

WHAT WARRIORS PRAY*

Psalm 144

Introduction:

How this Psalm applies: 1) David & his kingly heirs 2) Jesus as David's final heir 3) The Father's sons, leaders and warriors as we extend Christ's Kingdom until His return....So, what do Warriors Pray? They...

I. PRAISE THE WARRIOR MAKER: v1-4

Psalm 144:1-4 (ESV)

¹OF DAVID. Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; ²he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. ³O LORD, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? ⁴Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

II. REQUEST THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR'S HELP: v5-8

Psalm 144:5-8

⁵Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they smoke! ⁶Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out your arrows and rout them! ⁷Stretch out your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me from the many waters, from the hand of foreigners, ⁸whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

III. PROMISE THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR: v9-11

Psalm 144:9-11

⁹ I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you, ¹⁰ who gives victory to kings, who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword. ¹¹ Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

IV. ENVISION A GOD HONORING FUTURE: v12-15

Psalm 144:12-15

¹² May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; ¹³ may our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; ¹⁴ may our cattle be heavy with young, suffering no mishap or failure in bearing; may there be no cry of distress in our streets! ¹⁵ Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

Discussion Questions: 1. How do you relate to being called a “warrior” as part of what it means to being a Christ-following man? Do you agree with that title as a part of your Biblical manhood? Why or why not? 2) How has God worked in your life to make you more of a warrior in the best and Biblical sense of that term? 3) How can we help develop the next generation of Christian men as warriors?

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