



KI TEITZEI

GM Look at the opening pasuk of
Ki Teitzei, D'varim 21:10 -

כִּי־תֵצֵא לְמִלְחָמָה עַל־אֹיְבֶיךָ וַיִּתֶּנּוּ ה'
אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּיָדְךָ וְשָׁבִיתָ שְׂבִיִּים:

*When you wage war against your
enemies, God will give you victory over
them, so that you will take captives.*

We know from many p'sukim that God's help in battle - and His protection of His People, in general, is dependent upon our remaining faithful to Him, loving Him, and living by His Torah. (If God helps us even when we don't behave properly, it is because of His great Chessed, His promises to the Avot and to us, and to avoid a Chilul HaShem. But it works out so much better when we find favor in His eyes.) One such pasuk that describes the 'deal' we have with HKB"H is T'hilim 145:20 (the bulk of Ashrei), which we say a number of times every day -

שׁוֹמֵר ה' אֶת־כָּל־אֲהָבָיו
וְאֵת כָּל־הָרָשָׁעִים יַשְׁמִיד:

*HaShem guards all who love Him, and He
destroys all the wicked.*

These two p'sukim match at 2493.