

Battle ground for the High places

Psa 61:1 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Psa 61:2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: **lead me to the rock *that is higher than I*.**

Psa 61:3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

Psa 61:4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

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

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, **and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

1. **In a battle the high ground is always the most important ground in warfare.**
 - a. The one, who controls the high ground, is the one that has the advantage in battle. Victory over the enemy has to be won by taking the high places from the enemy.
 - b. In the cities in Europe, the defense for the city was on top of a hill or a Mountain. Fortified with walls and a watchtower.
 - c. It was the lofty twin towers that the terrorist brought down on September 11th, a symbol of capitalism which our enemies hate.
 - d. What brought down Russia was the West's plan to control of the High places. President Regan purposed a high tech star war missile system that could shoot down incoming enemy missiles.
2. **It was the city of rebellion that Nimrod built city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven:**

Gen 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Gen 11:5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

a. **Mans frail attempt to not abide by God's plan of salvation.**

b. **We must come God's way to reach heaven:**

Pro 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Joh 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Joh 10:2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

Joh 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

Joh 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

3. **When we come to God we are building on a new foundation:**

a. Old things have passed away, and behold

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

b. **Old things have been brought down** and behold all things become new

c. **The Old things** of: Pride, and self gratification, of our selfish nature. Lust, greed, self importance and the list goes on.

Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

Isa 40:5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

4. **Satan Offered Jesus the High Places:**

Mat 4:8 **Again**, the devil taketh him up **into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;**

Mat 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

CALVARY STANDS AS THE PIVOTAL POINT OF VICTORY FOR OUR LIVES.

1. The Bible says that the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against the church
2. You ever wonder whatever happened to the Gates of Hell?

Jdg 16:1 Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

Jdg 16:2 *And it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

Jdg 16:3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

3. One day Lord took our sins with a cross up a hill called Golgotha and gave his live a ransom for our sins.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Col 2:15 *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

4. **Jesus destroyed the gates of hell through the death burial and resurrection.**

Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Eph 1:21 **Far above all principality**, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

5. **When we receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, He gives us power over all the forces of the enemy:**

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Living Above the snake line

Snake Story: God told Elijah to - “Go stand on a mountain” reminds me of a tradition of early settlers in America. Many found that building their dwellings places on the hills allowed them to avoid the dangers of poisonous snakes found in the valley. They called this “**living above the snake line**” Their discovery? Once you go above that line certain animals, especially snakes, cannot comfortably live there. **Let me ask you every Saint of God, “Do you live above the snake line?”** Does the enemy/devil still have access to you? If so, I encourage you to climb higher. Snakes (often symbolic of the devil) can’t live up there. My greatest problem isn’t the enemy. Sometimes it is the enemy within that I war against. I must climb a little bit higher.

Psa 18:31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

Psa 18:32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Psa 18:33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.

Psa 18:34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Psa 149:6 *Let* the high *praises* of God *be* in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

Psa 149:7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;

Psa 149:8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

Psa 149:9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: