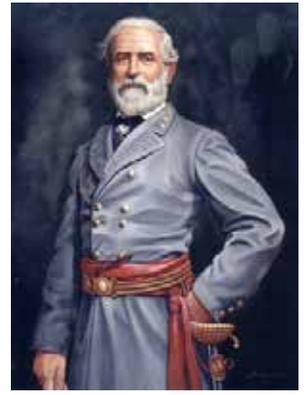


"Have Not I Commanded Thee?" *Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9 KJV*



Robert E. Lee was one of the greatest military commanders that ever lived. He engaged in one of the most lop-sided conflicts in history and if he had possessed the men and finances the Union aggressors had, he would easily have won in a quarter of the time the North took. He despaired of taking the post in the first place, but when pressed, dubiously accepted to try to avert danger for his “beloved” Virginia. He only surrendered at Appomattox to protect his troops from further massacre. He was so loved by his troops they would have knowingly fought to the death had he so ordered it. He was a deeply committed believer, loved God, and hated war, but was willing to fight and die to protect the blood-bought constitutional rights of the sovereign states! His only flaw; he could not resurrect the fallen. Believers have a Commander infinitely superior to any man! We have orders to “*Preach the Gospel to every creature.*” *The Gospel...is the Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth.*” The Gospel is this: Jesus Christ is the “*Word, the Son, the Way, the Truth, and the Life: NO MAN cometh unto the Father but by [Him] and whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have Everlasting Life.*” It is also the condemnation of unbelievers. “*He that believeth not is condemned already, BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.*” Believers have naught to fear for our Commander DOES have the Power to resurrect! Not only WILL He resurrect and transform the mortal into the immortal, but WILL kill the enemy with eternal death! For the enemy, death will not be a “*shadow,*” but an everlasting horror of torment in “*outer darkness!*” At death, a believer’s fight is ended. We will not receive a Purple Heart nor a Congressional Medal of Honor, but a “*Crown of Life*” which our “*Lord, Himself, will give to all those that love His appearing.*” We have no opposition that can conquer us, because “*If God be for us, who can be against us?*” We have a tour of duty called life, and when it’s over, we’ll have R & R for eternity!

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go! ~Sabine Baring-Gould

For what the Creator has commanded, rest assured, He will provide and enable. Stay in communication with HQ through God’s Word, and unceasing prayer. Don’t let the enemy flank you and cut you off from your Supply Line of with barrages of doubt, despair, and prosperity. Oh, yes, prosperity is one of Satan’s best tools for isolating and defeating the child of God for when we are at ease, we feel we have no need of God! “*And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*” Paul reminds us, “*My God shall supply ALL your need.*” Sometimes God lets us suffer want, so we may realize “*without [Him, we] are nothing!*” Our courage need not be a false bravado, because under Christ’s command, “*we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him that Loved us. The gates of hell cannot prevail against us*” though Satan and his demons may oppose us with unabated fury! When we obey God, we walk with Omnipotence! How dare we flinch from the fray? Have not we been Commanded?

"He that dwelleth in the Secret Place of the most High shall abide under the Shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my Refuge and my Fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.'" Psalm 91:1-2 KJV