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### WHO WILL WIN THE VICTORY?

(Contributed.)  
Editor Times: Let us see—who has the strongest army? I was going to say, the largest, but that does not matter.

Who has the strongest—does that matter? Suppose a captain has a standing army of giants, powerful with strength, can he hope for the victory if they are not faithful? If they turn traitor to him, are they worthy of a victory? How can they be faithful except they have courage. How can they be courageous without faith? If they have no faith in their captain's ability to manage the battle, will they not turn traitors? The battle is on. God has heard and heeded the cry of his people to deliver Marshfield—the souls of Marshfield—from the hold of the devil. How does the battle stand? How are we accepting His manifestation that He has heard and heeded our prayers?

Has He not heard and heeded our prayer and granted aid in that He has caused to be erected in Marshfield through His own, a tabernacle—a tent for His people—and sent to cry out the anguish in His heart for the sinner and fight the devil with the sword of the Lord, which is the word of God? What part have we, His people, in the battle. Shall we stand back in awe and surprise at the way the Spirit of God is moved to work out the battle? Or with folded hands say: "He has sent the man with power; let him do the work." Lazy hearts like lazy bees, deserve no honey. I play a piece of music without success. Why? There was discord, not harmony. Why? Let me see, what is the matter. There are four parts in music. There is alto, tenor, bass and soprano. I play the soprano notes alone, perfectly, and there is no inharmony; also the alto, alone, without discord; then the bass, and without discord; but when I play the whole together, there is discord. Why? Because the alto and bass were not arranged to play in harmony with the soprano and tenor. The piece is a failure. It cannot win the reward, no matter how well played. It was tried but found incompetent. Marshfield is being tried; there is discord. Why? Would God wrong us by sending a man, without power, with God and man? Can you charge God with this? Dare you do it? He says: "Touch not my anointed and bring not my prophets to harm." But though He says touch His anointed with the finger of criticism, and bring His prophet to harm? Have you read of Moses, how God made him leader of His people; how Moses spoke with God face to face, and gave to Him the ten commandments written with the finger of God; how, when he (Moses) became angry at the backsliding of his people and broke the tabs of stone on which God had written the Ten Commandments, God understood and was not angry with him, but in His patience and anguish for His people called Moses to make ready other tablets of stone and come in His secret place with them, and He rewrote the Ten Commandments. (God has great patience with the instruments in His hands and great probation for them.) Moses had a sister and brother, Miriam and Aaron, and they spoke against Moses, (in the Book of Numbers, 12th chapter,) saying: "Hath the Lord, indeed, spoken only by Moses? Hath He not spoken also by us?" (Read Exodus, 15:20, how the Lord spoke by Miriam.) It says in the same verse: "And the Lord heard it."

What has the Lord heard you say, my sister, my brother? (Read the rest of the twelfth chapter of Numbers, the fourth book of the Old Testament.) There were many battles fought in the name of the Lord for His people's liberty in the days of Moses. (And in his day what was done was a similitude of the days of the Christian age; that is these days since Christ has been known to the world.) Read the 17th chapter of Exodus, beginning with the 8th verse, of the battle fought with Joshua, and Amalek for captains—Joshua, the captain of the Lord's people, and Amalek, captain of the people against the Lord's people. In the 9th verse it is written: "And Moses said unto Joshua, choose us out men and go out and fight Amalek tomorrow, I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand."

10. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. "And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed. And when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed." 12. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13. And Joshua, discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14. And the Lord said unto Moses, write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under Heaven.

15. And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovihassi:

16. For he said, because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. (Ex. 17.)

And what the Lord says is true. God cannot lie, and He will fulfill His vows. And He has warred against the people that fought against His GAL TWO—WHO WILL WIN . . . people from "generation to generation," unto this generation, and unto this day of March, 1910.

The battle of the Lord is on here at Marshfield. The victory is Christ's if we do our part. You who would follow Jesus are you fighting faithfully the evil that is attacking you, or are you trying to pull down the prophet's hands. You Christians, are you holding up the prophet's hands? Or are you falling in your part, or are you the sister and brother that is speaking against your brother, who the Lord has chosen to lead the people out of the darkness of Egypt (sin) into the light of His promised land (salvation). If you read the 12th chapter of Numbers you will know how the Lord punished Miriam and Aaron, the sister and brother of Moses, the prophet of the Lord.

He will also punish you for speaking against His prophet of this day. If you are not called to fight you can help hold up the prophet's hands by words of faith. You can say: "Shannon speaks the truth," you cannot deny that. Even the most prejudiced. You can say: "God has taken the victory through Shannon in other places, (no one can deny it) can He not do in Marshfield what He has done elsewhere?" Is your faith so small and your fear of the people that strive against God and the right of His people so great that you cannot say this much?

God's word says: "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." People are judging God's power by you. If you are a Christian the world expects you to manifest Christ's power in you. He had all power over His adversaries and our adversaries if you keep close to Christ by obeying His commandments, and He says this: "I command you that ye love one another." His word says: "Love speaketh no ill, is not puffed up." Are you keeping this commandment of Christ's and do you love the Master, your Savior?

He says if "ye love me keep my commandments," and He says: "He that keepeth my words shall be loved of my father and we will come unto him and manifest ourselves unto him." Christian brothers and sisters, how much are you willing to give up that God and Christ might manifest themselves unto you? Are you willing to give up your own individual ideas and accept God's ideas; are you willing to give up prejudice; are you willing to give up grudge? Will you give up that proud spirit and humble yourself before God? Will you give up a position that you are filling to please the eyes of the world? Are you willing to give up companionship with that which is keeping or pulling you away from the Lord?

If the Lord should ask you what He asked Peter—"Lovest thou me more than these?" what would your answer be? What are you willing to do that God may manifest Himself to you? Are you willing to let love rule your life—God's love that He will give you for others? When the souls that God is seeking here in Marshfield now. Come before the judgment bar of God and God says: "I gave you space to repent and ye would not." Can their excuse be "But some of thy people accepted not this man as a prophet from God, but spoke against him, and how could we be expected to accept him?"

Oh sister, or brother, who hear

the name of Christ here, where then will you stand?

And if you have not fought in this battle of the Lord's with the shield of faith and the sword of His word, know you that He says? "If I give you to speak unto a soul that it turn from its sins, and ye speak and he turn not then will I release you and require his soul at your hand." It may not seem just to you to give up your soul's place with God in heaven to the soul required at your hand, but God is just. If man cannot give back a life he has taken, how can he give back a soul he has let die as you would let a plant die for the want of care. Souls are precious. The Son of God bought them with His blood. God will require and "there are three things that bear witness in earth: the spirit, and the water, and the blood, and these three agree in one."

"Quence not the spirit."  
"Touch not mine anointed and bring not my prophets to harm."  
"He that soweth not with me scattereth abroad."

Who is on the Lord's side? You? Are you ready for the battle? Christians, have you put on the whole armor of God? If so, Marshfield will be taken for Christ. Christ will win the victory through those who cared. How much do you care?

People of Marshfield, what are you going to do? Wait until the vessels of water are turned into wine and the prophet is withdrawn from you to arise and rend your garments and say, "There has been a prophet among us and we have not known it."

You say you can't accept Mr. Shannon's language. I say to you, he speaks in the language of those he seeks to save, and in the spirit of Him who saves.

If the language is contrary to the spirit, it should open your eyes to see how contrary your life is to the life of Christ. I have talked with people who need Christ, in refined language, and they said: "I talk English I talk Swedish, or I talk French with you, but you do not talk all English, what you say?" I answered, "I am talking English with you." But he shook his head and said, "that's no English I ever heard." Also, I've been told, "you get down to talking United States with me and I can understand what you say. I don't understand you; those words I don't know." To reach the Swedish people you must talk in the Swedish language; to reach the French, in the French language, the Hollander, in the Holland language; and Mr. Shannon, in order to reach the home (who need to be made whole) often uses the "bum's" language. I asked a boy once why he didn't resist temptation. He said "what are you talking about?" I said, "why don't you 'cut out' those rough ways." Then he said "Awh!" He understood.

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