

He Put Garrisons in Edom; and All the Edomites

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We must surrender the conflict between flesh and spirit to Jesus and let Him do the work, rather than trying to help Him or take matters into our own hands.

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 18:17, 2 Chronicles 21:10, Psalm 137:7, Isaiah 63:1-6, John 16:33, Romans 7:15-25, Ephesians 6:10-11, Philippians 4:13, Colossians 2:15, 1 John 5:4-5

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Description

F.B. Meyer explores the relationship between Edom and Israel, symbolizing the ongoing struggle between the flesh and the spirit. He emphasizes that, like Edom's repeated attempts to regain independence, we often battle our own sinful nature. Meyer draws parallels to Jesus as the mighty Conqueror who triumphs over our spiritual foes, urging us to surrender our conflicts to Him completely. He encourages believers to stop relying on their own efforts and instead allow Jesus to handle their struggles with sin and temptation. The sermon calls for a total resignation of the fight to Christ, who has already secured victory on our behalf.

Transcript

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became servants to David. 1 Chron. xviii. 73.

EDOM and Israel were closely related, but there was constant rivalry and war between the two peoples. Sometimes Israel held the upper hand for a little; but Edom soon broke loose again, and resumed the old independence, with the border forays (2 Chron. xxi. 10; xxv. 11‑14; Psa. cxxxvii. 7). Now, as Edom stands for the flesh, which hungers for the savoury dish, and is willing to give even its birthright of spiritual power to secure it ‑‑ this long feud is full of interest to us. It reminds us of the strife of Rom. vii., between the will of the renewed man and the law of the members, ever striving for mastery.

We turn on the pages of our Bibles to Isa. lxiii., where a mighty Conqueror is seen coming towards the southern frontier of Palestine, with his back on Bozrah and Edom. His garments are dyed with the blood of Israel's foes; and behind Him cities are desolate and depopulated, territories are laid waste without inhabitant, and Edom's hostility is for ever quenched in blood. What a portraiture is here of Jesus, "mighty

to save," who in his cross triumphed over principalities and powers, and made a show of them openly. He has overcome the world, the flesh, and the prince of the power of darkness; and stands for evermore between us and our former oppressors.

Let us resign the conflict wholly to Him. We have sought in vain for victory by resolutions and endeavours ; by close attention to religious duties; by occupying our mind with various interests, so that we had no leisure to be tempted; by diet and exercise. Now, hand the conflict absolutely over to Jesus: do not even try to help Him: just let Him do all: be quite still, and when temptation comes, let Him meet it.

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