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No matter how outnumbered we are, God plus one is a majority. If God is on our side, it matters not how many are against us. If God is for me, then I can know He will fight for me (*2 Chron. 20:15,17*), help me (*Heb. 13:6; Psalm 121:1-2*), uphold me (*Psalm 37:24*), and protect me (*Psalm 127:7-8*).

How we need to trust God, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord! "But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one [like a fearsome warrior]: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail" (*Jer. 20:11*). **The battle is the LORD's!**

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