

General Topics :: Warriors For Christ? Wha...??

**Warriors For Christ? Wha...??, on: 2012/1/26 16:05**

Where does it say in scripture that we need "warriors for Christ"? I hear this ALL the time in the church, particularly when it comes to children and youth. I know that this phrase is meant to muster up boldness, but can true spiritual boldness be mustered up? It's always been my impression that the Holy Spirit enables us to be bold witnesses.

I also hear this all the time in Christian sports, particularly (again) in youth and teen sports. I know our experience this year with "Christian" high school (homeschool) football involved coaches using foul language (even the "F" word), verbally abusing players and insulting them by invoking the names of several feminine hygiene products as a means to motivate the players to act more like men. (one coach is a deacon at a local mega-church) When confronted we were told they were going to make these teen players "warriors for Christ" by toughening them up. One coach even told us that's why Jesus sent His disciples out with swords on their first mission excursion. (wow, that's not the impression I got from that passage!)

So it got me thinking... where does this come from? Warriors for Christ? What does that mean? Oddly I hear literally nothing about being servants of Christ. About being obedient even unto death for the name of Christ.

No, it's all about being "courageous" and being "warriors". But I find very little (if anything) in scripture to support such a phrase or mentality.

Anyone else notice this trend? Did I miss a command in the NT somewhere? "Go into all the world and be warriors..." perhaps?

Krispy

**Re: Warriors For Christ? Wha...??, on: 2012/1/26 16:35**

Hi Krispy,

Seems like an odd subject to me, but since my website is called Scottish warriors for Christ and I know that you know that :) Then I thought I would give it a go. First of all, I know nothing about sports or motivations or anything like that, so I can't comment. I know that you know the OT, and the OT is full of battles of one kind or another where the Israelites were called "stouthearted men." When we consider David and Gideon and so many others, it certainly conjures up those images, or even Jesus as the commander of the heavenly host on his white horse when He comes back, the lion of Judah. When we consider that the Scriptures tell us that we are in a battle, not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, again the imagery used by Scriptures is battle. Jesus defeated His spiritual foes on Calvary, again, imagery of a war which the enemy has lost. In fact, the examples are too many to mention. One famous Christian man reminded us that Christianity is not a playground but a battle-field.

Anyway, the inspiration for my own website was a lady called Julie. She is an older lady in Scotland and a wonderful Christian woman. Her son was murdered in the street in Greenock, shot five times and left to die. The murderer was known, but not enough evidence to take to trial. This woman, when asked by the press about this man, just days after the event, publicly forgave him and told of how Jesus loved him. This to me was a high example of Spiritual warfare.

Krispy, we know that we have to put on the full armour don't we brother? And the Scriptures goes through and uses shields and helmets and swords as metaphors for our spiritual warfare. As I said brother, there are too many to mention. I am just a little surprised at the question because I know that you know the Word and the word is replete with this imagery. Maybe other brothers and sisters out there can give you more examples ? :) .....bro Frank

**Re: Warriors For Christ? Wha...?? - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/26 16:36**

k k , as primadogma isn't here to tell you i will give you a tad of my wisdom. the thought pattern is after you put on the whole armor of God then you are prepared to attack in war.jimp

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 16:48**

Contrast with:

Matthew 5:3-10

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 16:50**

Hi Krispey, for some reason your seeming to set this up as one or the other when it seems clear that we are called to be all those things and more in Christ.....bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 17:00**

No, not setting anything up... just working thru some thoughts...

Krispy

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 17:04**

If I remember correctly Bunyon portrayed Christian as a warrior in Pilgrims Progress. This particularly is brought out in his battle with Apollyon, the devil.

Blaine

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 17:05**

Okay bro, kinda like being as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove :) We are part of an army that marches on its knees. This is the army that truly makes the enemy tremble, the kind of army whose soldiers turn the other cheek, the kind of army whose soldiers go the extra mile or when they evil is committed on them they return love. The kind of army that yields and surrenders to their King but will never yield or surrender to the gods of this world. Do you have my back Krispy? :) I think you would.....see you in the foxhole (together, on our knees, following His word in prayer) :) .....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by dvndsn, on: 2012/1/26 18:28**

I can see how one would believe that being in this world is being in a war with the world, I believe that because of the scripture appolus quoted. However, I heard a preacher say something of the like: We are not fighting this war for the victory, the victory is ours! We are fighting from the winning side. The only battle we have is in this world. Our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, that my friends, is the battle.

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/1/26 19:30**

I never really sensed I was in a battle until after I became a Christian. We are seen as warriors most probably because of verbage and symbolism in the Bible, but more importantly because of the reality that we are indeed in a warfare.

1Ti 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

I don't want to fill this page with NT scriptures of warfare, battle and fighting because I think you get the point.

If you are a Christian you will know what battle is being talked about concerning the powers of darkness or the flesh or the world.

Better to be a "Warrior for Christ" than for anything else.

Pilgrim

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 22:38**

Amen Pilgrim, well put..... bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 22:40**

I'm with ya Frank, I think you're getting me.

I get the battle with the flesh, etc. I think perhaps my problem with what I am seeing is it is a whole testosterone driven "Braveheart" thing... instead of turning the other cheek we "fight back", etc.

To some extent I think some of what I have been noticing is perhaps a response to the feminization of the church that has happened in the past generation. Now men are calling on men to "be men"... which I am all for, trust me. But somehow I think at times it has gone too far the other direction so that now instead of Jesus being our role model as men... it's Rambo.

Krispy

**Re: , on: 2012/1/26 22:46**

"I'm with ya Frank" I knew you always were :) And I, like you, am not for the Rambo model. I prefer soldiers who march on their knees, love ya man ..... bro Frank

**Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2012/1/26 22:58**

Speaking of Braveheart, did anyone see the news item about Steven Spielberg is preparing to make a "Braveheart-ish" movie about Moses?

<http://lum.k.af>

I personally have doubts about anyone surpassing Cecil B. Demil's "The Ten Commandments" even if the special effects are a million times better today. When The Ten Commandments came out (I was but a wee lad) I thought it was the most awesome movie.

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/1/26 23:05**

Quote:

----- Where does it say in scripture that we need "warriors for Christ"?  
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Interesting observation, Krispy. I think you raise a valid concern. But it's not merely whether it can be biblically supported or not. It's what happens to the metaphor in the hands of the wrong people. Spiritual metaphors do have a tendency to assume a sinister flavor in unspiritual minds -- like when the "kingdom of God" become synonymous with an earthly kingdom. The medieval crusaders saw themselves as warriors for Christ. Likewise it is possible that in the future, given a chance, today's unregenerate "warriors for Jesus" could take their title quite literally, or rather unspiritually. And they will fight against flesh and blood -- the "infidels".

Interesting, some branches of the church are attempting to remove all war imagery in hymns and such. So now it's not politically correct. In my view, that's going the other way too far. It's throwing out the baby with the bathwater. You lose a powerful picture for the Christian life.

Diane

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/1/27 1:20**

There is actually a thread on Sermonindex about the "Feminization of Christianity".

There are assaults upon every facet of Christianity and the Bible today by our "modern" culture, today.

The thing about being a warrior for Christ is we fight by loving and forgiving our enemy and the tenderest most delicate souls can die terrible deaths with courage and grace all because of the life of Jesus Christ in them. This is warfare!

This is the overcoming life.

Being faithful to God in the midst of great temptation is warfare and the overcoming life.

Enduring till the end (of your life) when all hope is seemingly gone, this is warfare and the overcoming life.

When you forgive and love when you are slandered and misrepresented by those who say they represent God, this is warfare and the overcoming life.

After donning all of your spiritual armor, warfare is having done all, to stand!

Fighting against the temptation and inclinations of the flesh to fight back in a carnal way and praying for your enemies, instead of defending yourself.

This is warfare. Real men and women, love Jesus and are not afraid to show it.

Fight the good fight of faith. It doesn't take testosterone, it takes faith.

If it took testosterone all the power lifters that hang out in the gym would be raising the dead and healing the sick.

Pilgrim

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2012/1/27 1:29**

Quote:

----- Spiritual metaphors do have a tendency to assume a sinister flavor in unspiritual minds.  
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I think this is a good explanation of the problem. It is not the metaphor, but how people apply it to their behavior that we are troubled with. In this case, if we don't see or grasp the concept of spiritual battles, we may conclude that our fight is against flesh and blood. It is certainly tempting!

The metaphor of a Christian warrior is often used to inspire Christians to be leading men rather than following them. However, the rub is that we perceive leadership differently from one another.

For instance, some of us are "command and control" types, and so naturally see leadership as hierarchical and managing. These are more apt to be attracted to Bible verses that paint the Christian as a challenging influencer of men for Christ. Some leaders are consensus builders, and so naturally are attracted to verses that paint the Christian leader as one who humbly serves men needs for Christ. Others view leadership as bringing together collaboration, and are attracted to scriptures that paint the leader as one who inspires others to use their gifts to serve Christ.

All of these leadership perspectives are valid. This is how I explain why there can be multiple differing perspectives among mature Christian leaders, that somehow contribute to a single overall picture that is biblical and even prophetic when integrated.

MC

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/1/27 1:33**

Hi roadsign,

There are countless assaults on the Bible and Christianity, today.

Your post about "war imagery" taken out of hymns is one I had not thought of.

Here are some Intellectual, Political, Humanistic, Religious assaults on Christianity that I have run into.

1. Gender neutral God of the Bible
2. Gender neutral pronouns in general. (humankind instead of mankind).
3. "New Atheism" today says they have the moral high ground over the God of the OT because He was a butcher.
4. Universalism is spreading.
5. Satan is not a real being, but just the antithesis of good (whatever that means).
6. Political correction beginning to permeate new Bible versions.
7. Jesus was not God, because "God is One" argument.
8. Stories in the OT are just myths and superstitions.
9. Jesus was a product of the superstitious day He lived in and that is why He believed in the existence of the Devil and

Hell.

10. Paul preached Judaism.

11. Ecumenicalism (Counter-Reformation continues today).

There is much more that I cannot even think of right now.

What did Paul say,

2Co 7:5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

Christianity has always had warfare from within and without.

Pilgrim

**Re: , on: 2012/1/27 8:28**

Hey this has turned into a great conversation... I was a little concerned at the outset that I had not adequately expressed myself... I love you guys.

Pilgrim... excellent words, brother.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by violence, on: 2012/1/27 8:55**

it takes a 'warrior' to turn the other cheek, and fulfill the passages in the beatitudes you've quoted

a warrior doing violence to one's "self-life"

in this way, the demons are defeated in our lives and around about us

we're not making this message too clear to youth groups that love the imagery

Lance Lambert is a good preacher on here with messages on our being inducted into a real spiritual army -- "Fight the Good Fight" and "Strong in the Lord" .... given in Memphis, Tenn ... along these lines

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/1/27 9:30**

Quote:

----- Your post about "war imagery" taken out of hymns is one I had not thought of.  
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Yes, it's the liberal brand of legalism: Though shalt not use military language, lest you arouse violent urges in your sinners. Maybe that is why the song "We are marching in the light of God" sometimes gets sung as: "We are walking in the light of God". Marching suggests military.

I am familiar with your list of prohibitions, Pilgrim. Sometimes I function in that context. I'll paste one of my subtle attempts at confronting the "paranoia" over military imagery: At first I was criticized for using it here, but I think it worked in the end. (see my footnote)

PLEASE read this through the eyes of one who THINKS "politically correct":

A Mighty Trojan Horse

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Cor. 4:7

The Trojan horse may seem like odd imagery for God's calling. I see it as helpful. Let me explain it. In Greek mythology, a hollow wooden horse filled with Greek soldiers was left at the gates of Troy. The Trojans assumed it was a gift and dragged it inside. During the night the soldiers climbed out and defeated Troy. We are like the Trojan horse in that we carry within the force of Christ's nature and presence. We live and move among people who see us outwardly and have no idea what's inside. When the door opens they see what's there. They see an all-surpassing power that they know must surely come from God. It can't come from the "horse". The horse, after all, isn't much. Indeed, it is powerless in itself.

This does not suggest a life of powerlessness and passivity, as in "fear of initiative, unquestioning lethargy, or compliance to a group ego"<sup>2</sup>. That kind of passivity merely empowers controllers, and is, in fact, the breeding ground of totalitarianism. That kind of passivity is a "denial of human destiny as appointed by God"<sup>3</sup>. It is really a failure to embrace our calling as Trojan horses in the midst of an evil world.

The Trojan horse is the very opposite of passivity. It is clever and effective strategy. The Armour of God passage in Ephesians 6:10-17 describes this clever strategy. The various armour parts listed there enclose the entire body, and together they form our defense. The suit consists of the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. The imagery suggests armour parts for the body's exterior, but it is obvious that they function internally. These are precisely the spiritual blessings endowed to us through Christ's indwelling. They are embodied in Christ himself. In that sense, Christ is truly the "all-surpassing" power within.

An important observation is in order: The Armour of God passage warns us not to fight against "flesh and blood people". People are not our real enemy or the powers opposing us. Our real adversary is comprised of spiritual forces at work within us and without us. Only the spiritual weapons in Christ can help us overcome them. It is our God-given duty to apply this armour in our character formation. <sup>4</sup>

Footnotes:

1. The use of military imagery occurs frequently in Scripture. Avoiding those references because of (justifiable) aversion to violence strips God's people of key spiritual realities. It is better to show how to apply them as intended spiritually. We are, after all, in a monstrous battle of spiritual forces.

4. The idea here is to combat the effects of sin and evil by using the endowments given us through the Spirit.

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/1/27 10:16**

Thank you for that, roadsign.

Essentially, the armor of God is the Lord Jesus, isn't it?

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Helmet of Salvation - He is our salvation

Breastplate of Righteousness - He is our Righteousness

Sword of the Spirit - He is the Sword, the Word.

Shoes of Peace - He is our Peace

Loins gird with Truth - He is the Truth

etc, etc.

Pilgrim

Re: , on: 2012/1/27 10:22

Hi guys, Im with Krispy, I thought this was gonna be a strange thread? Kinda started out defending myself:) Thought Krispy was having a go at me :) I have been criticised for the name of my website, but I never thought for a second on changing the name of it. Last March I posted this piece.....

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=37814&forum=45&0](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=37814&forum=45&0)

With the High praises of God in our mouth !

Is it just me or do we not sing songs of victory any more? There is so much joy in declaring the victory of Jesus. I think it will be hard for you to read the hymns below and not touch some of the glory of God

Gird up your Armour

The Lord has given a land of good things  
I will press in and make them mine  
I'll know His power, I'll know His glory  
And in His kingdom I will shine

With the high praises of God in our mouth  
And a two-edged sword in our hand  
We'll march right on to the victory side  
Right into Canaan's land

Gird up your armour, ye sons of Zion  
Gird up your armour, let's go to war  
We'll win the battle with great rejoicing  
And so we'll praise Him more and more

We'll bind their kings in chains and fetters  
We'll bind their nobles tight in iron  
To execute God's written judgement  
March on to glory, sons of Zion!

Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory  
his army shall he lead,  
till every foe is vanquished,  
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict,  
in this his glorious day.  
Ye that are brave now serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger,  
and strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor,



each piece put on with prayer;  
where duty calls or danger,  
be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle,  
the next the victor's song.  
To those who vanquish evil  
a crown of life shall be;  
they with the King of Glory  
shall reign eternally.

Onward Christian Soldiers !

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.  
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;  
forward into battle see his banners go!

Refrain:

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

2. At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;  
on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!  
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;  
brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.  
(Refrain)

3. Like a mighty army moves the church of God;  
brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, all one body we,  
one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.  
(Refrain)

4. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the church of Jesus constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never gainst that church prevail;  
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.  
(Refrain)

5. Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,  
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,  
this through countless ages men and angels sing.  
(Refrain)

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible s  
wift sword:His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and  
damps;I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-sea  
t:Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Succour to the brave,  
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of Time His slave, Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
While God is marching on.

And so brothers and sisters, whatever battle you face today, whatever trial has beset you, whatever valley you are passing through, remember that your God is with you and goes before you and you follow with the "high praises of God in our mouth And a two-edged sword in our hand"  
Soldiers of the Cross arise!!!! .....brother Frank

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/1/27 10:36**

I have always liked the name, Frank.

It rouses the troops!! Reminds us who we are.

Pilgrim

**Re: , on: 2012/1/27 15:23**

"It rouses the troops!! Reminds us who we are."

I like that Pilgrim :) ....God bless you bro....brother Frank

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/1/27 16:05**

Appolus, shame on you for posting those hymns! Don't you know that they should be censored - I mean, ARE censored!  
! I never dreamed I'd see the day when these innocent old favorites hymns (and many more) would become so polemic.

Even this Sunday School song raised a dispute when I used it once:

Standing by a purpose true,  
Heeding God's command,  
Honor them, the faithful few!  
All hail to Daniel's band!

Refrain:

Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone!  
Dare to have a purpose firm!  
Dare to make it known.

Many mighty men are lost,

Daring not to stand,  
Who for God had been a host  
By joining Daniel's band.

Many giants, great and tall,  
Stalking through the land,  
Headlong to the earth would fall,  
If met by Daniel's band.

Hold the Gospel banner high!  
On to vict'ry grand!  
Satan and his hosts defy,  
And shout for Daniel's band.

Diane

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/1/27 16:42**

Quote:

----- Essentially, the armor of God is the Lord Jesus, isn't it?

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Yes, Pilgrim, I discovered this through my personal study of Ephesians. It was an amazing "aha" moment. It was an entirely new way to read scripture.

Imagine those Christian readers who are disturbed by the use of military imagery. They have that hurdle to overcome before they can receive the rest of my reading. I admit, I perspired over that, and prayed my way through it -- in view of the obstacles it would face.

Diane

**Re: , on: 2012/1/27 17:33**

Hey sister Diane,

Strangely I feel no shame, perhaps I am shameless :) On a serious note, when I posted that last year it was because of the concern that I had that in the many churches that I had visited, that the victory songs seem to have disappeared. There is something very powerful about talking about, singing about, giving praise about, praying about victory in Jesus. Victory over hell and death, victory over sin and the grave. As you begin to shout this out in your spirit or in song or in discussion then the Spirit of God begins to rise in your own spirit. I imagine that our enemy hates all such talk. Let's remind him as often as possible that he is defeated, Christ is victorious and He reigns on High and that at some point soon, every knee is gonna bow, whether in heaven above or on earth below or on the powers below the earth and every tongue is gonna confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father!!!! .....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2012/1/27 21:47**

Since we're posting battle hymns, have you heard this one:

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/s/o/soundbat.htm>

Never heard it sung in church before.

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (2 Tim. 2:4).

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/1/27 22:01**

Yes, "Sound the Battle Cry", a favorite hymn in bygone days. I've posted the words here.

I've also posted "A Mighty Fortress" by Martin Luther. It does NOT have military imagery but you see clear reference to the devil and also the spiritual armor. I think this hymn is superior in its theological clarity and its focus on God as the shield and victor.

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Sound the battle cry! See, the foe is nigh;  
Raise the standard high for the Lord;  
Gird your armor on, stand firm every one;  
Rest your cause upon His holy Word.

Refrain  
Rouse, then, soldiers, rally round the banner,  
Ready, steady, pass the word along;  
Onward, forward, shout aloud Hosanna!  
Christ is Captain of the mighty throng.

Strong to meet the foe, marching on we go,  
While our cause we know, must prevail;  
Shield and banner bright, gleaming in the light,  
Battling for the right we ne'er can fail.

Refrain  
O! Thou God of all, hear us when we call,  
Help us one and all by Thy grace;  
When the battle's done, and the vict'ry's won,  
May we wear the crown before Thy face.

#### A MIGHTY FORTRESS

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

**Re: , on: 2012/1/28 0:20**

Great hymn Paul, thanks for the words Diane, I do not believe I have heard that one. Here is one I wrote myself a couple of years ago.....

#### AN ANTHEM TO FREEDOM

Were you there when Jesus bled  
Before the cross, in sins were dead  
By your hand in Christ were led  
On to victory

NowÂ's the day and nowÂ's the hour  
Stand with Christ and stand in power  
HeÂ's our Rock and strong High Tower  
WeÂ're free from slavery

So will you come and fight the fight  
March in the day and not the night  
We will send them all to flight  
This will be our day

Free men march and free men die  
And all proclaim our God on high  
His glory fills the earth and sky  
Come Lord soon we pray

In glorious majesty He reigns  
HeÂ's broken all our wretched chains  
On Calvary He took our pains  
And death has lost its sting

Now Jesus come and take your place  
We lift our eyes, we see your face  
Our enemies we now give chase  
We serve our glorious King

No longer slaves and dead in sin  
New life arises from within  
We sing to you a glorious hymn  
Of joy and victory

We have arisen from the dead  
And follow you who died and bled  
And rose victoriously and said  
No more slavery

Come now my children, come and see  
You once were chained but now are free  
Free to live and reign with me  
Its time to wield the sword

Its the final day, the final hour  
Rain down thy presence, a glorious shower  
Its not by might nor any power  
But by My Spirit says the Lord