

The Overcoming Life.

2 CHRON. 20.

IN the second verse of this chapter we see that a multitude came up against Jehoshaphat; now Jehoshaphat was the son of good King Asa, two of the best kings, with the exception of Hezekiah, that ever ruled over Judah; and Jehoshaphat had doubtless been taught from his boyhood to do as his father had done, to commit his way unto the Lord and trust Him.

Jehoshaphat had a godly and righteous fear, for we find that "he set himself to seek the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah." Read the prayer of Jehoshaphat in your own homes, and see, how, like Asa, he hands the matter all over to God so completely that he is able to say, "none is able to stand against *Thee*," and reminds God of his promises. He trusted in God to deliver him, and God never disappointed any man yet who did that; God delivered his enemies into his hands.

When you pray for deliverance *be definite*; take the Word, chapter and verse, and claim the answer.

Now look at verse eleven, a truly remarkable verse: "The enemy is come to cast us out of Thy possession which Thou hast given us to inherit." That is what the devil is constantly striving to do, to cast us out of the possession which God has given us, the blessed state of unbroken communion.

Then you see, verse 13, all Judah standing before the Lord; what for? Why, for the answer to the prayer of course! There they are standing, WAITING. In Isaiah 30:18, we have the double waiting—the Lord *waiting* to be gracious, and the blessing upon all those who *wait* for Him.

Then the answer comes in verse 15: "Be not afraid nor dismayed, the battle is not your's but God's." Whenever anything is handed absolutely over to God, He takes it and the responsibility, too.

Turn now to Galatians 5:17, where the true warfare is spoken