overtook him...

Judg. 16²⁰ And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

D. Keep your guard up **Satan will return**

1. Jesus in the tempted in the wilderness

Luke 4¹³ And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

2. A demonic spirit wants his house back.

Note the conversation of a demonic spirit as he talks to himself:

Matt. 12⁴⁴ Then he saith, **I will return into my house** from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished.⁴⁵ Then goeth he, and taketh with himself **seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.** KJV

II. Learn from the experience of the battle.

A. We learn who we are in God after the battle is won.

III. Jacob wrestles with the angel. After confessing who he was he is touched by the angel and is never the same. He is marked.

He knows who he is. He is told, “You are no longer Jacob but Israel prince of God.

B. We learn not to make promises to God that we cannot keep.

III. People have been known in a difficult time to say, “God if you will just get me out of this I will never do it again”

Jephthah in **Judges 11**³¹ Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD’S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

³⁴ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she *was his* only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

C. We learn never, never, never to give up.

Two of David’s mighty men held their ground against all odds.

They stood alone when the rest of the army fled.

They were determined not to lose the battle or the land.

Eleazar:

2Sa. 23⁹ Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty men, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim for battle. **Then the men of Israel retreated,¹⁰ but he stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword.** The Lord brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.

Shammah:

¹¹ Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where **there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them.** ¹² **But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down,** and the Lord brought about a great victory.

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III. Celebrate God who gives us the victory.

A. Praise God with hilarious worship

Miriam and the women danced and played music.

Exo. 15 ²⁰ And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ²¹ And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

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B. Share the spoil-

2Ki. 7 ³ Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die? ⁴ If we say, 'We'll go into the city'—the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

⁵ At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, not a man was there, ⁶ for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!" ⁷ So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

⁸ The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

⁹ Then they said to each other, **"We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."**

Share the material blessing, the testimony, the wisdom, spirit of what God has done for you! You cannot keep it to yourself. God deserves the glory!