

## **Fighting God's way**

**Here is some encouragement and wisdom from one of the ancient prophets:**

***“Do not be afraid, O Zion;  
Do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
A victorious warrior.  
He will exult over you with joy,  
He will be quiet in His love.  
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.” Zephaniah 3:16,17***

**In these days the Church is learning about “spiritual warfare” and “fighting battles”, and becoming “warriors”. Certainly these terms are important to us in the prayer leadership ministry; and they are probably just as important to you — whether you are a homemaker or a minister.**

**Equally important are the terms “armor of God” and “divine weapons of warfare”. But have we fully realized that we are to wear the armor that God Himself uses (see Isaiah 59:17), and use the weapons that He Himself uses? After all, isn't He the warrior who really knows how to fight to win?**

**Well, then...if He is the victorious warrior (Zeph. 3:17), perhaps we should see how He fights for us! The above verses tell us what He does; it becomes an instruction on how we should respond in our battles...**

- 1. He “exults over you with joy”...Now why don't you do just that — “exult over your problems with joy”!**
- 2. He remains “quiet in His love”...Now you just do the same thing — “remain quiet in His love” in the midst of your battles!**
- 3. He “rejoices over you with shouts of joy”...OK...Now you “rejoice over your needs with shouts of joy”!!**

**Perhaps if we fought like God fights, we would win more often!**

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