

## 16-MAR-2021\_Embattable the fierce warrior

(Jesus speaking: ) Embattable the Fierce Warrior and defender of the children of David, he thrusts this way and that. When I wish to see a good film of light fighting darkness, I watch some of the feats that he has done in My name. He really goes at it. He doesn't actually care who he is fighting, like a pair of pruning shears simply cuts whatever the hand moves them to do, so does this one cut down and diminish the works of the devil, whoever, whatever has risen its hairy evil heel against Me. And he doesn't stop until the job is done to satisfaction.

Yes, he feels weary at the end, for he gives all, until all are brought down. The sight of carnage is unpleasant, and unsightly, and nothing that truly inspires. But it's what he's made to do, and so he does it, like it or not.

Then the angels of respite carry him and his team to the pools and waters of refreshing, for they are greatly in need of refreshing. I love using this "sword" for I know it will be a job well fought, leaving little to nothing for others to have to finish off.

If King Saul had had this one and his team's help when fighting against the king Agag, he would not have left work for the Prophet Samuel to finish off in the end. But Saul stopped short of fighting to the "dregs", the bitter end. (1 Samuel 15)

Every fighter loves the part where the tide turns and the evil ones start to run. It feels great to get the enemy on the run, but only the bravehearted will then run after them and finish them off—as Gideon and his men did. Or like Joshua after the walls fell. The miracle of God gets things in motion and turns the tide, like happened in both those battle times, but then I did expect the warriors to do the messy, gruesome, hard, labour intensive work that was needed to "root out and destroy". A running enemy is only part of the war won. A defeated and completely disabled enemy is what I was after.

Do it to the end. Don't give up part way when it seems more attractive to stop part way. Gideon's troupes could have gathered spoil and food from the camp with the occupants temporarily gone or fighting themselves, but they instead kept their mind on their real job of fighting the enemy, not just regathering what the enemy had taken. (Judges 7)

And it costs you, because just about that time you see something you really need and think it's about time for a break. But though faint you pursue, like that verse says. (Judges 8:4) So don't stop for a "break" and put down your weapons yet, not until I blow the whistle and say "deed done, be refreshed." —Like that parable (Luke 17:7-8) about the servant that comes in from working and is tired and hungry, yet it's time to fix the meal for the master, and on he works till all the jobs are done. Then comes the rest. Double duty it seems, and it is. It's Friday. The sixth day when I did double duty in creation week before taking a break. Or when the people were to work and gather twice as much manna and then rest. (Exodus 16:22-23) Those who do a double duty now—to fight though weary—get a good and well-earned rest afterwards.