

Stand Still, Praise God, and Get the Victory – Part 1

A. Praise Stills The Enemy.

1. Ps 8:2 (KJV) 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest **still** the enemy and the avenger.
 - a. STRONGS H7673 = “still” in Hebrew means (to cause the enemy and the Avenger or punisher or revenger to) “cease, desist (stop), rest.”
2. Ps 8:2 (The Living Bible) You have taught the little children to praise you Perfectly. May their example shame and silence your enemies!
3. Matt 21:16 And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, you have perfected praise’?”
 - a. Strong's G2675 “perfected” praise in the Hebrew means “to make complete” or “strengthen” you. When you perfect praise you are strengthened and made complete. Praise is a strong, complete, and perfect weapon to destroy your enemy.
4. One of the most powerful weapons Christians have against our enemy, is to have perfected praise to God out loud.
5. 2 Chron 20: 1-14 After calling a time to pray & fast because a multitude of the enemy with a much larger army declared war. King Jehoshaphat sought God what to do.
6. 2 Chron 20:15-16 A prophetic Word from God told them where to go and said, **“Do not be afraid or discouraged** because of this vast army. **For the battle is not yours, but God’s.”**
7. 2 Chron 20:17 “You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand **still** and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ **Do not fear or be dismayed**; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”
 - a. “Still” in Hebrew in this scripture probably means (that King Jehoshaphat and his Army needed to) stop and rest in the Lord and not plan on doing any fighting.
8. 2 Chron 20:21 Jehoshaphat put Praisers in front of his army to sing praises to God singing, **“Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.”**
9. 2 Chron 20:22-26 As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated (self-slaughtered AMPC); and they carried off their plunder.
 - a. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it where they praised the Lord!

10. I believe that the enemy was so confused that they started to fight one another and every one of them died like when God defeated:
 - a. Like Pharaoh's army - Exodus 14:24-25 (New Living Translation), says, "But early in the morning, the LORD looked down on the Egyptian army from the pillar of fire and cloud, and he threw them into confusion. Their chariot wheels began to come off, making their chariots impossible to drive. 'Let's get out of here!' the Egyptians shouted. 'The LORD is fighting for Israel against us!'"
 - b. Like the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:4) - "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech" (vs 7).
 - c. Like when God promised Moses that He would put confusion on all his enemies and cause them to be defeated (Deut 7:23-24).
Deuteronomy 7:23-24 (New Living Translation), Moses spoke about the victory the LORD would grant the Israelites over their enemies if they obeyed Him. He said, "But the LORD your God will hand them over to you. He will throw them into complete confusion until they are destroyed.
He (God) will put their kings in your power, and you will erase their names from the face of the earth. No one will be able to stand against you, and you will destroy them all".
11. 2 Chron 20:27-28 King Jehoshaphat and the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully, for the Lord supernaturally defeated the 3 enemy armies.
12. 2 Chron 20:29-30 29 The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.
13. Acts 16:25-26 (AMPC) 25 But about midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the [other] prisoners were listening to them, 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the very foundations of the prison were shaken; and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's shackles were unfastened.
14. So let's perfect praise by singing to the Lord every day saying, "**Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever,**" which **stills the avenger** and **defeats the enemy**, so we **can have victory** over every challenge in our lives!
 - a. Let us start by repeating this praise to God like Jehoshaphat's Praisers:
I give You thanks, Lord for Your love endures forever. (3x)
 - b. Now let's practice perfecting our praise, strengthening ourselves, and completing the defeat of the enemy against us, by standing up to our feet, and singing these Praise songs to the Lord as an act of spiritual warfare that **stills** the avenger, defeats the enemy and gives us victory over any challenge we are facing now!