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- ☆ 4) Remember God's promise (vs. 8-9). If His people should cry out to God, then He promises **to hear** and **to help**.
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- ☆ 6) Acknowledge your inability to solve the problem in your own strength: "we have no might" (v. 12).
- ☆ 7) Confess your lack of wisdom: "we do not know what to do" (v. 12; James 1:2-7).
- ☆ 8) Make sure your eyes are fixed upon the LORD and not upon the problem: "our eyes are upon Thee" (v.12; Psalm 25:15).
- ☆ 9) By faith, claim the promise that the battle is the LORD's (vs. 15-17). The battle belongs to God and not to us. God's responsibility is to solve the problem; our responsibility is simply to trust Him. There is no problem too big for our God!
- ☆ 10) Humble yourself before the LORD (v. 18).
- ☆ 11) Praise the LORD with genuine enthusiasm (v. 19).
- ☆ 12) Bravely face the crisis (v. 20).
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