

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

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“WINNING THE BATTLES OF LIFE”

AWAKENING TO THE CONFLICT

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

1 Samuel 17:1-7

THE ADVANCEMENT OF DAVID

You would think that if God had His hand upon you as He did upon David - that there would a supernatural exception from the difficulties of life.

We Tend to Lean Upon the Idea that if I'm Favored
All will be well. No harm will come my way...

Yet because we are favored by God, God has specifically tailored for us victory in His name, - that comes through battles!

But Victory Implies a Battles.

And a Battle Implies a War and War Implies
Warfare!

But Jack

**David was selected by God, He was Anointed by Samuel,
David was a good boy, a nice guy, a cute kid...**

Why Cant the Story go in the Direction I want it to?

Why cant we just get raptured at the moment we're
saved and by-pass all the earth stuff?

Acts 14:22

And as they went... strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

John 16:33

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

AWAKING TO THE CONFLICT

1.) *The Christian is an Invisible war*

vv. 1-2

The Old Testament is a Pictorial Guide to the New Testament Teaching...

What is Taught in the New by Mouth, is seen in the Old by Act

Rom 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

The Christian is an Invisible war

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

a.) *It's about territories*

Verse 1

Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered together at So-coe, which belongs to Judah;

Territories and Strongholds

God has Delivered us from Bondage

2 Cor 10:3-4

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

The Territories have Taken in Faith by Promise

And when faith isn't a problem – it's easy to stand in victory

But What Kind of Victory is It ?

The Lord, Through Christ has Set us Free

But What Kind of Freedom is It ?

Rom 8:37

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors
through Him who loved us.

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

b.) It's about defending what God has given

Verse 1

Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered together at So-coe, **which belongs to Judah** they encamped between Sochoh and Az-e-kah, in Efes Daam-mim.

The enemy will always seek to advance on what has already been conquered for God and we need to defend by faith that which God has given

...which belongs to Judah

Some 20 miles south and west of Jerusalem, the valley of Elah reminds me of the Lake Tahoe area of California.

The Conflict is Over the Possession of Land

(something important - that can be controlled and used to control others)

What is the "Ground" In your life
(anger, hate, fear)

*Satan will try to take back ground lost through temptation
(sexual sin, possessions, power, pride)*

1 Pet 5:6-8

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Stand by for Que - - of Satanic Cat - - - - play 3x

What Has God Given You?
Then fight for it / fight for his will / and fight right

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

c.) It's about something bigger than us

Verse 2

And Saul and the men of Israel **were gathered together**, and **they encamped** in the Valley of Elah, and **drew up in battle array** against the Philistines.

We're in a Spiritual War

1 Sam 17:16

And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening.

Supernatural events are in play

Goliath and Boyz, They had Heavy-metal on their side

Eph 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Saul and the men of Israel **were gathered together**, and **they encamped** in the Valley of Elah, and **drew up in battle array**

THERE IS A DANGER HERE

THE DANGER IS

and **they encamped** in the Valley of Elah, and **drew up in battle array**

with no greater vision in sight

I AM AFRID THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS THE BEST LOOKING BATTLE ARRAY EVER. THE CHURCH HAS MORE SIMINARS AND CONFRENCES THEN EVER. THE CHURCH HAS MORE CLASSES, GROUPS AND BOOKS ABOUT MARRIGE, FINANCES AND FELLOWSHIP...

But there is rarely a Battle

*That's about all that they could do
Was to LOOK LIKE they were going to battle*

Israel was trembling before the Giant and the Philistines...
Just like Saul

Israel was being led by a man who had forfeited the Anointing and Power of
God through disobedience and rendered the nation powerless.

The church today is equally powerless
Against Satan because worldly thought has infiltrated the church.
The world has polluted the Christian witness with good ideas, but not
God idea's

Infiltrated Our Homes and Family

There are Homes that are Dedicated to This Sport and That
There are Homes that are Dedicated to This Look and That
There are Homes that are Dedicated to This Style and That

Does your home pray?

(Expect defeat – plan on it)

Does your home read the bible?

(Expect defeat – plan on it)

Is there a witness for Jesus in your home?

(Expect defeat – plan on it)

Gal 6:7

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows,
that he will also reap.

Hosea 8:7

"They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind."

2 Cor 9:6-7

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Who we are at home will determine who we are in public
David was the same at home as he was in public

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

2.) *In war, nothing is fair*

vv. 3-4a

I remember as a kid growing up playing "army"
"Time Out - I got something in my eye..."

3. The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.
4. And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath...

In war, nothing is fair

a.) *The enemy is closer than you think*

Verse 3

The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

That Location is Close, *very close!!!*

In war, nothing is fair

b.) *They will come out after us*

Verse 4a

4. And a **champion** went out from the camp of the Philistines,

A champion

A warrior-tyrant. A terrorist

Like A Shiny, Metallic, Brass Image of Satan Himself

c.) *The enemy is a ruthless foe*

Verse 4b

His name was... Goliath, from Gath...

Goliath

Middle-man/ - - between two - - also One who is exiled, without a country, one banished, one estranged from home, also implies a soothsayer, a practitioner of dark spirits

Satan is the Father of a lot of Ruthless foes

Isa 14:9-17

"Hell from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us? 11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.' 12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, 17 Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

Ezek 28:12-18

"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. 16 "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. 17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. 18 "You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading;

therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

3.) *The enemy has resources that we don't vv. 4b-7*

4b. whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 he had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 6 and he had bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

a.) *We're not very tall*

Verse 4b

4b. whose height was six cubits and a span.

The Magnificent Giant

Six and half cubits

A biblical cubit varied slightly, making Goliath stand anywhere between 8.6 inches to 9.2 inches tall

Stand by for Que - - O' Neil Slide and Hold for Effect

Shaquel O Neal is 7.1

..at the time of his death on July 15, 1940, 22 year old Robert Wadlow stood 8.11 inches tall and was called the modern day Goliath

Satan's power is greater than ours

Eph 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles** (dark spirits) of the devil.

How do We Put it On - To Fight him Off

1. Take the word and learn of it.
2. Take the word and do what it says

Eph 6:16

above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

b.) We cant even see our protection

Verse 5

He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of metal, and it's weight of the was five thousand shekels (200 lbs.) of bronze.

The Magnificent Giant

He was dressed in bronze!

A massive giant human in shinning brass under the hot sun

The Soliders of Israel Listened and Looked for 40 days
At this Magnificent Freak of Human

The Power of Satan is no Match for us

2 Cor 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Six Fingers and Six Toes

2 Sam 21:20

Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant.

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

c.) the enemy looks better equipped then we do

Verse 6-7a

And he had bronze greaves (leg-wraps) on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed (25 lbs.) six hundred shekels;

He's Armed to the Teeth

Intimidation is a wicked tool
...and satan knows how to use it against us

We Often See The Problem Bigger Than What It
Really Is

You Can Play With Shadows...
Stealth Warfare Has Two Faces

Projection small or great can over through an enemy

AWAKING TO THE FACT THAT...

d.) the enemy has an army

Verse 7b

and a shield-bearer went before him.

If Goliath wasn't Enough, He had to have a P.R. man

Look at this armour. It's so big and awesome that I have to employ a guy just to carry it around for me.

Just the wieght of it could crush you

The enemy has an army

There are Fallen Angels and There Demons and There are False teachers and There False Prophets and False Gospels and False Churches and False Braethern and False Apostles...

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