

## Daily Encouragement – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Psalm 144

#### Of David.

David battled against foreign nations as a warrior and King by God's strength and power. He wants to praise the Lord for His success. David was concerned with defending the land and upholding peace in the nation. We are in a battle against the spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6), but our God is like no other and through the cross of Christ He has already won the war!

#### He cares for us personally v1-4

- <sup>1</sup> Praise be to the LORD my Rock,  
who trains my hands for war,  
my fingers for battle.
- <sup>2</sup> He is my loving God and my fortress,  
my stronghold and my deliverer,  
my shield, in whom I take refuge,  
who subdues peoples under me.
- <sup>3</sup> LORD, what are human beings that you care for them,  
mere mortals that you think of them?  
<sup>4</sup> They are like a breath;  
their days are like a fleeting shadow.

Who are we that God should care for us in this way?!

#### In Him we have the victory v5-11

- <sup>5</sup> Part your heavens, LORD, and come down;  
touch the mountains, so that they smoke.
- <sup>6</sup> Send forth lightning and scatter the enemy;  
shoot your arrows and rout them.
- <sup>7</sup> Reach down your hand from on high;  
deliver me and rescue me  
from the mighty waters,  
from the hands of foreigners  
<sup>8</sup> whose mouths are full of lies,  
whose right hands are deceitful.
- <sup>9</sup> I will sing a new song to you, my God;- each day afresh we learn of even more to praise God  
for.  
on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you,  
<sup>10</sup> to the One who gives victory to kings,  
who delivers his servant David.
- From the deadly sword <sup>11</sup> deliver me;  
rescue me from the hands of foreigners  
whose mouths are full of lies,  
whose right hands are deceitful.

The mountains and great waters to overcome represent Israel's enemies. Some of the enemy were trying to stir up trouble from within, pretending to join the Lord's people. We must be on our guard against wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15).

#### In His good timing He brings great blessing v12-15

- <sup>12</sup> Then our sons in their youth  
will be like well-nurtured plants,  
and our daughters will be like pillars  
carved to adorn a palace.

<sup>13</sup> Our barns will be filled  
with every kind of provision.  
Our sheep will increase by thousands,  
by tens of thousands in our fields;  
<sup>14</sup> our oxen will draw heavy loads.  
There will be no breaching of walls,  
no going into captivity,  
no cry of distress in our streets.  
<sup>15</sup> Blessed is the people of whom this is true;  
blessed is the people whose God is the LORD.

God promised these blessings to His people Israel in His covenant if they and their rulers obeyed His law. The nation of Israel would go on to rebel against God and lose such blessings in captivity.

We look forward to no more crying or distress, no more wars and bountiful provision in the new creation. Blessed is the people whose God is the LORD!

SONG: Great is the Lord!

and if you have time for another...[Who am I?](#)

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