

MORNING WATCH - THIRD DAY**Andrew Murray:**

"And it came to pass that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the hosts of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared . . . and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea." (Exod. xiv. 24, 27.)

It was in the early morning that the Lord gave unto Israel complete victory over their enemies in fulfilment of the promise made the previous day, "The Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever" (v. 13). Then, too, my soul shall discover that the morning is still God's chosen time for giving His children the victory over their enemies. "This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith."

Looking up to God in the quiet of the morning, Faith can find time to lay strong hold upon Him, and meditating upon and appropriating His influence, find the firm ground upon which the fulfilment of every promise may be expected, through surrender to Christ in Whom the victory over the world and every foe has already been accomplished. Faith finds in Christ the strength for all the conflicts it must wage. "Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" these words which heralded the deliverance of that morning teach us what should be our expectation and our frame of mind at the beginning of every morning. Yea, Lord, when I behold mine enemies this day I will not fear but "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Christian, be vigilant of the morning watch. "The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace." Yea, Amen, my soul is continually quiet before God.