

“DECLARING WAR ON SATAN”



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I SAMUEL 17:45-46

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Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the

carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel” (vv. 45-46).

The devil has been waging war against mankind since he attacked Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The lying serpent was able to deceive Adam and Eve and they fell from grace and the world has not been the same ever since. Throughout Bible history we can see satan waging war against God’s people and how God gave them the victory. The day you got saved you were enlisted into the **Army of the Living God**. You became a soldier in an existing war that has been going on since the fall of Adam and Eve.

Paul said, **“Join with me in suffering, like a Good Soldier of Christ Jesus”** (2 Tim. 2:3).

There comes a time after fierce spiritual warfare when the devil has been hitting you from all directions that you get fed up and with the power of the Holy Spirit you **‘Declare War’** against the devil. **You are angry at the devil now!**

David said, **“Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”** (v. 26b).

Then David said to the devil, “You come against me with **sword** and **spear** and **javelin**, but **I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel**, whom you have defied. **This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head**” (v. 45).

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GOD’S POWER WILL DESTROY THE DEVIL

“All those gathered here will know **that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves**; for the battle is the Lord’s, and **He will give all of you into our hands**” (v. 47).

We need to understand that the weapons of the Army of God are not fleshly.

“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” (2 Cor. 10:3-4 NKJV).

David said it this way, “it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves: **for the battle is the Lord’s**” (v. 47).

David was fed up with how Goliath was attacking the army of God and how he was cursing his God. But he also understood that to defeat the giant he would have to depend on the power of God and not in the power of his human strength. When David said, **“for the battle is the Lord’s”** he was telling the devil that God was going to use him to kill him. God was going to use David as a weapon of war to destroy the giant. Yes, the battle is the Lord’s and He uses men and women as weapons to crush and defeat the devil. His power flowing through His anointed soldiers.

You must be willing to allow God to use your life as a good soldier so that by His power He can destroy the works of satan. (2 Kings 6:15-17)

Acts 10:38 says, “how God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth **with the Holy Spirit and power**, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were **under the power of the devil**, because God was with him.”

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power” (Eph. 6:10).

Are you tired of the devil having you like a punching bag and constantly attacking you and your family? Then declare war against him and come under the power of almighty God and allow Him to use your life as a weapon of war. Jesus has already defeated the devil at the Cross, but the war continues between God and the devil and we are soldiers of Jesus Christ. Remember that we are fighting the army of the fallen angel Lucifer and they are not flesh and blood, but evil spirits.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Eph. 6:14



Be a praying man in your prayer closet and God will fill your heart with His power so you can effectively fight the spiritual battles and have the victory.

Jesus defeated the attacks of satans' army with the Word of God and power of God flowing from His heart. He defeated the devil on the Cross as He gave His life to pay for the penalty of sin. It was a spiritual battle from His birth till the day He crushed the serpent's head on the Cross. We will also be involved in spiritual warfare from the day we were born-again till the day we die in Christ. So, we must fight the good fight of faith like the Apostle Paul.

“Fight the good fight of the faith.” 1 Timothy 6:12

Fight with the **Power of God** flowing from your heart!

TRUST GOD WHEN YOU ARE ENGAGED IN BATTLE

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Our fight against the devil and his evil army is a spiritual fight and we must put our total trust in the power of God.

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Ps. 31:14 – “But I trust in you, Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

King Saul tried to clothe David with his armor, but David rejected it and goes to the battle line with God's armor, his trust on Almighty God.

“Then **Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.** David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So, he took them off. Then he **took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand,** approached the Philistine.” VV. 38-40

When David ran to the battle line to fight the giant Goliath, he was trusting that God would give him the victory.

“As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him” (v. 48).

David trusted God with all his heart and was not afraid to engage in battle with Goliath because he had a **personal relationship with God**. He was a praying man and completely trusted God would fight for him.

King Saul and his army were full of fear and were afraid to fight the giant. Why? Because they were not connected to God anymore. Fellowship with God was broken from King Saul to the whole army. They did not trust God. When we are walking with God and have a prayer life and we spend time with Jesus in our prayer closet, He will fill our hearts with power, courage, faith, a fighting spirit and anointing.

You will not be afraid to fight the devil in spiritual warfare! Your heart will be filled with 'Faith, Power and Courage.' But a dead Christian is afraid to fight the devil because he is full of the 'Flesh' and not of the 'Holy Ghost.' A Spirit filled Soldier will also run to the 'Battle Line' like David and fight the devil with God's power flowing through his heart. You will knock down your Goliath in the battlefield and cut off his head.

"So, David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran" (vv. 50-51)

The Goliath who has been harassing you, your marriage and your health will be destroyed! Why? Because you are 'Trusting God'

God is fighting through you because you are God's weapon of war. "You are my war club, my weapon for battle—with you I shatter nations, with you I destroy kingdoms" (Jer. 51:20)

We must have total faith in God that He will fight for us and through us because we are His 'Soldiers' in this Spiritual War we are involved in.

Nehemiah said it this way, **"Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!"** (Neh. 4:20)

David declared war against Goliath, and with the power of God upon his life and trusting Him with all his heart ran to the battle line and slung his sling shot and knocked down the giant and then cut off his head!

CUT-OFF THE HEAD OF THE DEVIL WITH YOUR FAITH ON THE CROSS

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After you kill your giant you must cut off his head.

What does it mean to cut off Goliath's head today?

David was a type of Jesus and when he killed Goliath who is a type of satan. When David killed Goliath and cut off



his head it symbolizes what Jesus did to the devil at the Cross-when He crushed the devil's head. Jesus conquered the devil and now we have victory over satan.

Luke 10:19 says, "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

The Bible says that David took Goliath's head to Jerusalem as proof to all that the giant had been defeated and killed.

"David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem; he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent" (v. 54).

Today when we put our **faith in the finished work of the Cross** we are also reminding the devil that he is a defeated enemy. You tell the devil that Jesus defeated him on that Cross two thousand years ago and we have the victory in Christ over him. You point to the Cross and remind the devil of all the benefits Jesus gives us there by faith.

You pick up the head of Goliath and show it to him and say, "You have been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ!"

"As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head" (v. 57).

As we put our 'Faith' in what Jesus did at the Cross we are 'holding the Philistine's head' like David. And the battle continues with the devil and his wicked army but we are in the winning side. Jesus has cut off the head of satan. We enforce that Victory by faith in the finished work of what Jesus did at the Cross.

After you declared war against Goliath, and with the power of God upon your life and trusting Him with all your heart you ran to the battle line and slung your slingshot and knocked down your giant that had been harassing you. You must then you cut off his head! (Head means the authority satan had on you)



Now by faith in the finished work of Jesus at the Cross you receive all you need there so you can continue in this spiritual warfare as you fight daily trusting God. At the Cross there is: Fresh anointing,

fresh power, His authority, forgiveness, justification, gifts of the Spirit, healing, miracles and all that God is for your daily battles against the devil.

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