

WORSHIP (Spiritual) WARRIORS

What is a Worship WARRIOR?

They are the *Special Forces* in the army of the LORD. They are the *Special Forces* of the Kingdom. Biblically we can look at it as; Judah (meaning Praise) went first. They are the team on the front lines of battle, the mighty warriors.



*Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, "Who shall be **FIRST** to go up for us against the Canaanites to fight against them?" And **the LORD said**, "**JUDAH** shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand." Judges 1:1-2*

*Then the children of Israel arose and went up to the house of God to inquire of God. They said, "Which of us shall go up first to battle against the children of Benjamin?" **The LORD said**, "**JUDAH FIRST!**" Judges 20:18*

JESUS' lineage is the tribe of Judah: *Matthew 1:1-6 and Luke 3:31-34. Revelation 5:5 speaks of Jesus as the **Lion of the tribe of Judah.***

A PROPHETIC WORD of encouragement for the WORSHIP WARRIOR:

...Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's. 2 Chronicles 20:15-17

When we think of a WARRIOR what comes to mind?

Images of weaponry, bloodshed, battling against an enemy come to mind, don't they? And rightly so, we are in a spiritual battle and it is unrelenting, we call it warfare. As WARRIORS in the army of the LORD, we have the sword of the Word (Holy Scriptures-Bible) to fight against the enemy of our souls, and the blood of Jesus Christ. That shed blood has given us the victory over sin & death. Don't think for one moment that the war in the heavenlies is not real, we are in warfare and the battle is real. Where does this battle take place? It takes place in the unseen realm. (*Ephesians 6:10-12*)



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Warfare is very real

It is something that is part of daily life of a WARRIOR. Worship WARRIORS have weaponry such as flags, tabrets, tambourines, mattah's, etc. When these weapons are used in worship, they declare to enemy that the WARRIOR has complete confidence in the LORD of Hosts. That confidence and trust is a secret place (an intimate place) that the devil (HaSatan) cannot enter, he knows he's been defeated. God Almighty the maker of heaven and earth is the LORD of the battle. He is Jehovah Sabaoth! *1 Samuel 1:3* (The LORD of hosts or armies) He is Jehovah Nissi (The LORD is our Banner). *Exodus 17:15*

SPIRITUAL WARRIORS have certain characteristics

Each WARRIOR in the battalion of the LORD has a different function, yet all are vital and must align in unity to meet the goal... advancing the kingdom. A Spiritual WARRIOR lives in the rest of God, knowing that patience, perseverance and peace (Shalom) are weapons when used wisely. They have been trained to reign and have bold confidence to go first in the battle and stand against the wiles of the enemy...FEARLESSLY! WARRIORS actually thrive in pressure knowing it propels them forward and pushes the enemy back. Hallelujah! Give God Praise!

Holy boldness (God's confidence) is a key characteristic of a Worship WARRIOR. For the LORD will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught. *Proverbs 3:26*

Confidence or the lack of it can be the difference between breakthrough and defeat. As the Worship WARRIOR gives God all the praise and declares in faith the He is LORD of all, the enemy must flee. Confident WARRIORS say things like; "Yes, totally, for sure, absolutely, definitely!" Have you heard certain believers use those terms often in their vocabulary? How about yourself?

Here's a basic list of characteristics of the WORSHIP WARRIOR.

- Boldness
- Fearless
- Courageous
- Humble
- Enduring
- Patient
- Discerning
- Joyful

Can you think of a few more characteristics of a WORSHIP WARRIOR? Make a list of them.



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Spiritual training of a WARRIOR

It is the preparation of the heart and developing a Bridal mind-set. Spiritual training shows the WORSHIP WARRIOR how to embrace God's grace, mercy and goodness and let them touch the deep recesses of the heart.

Spiritual training is not a time of learning how to battle the enemy; it is a training to learn to be seekers of God. Why? Because as we move towards the LORD the enemy will flee, he no longer is in fellowship with God. Satan, the heavenly worship leader was cast out of heaven, long ago. Think about it... the whole strategy of the enemy is to move us away from God, to break our intimate fellowship. Beloved, that's the **real battle!** It's not battling for territory or cities or circumstances its battling to stay in intimacy with the LORD and keeping those distractions at bay.



Let's be overwhelmed by the LORD and not people or circumstances. As the Worship WARRIOR moves in confidence towards God's presence, others will be drawn towards our heavenly Father as well.

Worship WARRIORS must be trained to live and move and have their being **in** Him. A WARRIOR shouldn't resist the training of the LORD, why? Because they will learn to endure, be faithful and patient which results in moving in the power and anointing of the Spirit. Each WARRIOR must go through the process even when it hurts, they don't give. Their words are yes and amen. They have confidence that the LION of the tribe of JUDAH has their back!

Jesus is a Warrior King

(*Exodus 15:3*) and He laughs at His enemies (*Psalms 37:13*). He defeated death, on the cross of Calvary and He is our VICTORY! The WARRIOR is fighting the battle from a stance of victory not from being a victim or having a victim mindset.

Read Isaiah 61 the entire chapter. This is a good place to rest (Selah), take a little time to jot down a few notes in your journal on what the Holy Spirit shows you through reading this passage of scripture in Isaiah. There's a confidence in the Good News of Salvation and it belongs to the WARRIOR.



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Trained Confident Worship WARRIORS

Have the ability to pass a godly legacy on to others. They have the victory in Christ and can help others breakthrough, casting off those chains that have kept them bound. Overcomers...
move and live and have their being in Him (Acts 17:28)

What is that legacy?

To show others that they too can have the capacity to live in His presence, having full confidence and expectation, that His favor is before them at every step and that God loves them with an everlasting love (*Jeremiah 31:3*).

WORSHIP WARRIORS...magnify the LORD always!



O Magnify the LORD
with me, and let us
exalt
His Name together.
Psalm 34:3

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