

of. "The flesh lusteth against the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit against the flesh, so that ye may not do the things that ye would." The warfare is between the flesh and the Holy Spirit. The evil nature is called by three different names in the New Testament, the *flesh*, the *old man*, and *sin*, and when temptation to sin comes, we must not attempt to fight it in our own strength, but at once turn to the Lord and He will fight for us, and we shall hold our peace. We fail when we take the battle into our own hands and trust in our own resolves, or our prayers, instead of looking to Christ.

In verse 19, we see them standing up to praise the Lord; why did they praise? Because they believed God's word and were confident of success. We read in the Word, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me"; now we see why this attitude glorifies God because when the soul is able to praise for victory beforehand, it shows there has been begotten in the soul by the power of the blessed Spirit such an absolute confidence and trust in God that they are confident of victory.

In the next verse, Jehoshaphat urges the people to believe in the Lord. *Only believe*. Then lest their faith should fail them as they go into the war and see their enemies, he appoints "singers unto the Lord, that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army.

Now turn to Exodus 14:13. The Israelites had just been delivered out of the hand of Pharaoh, which in the Christian life is equivalent to conversion, and all of a sudden as they beheld before them the Red Sea, they discovered behind them Pharaoh's host. Then the very same words came to Moses and the Israelites as afterwards came to Jehoshaphat, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, the Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Don't resolve, don't make up your mind, stand still, and in the time of temptation hand it over completely to the Lord. But, you say, do we not have to fight? Yes, but the fight of faith is to cease from our own efforts, trust wholly to the Lord and let Him fight.

In the 3rd chapter of Joshua we find the Israelites about to enter Canaan, which is often mistakenly regarded as a type of Heaven, whereas it signifies present deliverance from the power of sin, the earthly rest which remaineth for the people of God. Their faith is now tested, and they must prove God's faithfulness before they come to Jericho. The Israelites were about to cross over Jordan and Jordan you know always means death. When