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## **JESUS THE WARRIOR**

Jesus the Nazarene carpenter is all in vogue now. Being a Christian is following his example as a servant of the marginalized, That is the popular image of Jesus for many: the suffering servant who loved others. That Jesus died (to atone for others). He is no more. That Jesus was vindicated by God and raised to His right Hand. That Carpenter was resurrected (transformed) and now sits on a Throne with all God's power and authority having been given to him. He now is a King who reigns, but He has enemies and they must be conquered. (All of this is clearly portrayed in the Book of Revelation and I explain the relevant passages here on my Website <http://www.calvinfox.com/web/revelation.html>) The Jesus we believe in and serve is a Warrior King, such as David was. Psalm 18, that I used devotionally for Friday's QT Thots, describes This Warrior and He says of God-

He trains my hands for battle and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze. You have given me (Jesus) your shield of victory; your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great. You lengthen my stride beneath me, and my ankles do not give way. I pursue my enemies and overtake them; I will not turn back till I have destroyed them. I strike them down and they cannot rise; they fall defeated at my feet. You have girded me with strength for the battle; you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight. You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; you put me at the head of the nations. A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; strangers will cringe before me. The foreign peoples will lose heart; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds. The Lord lives! Blessèd is my rock! Exalted is the God of my salvation! He is the God who gave me victory and cast down the peoples beneath me. These words apply to Christ. See Psalm 2 et al You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; you saved me (Jesus) from my deadly foe; see Col.2:15, et al. Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O Lord, and sing praises to your name. He multiplies the victories of his king; he shows loving-kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever. In Romans 15:9, Paul teaches the words of v.49 refer to Christ. Followers of Christ are called to be warriors like Jesus. We are part of His Army, fighting to advance His reign everywhere. Onward, Christian Soldiers! For the King!

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