

be but men.

Grant not, O, Lord, the desire of the wicked; further not his wicked device, lest they exalt themselves; but grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, may serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Thee all the days of our life.

O, Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do Thou it for Thy name's sake, for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against Thee. We have sinned against Thee, because we have forsaken the Lord; but now deliver us out of the hands of our enemies, and we will serve Thee.

Hear now in Heaven, Thy dwelling place, and answer and forgive; and this we beg for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SOLDIER'S POCKET BIBLE

CONTAINING
THE MOST (IF NOT ALL) OF THOSE PLACES
CONTAINED IN HOLY SCRIPTURE,
WHICH
DO SHOW THE QUALIFICATIONS OF HIS INNER
MAN THAT IS A FIT SOLDIER TO FIGHT THE LORD'S
BATTLES, BOTH BEFORE THE FIGHT, IN THE FIGHT,
AND AFTER THE FIGHT;
WHICH
SCRIPTURES ARE REDUCED TO SEVERAL HEADS,
AND FITLY APPLIED TO THE SOLDIER'S SEVERAL
OCCASIONS, AND SO MAY SUPPLY THE WANT OF THE
WHOLE BIBLE,
WHICH
A SOLDIER CANNOT CONVENIENTLY CARRY ABOUT
HIM; AND MAY BE ALSO USEFUL FOR ANY CHRISTIAN
TO MEDITATE UPON, NOW IN THIS MISERABLE TIME
OF WAR.
WITH
THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1.8

Lamentations 1:16

11. SOLDIERS AND ALL OF US MUST CONSIDER THAT THOUGH GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE THE WORST, YET IT COMETH OF THE LORD.

Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD.... Isaiah 42:24

...Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*? Amos 3:6

And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan.... Judges 4:2

...The Lord hath delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to rise up. Lamentations 1:14

The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces.... Lamentations 2:7

12. FOR THE INIQUITIES OF GOD'S PEOPLE, THEY ARE SOMETIMES DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR ENEMIES.

Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger? Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers.... Deuteronomy 29:24

And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them.... Joshua 7:10,11

...The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this

place. Now the LORD hath brought *it*, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD.... Jeremiah 40:2,3

My people hath been lost sheep.... All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD.... Jeremiah 1:6,7

Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Lamentations 3:39

13. THEREFORE, BOTH SOLDIERS AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE UPON SUCH OCCASIONS MUST SEARCH OUT THEIR SINS.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. Lamentations 3:40

Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. Joshua 7:13

14. ESPECIALLY LET SOLDIERS AND ALL OF US UPON SUCH OCCASIONS SEARCH WHETHER WE HAVE NOT PUT TOO LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN THE ARM OF THE LORD, AND TOO MUCH IN THE ARM OF FLESH.

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Yea, thou

1. A SOLDIER MUST NOT DO WICKEDLY.

When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing. Deuteronomy 23:9

And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and be content with your wages. Luke 3:14

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, ...ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. Leviticus 26:27,37

The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them.... Deuteronomy 38:25

2. A SOLDIER MUST BE VALIANT FOR GOD'S CAUSE.

...Be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles... 1 Samuel 18:17

Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good. 2 Samuel 10:12

...For the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands. 1 Samuel 17:47

3. A SOLDIER MUST NOT RELY ON HIS OWN WISDOM, HIS OWN STRENGTH, OR ANY PROVISION FOR WAR.

...Lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5
...By strength shall no man prevail. 1 Samuel 2:9

shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them. Jeremiah 2:13,37

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. Jeremiah 17:5

15. AND LET SOLDIERS AND ALL OF US CONSIDER THAT TO PREVENT THIS SIN, AND FOR THE COMMITTING OF THIS SIN, THE LORD HATH MANY TIMES GIVEN VICTORY TO A FEW.

And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand.... Judges 7:2,7

And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword.... And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword.... And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men. And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men.... And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day.... ...They inclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down with ease.... And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men....

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 116:9

I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. Psalm 119:106

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER.

Arise, O, Lord, lift up Thy hand; forget not the humble. Give us help from our trouble, for vain is the help of man. Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many or with them that have no power! Help us, O, Lord, our God, for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go against this multitude. O, Lord, thou art our God. O, our God, wilt thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us, neither know we what to do, but our eyes are upon Thee.

Our enemies are lively and strong; they that hate us wrongfully are multiplied. Our own familiar friend, in whom we trusted, hath lifted up his heel against us. Arise, O, Lord, in Thine anger, lift up Thyself because of the rage of our enemies, and awake for us to the judgment Thou hast commanded. Judge us, O, God, and plead our cause against an ungodly nation. Oh! Deliver us from the deceitful and unjust man. Deliver us, O, God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. Let them not say in their hearts, Aha! So would we have it; we have swallowed them up. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after our life; let them be turned back and brought to confusion that desire our hurt. Slay them not, but scatter them by Thy power, and bring them down, O, Lord, our shield. Put them in fear, O, Lord, that the nations may know themselves to

And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power.... 2 Chronicles 14:11

...When the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, *It is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him. 2 Chronicles 18:31

10. A SOLDIER MUST CONSIDER THAT SOMETIMES GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE THE WORST IN BATTLE AS WELL AS GOD'S ENEMIES.

...The sword devoureth one as well as another.... 2 Samuel 11:25

All *things come* alike to all: *there is* one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as *is* the good, so *is* the sinner; *and* he that sweareth, as *he* that feareth an oath. Ecclesiastes 9:2

So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. Joshua 7:4

And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel.... Judges 6:2

And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. 1 Samuel 4:10

...And when he [Moses] let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. Exodus 17:11

...My children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help. Psalm 22:11

O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. Psalm 79:8

Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. Psalm 35:2

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name.... Psalm 79:9

**18. AND LET SOLDIERS AND ALL OF US KNOW,
THAT IF WE OBTAIN ANY VICTORY OVER OUR
ENEMIES, IT IS OUR DUTY TO GIVE ALL THE
GLORY TO THE LORD, AND SAY:**

The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name. Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee.... Exodus 15:3,6,7

This is the LORD'S doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes. Psalm 118:23

...For the LORD fought for Israel. Joshua 10:14

Therefore I will look unto the LORD.... Micah 7:7

Who delivered us from so great a death.... 2 Corinthians 1:10

Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:13

...Seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments.... Ezra 9:13,14

Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you. Deuteronomy 3:22

Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* more with us than with him: With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles.... 2 Chronicles 32:7,8

And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands.... Isaiah 7:4

And fear not them which kill the body.... Matthew 10:28

**8. A SOLDIER MUST LOVE HIS ENEMIES AS THEY
ARE HIS ENEMIES, AND HATE THEM AS THEY ARE
GOD'S ENEMIES.**

But I say unto you, Love your enemies.... Matthew 5:44

...Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD?... 2 Chronicles 19:2

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Psalm 139:21,22

**9. A SOLDIER MUST CRY UNTO GOD IN HIS HEART
IN THE VERY INSTANT OF BATTLE.**

...When Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD.... 2 Chronicles 13:14

...I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. Psalm 44:6

There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength. Psalm 33:16,17

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death.... Ecclesiastes 8:8

...We have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee. 2 Chronicles 20:12

**4. A SOLDIER MUST PUT HIS CONFIDENCE IN
GOD'S WISDOM AND STRENGTH.**

...Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Ephesians 6:10

With him *is* wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. Job 12:13

...The God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people.... Psalm 68:35

God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

...God hath power to help, and to cast down. 2 Chronicles 25:8

I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD.... Psalm 71:16

Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with

...And they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them. So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword.... Judges 20:15,17,21,25,30,43,44,45,46

And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valour. And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim... and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel.... And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.... But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him.... ...for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain.... O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper. But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them.... And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand. And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. 2 Chronicles 13:3,4,8,10-17

And Asa had an army of *men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin,

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.... 1 Samuel 17:45

5. A SOLDIER MUST PRAY BEFORE HE GOES TO FIGHT.

Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. Nehemiah 4:9

And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once.... Judges 16:28

...And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. 2 Samuel 15:31

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.... James 1:5

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart. Psalm 119:34

...Give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. Psalm 86:16

Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. Psalm 35:1,2

And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. Judges 10:15

that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour. And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots.... Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not man prevail against thee. 2 Chronicles 14:8-11

16. AND LET SOLDIERS AND ALL OF US KNOW, THAT THE VERY NICK OF THE TIME THAT GOD HATH PROMISED US HELP, IS WHEN WE SEE NO HELP IN MAN.

In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. Genesis 22:14

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day.... The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. Exodus 14:13,14

O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee. Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you.... 2 Chronicles 20:12,17

To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for the day of their calamity *is* at hand,

and the things that shall come upon them make haste. For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left. Deuteronomy 32:35,36

...For my strength is made perfect in weakness.... 2 Corinthians 12:9

...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 4:6

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him. Psalm 12:5

Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself. Isaiah 33:10

17. WHEREFORE, IF OUR FORCES BE WEAKENED, AND THE ENEMY STRENGTHENED, THEN LET SOLDIERS AND ALL OF US KNOW THAT WE HAVE A PROMISE OF GOD'S HELP WHICH WE HAD NOT WHEN WE WERE STRONGER; AND, THEREFORE, LET US PRAY MORE CONFIDENTLY.

O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. Isaiah 33:2

...Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help *to him* from his enemies. Deuteronomy 33:7

I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge.... Psalm 142:4,5

6. A SOLDIER MUST CONSIDER AND BELIEVE GOD'S GRACIOUS PROMISES.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20

For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. Deuteronomy 20:4

The LORD shall fight for you.... Exodus 14:14

...The LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. 2 Kings 17:39

...Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. Daniel 3:17

...I will subdue all thine enemies.... 1 Chronicles 17:10

Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. Isaiah 41:12

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.... Isaiah 54:17

7. A SOLDIER MUST NOT FEAR HIS ENEMIES.

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with Deuteronomy 20:1