

Behold, the Battle Was Before and Behind.

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God's protection and love surround us, making us invulnerable to harm and giving us hope in times of struggle.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:14, Psalm 139:5, Romans 8:38

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes that while we may feel surrounded by enemies and past failures, God remains our constant protector and source of strength. He illustrates how Abijah's declaration of God as the Captain of the Host inspired his people to turn to the Lord in their time of need. Meyer reassures us that no earthly power can block our connection to God, and that His love is always accessible, regardless of our circumstances. He reminds us that God encompasses us from all sides, providing an invulnerable shield against life's battles. Ultimately, our life hidden in Christ is secure and protected from harm.

Transcript

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ABIJAH'S address is full of true and noble utterances, especially when he describes God as being the Captain of the Host; and this spirit soon permeated his people, so that when the battle was sorest, and they were hemmed in by their foes, it was natural for them to turn to the Lord, and for the priests to give a blast on the trumpets, like that with which the new moon and the solemn feasts were inaugurated.

The point for us to remember is that our enemies may shut us in on all sides, preventing reinforcements from north, south, east, and west; but no earthly power can ever shut off God from above us. The way upwards is always kept clear; the ladder which links the beleaguered soul with God and heaven can never be blocked, except by transgression and sin.

The Priest is always with thee, child of God. His help is always at hand. Neither death, nor life, nor height, nor depth, nor principalities, nor powers, can ever separate thee from the down‑coming of God's love.

The battle is often before and behind. From behind come memories of past failure, the consequences of mistakes, the misunderstandings which have alienated us from others, and made it difficult for us to live as we would; on the other hand perplexities and anxieties seem to bar our future path. But when the battle is before and behind, remember that God besets his people behind and before, and covers them with his

hand. The invisible film of his protection makes the soul invulnerable. The life that is hid with Christ in God is beyond the reach of harm.

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