

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 11:1-15

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 11:1-15

In The Story Before Us - It Would Be Well

If we made sure that we understood who was who and what was what.

“Nahash”

His Name in Hebrew Means Snake or Snake-like The name can also mean - to be Brass-like or Copper-like

He’s The King of the Bad Guys

That is... “The Ammonite Nation” Were The Followers of The Bad Guy - King Nahash

“Jabesh Gilead” was a City, east of the Jordan River in what is today the country of Jordan

Nahash and the Ammonites

Desired to cripple Israel and the men of Jabesh Gilead

The Enemies Attack Plan Is against the “Sight” of Israel

1.) *The Enemy Delights in Compromise*

vv. 1-3

a.) *By Wrapping Us Up in Fear*

b.) *By Disabling Our Ability to Fight Back*

And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, "On this condition I will make a covenant with you, **that I may put out all your right eyes, and bring reproach on all Israel.**"

1 Peter 5:8-9

(4 Things we must do)

Be **sober**, be **vigilant**; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 **Resist** him, steadfast in the faith, **knowing** that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Revelation 12:10

Satan's Job

have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Verbal Attacks

often bring fear and terror

i.e. **GOLIATH** and his big, threatening, mouth

Nahash

and his Satanic Threat

**...that I may put out all your right eyes, ...
and bring reproach on all Israel. (YOU) "**

The Right Eye Was The Eye Used in Battle, for Battle

Because it Worked in Fellowship with the Right Hand for it was the Right Hand **That Held the Sword**

The Left Eye Was The Eye Used in Battle, for Battle

Because it Worked in Fellowship with the Left Hand for it was the Left Hand **That Held the Shield...**

With Your Right Eye Out = *you can't fight your battles anymore*

But With Your Left Eye in = *you can work as my slaves*

A Disabled Christian Is far more damaging to the church than a dead one

Eph 6:12-18

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. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having

girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always...

THE ROMAN SOLDIER'S WAR APPAREL

(insights while paul was chained to a roman guard, rather, the roman guard was chained to paul)

Satan May Have Some of You Around the Neck Right Now – In a Sin or “Sin Process” !!!

Proverbs 7:1-27

Follow my advice, my son; always keep it in mind and stick to it. 2 Obey me and live! Guard my words as your most precious possession. 3 Write them down, and also keep them deep within your heart. 4 Love wisdom like a sweetheart; make her a beloved member of your family. 5 Let her hold you back from affairs **(SIN-PROCESS)** with other women-- from listening to their flattery. **(SIN-PROCESS)** 6 I was looking out the window of my house one day... ..7 and saw a simple-minded young man lacking common sense, 8 walking at twilight down the street to the house of this wayward girl, a prostitute. **(SIN-PROCESS)** 10 She approached him, saucy and pert, and dressed seductively. 11 She was the brash, coarse type, seen often in the streets and markets, soliciting herself at every corner for men to be her lover for the day. 13 She put her arms around him **(SIN-PROCESS)** and kissed him, and with a saucy look she said, "I was just coming to look for you and here you are! **(SIN-PROCESS)** 14 Come home with me, and I'll fix you a wonderful meal, and after that-- well, my bed is spread with lovely, colored sheets of finest linen imported from Egypt, perfumed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come on, let's take our fill of love until morning, **(SIN-PROCESS)** 19 for my husband is away on a long trip. 20 He has taken a wallet full of money with him and won't return for several days." 21 So she seduced him with her pretty speech, her coaxing and her flirting, until he yielded to her. **(SIN-PROCESS)** He couldn't resist her flattery. 22 He followed her like an ox going to the butcher shop **(SIN-PROCESS)** or as a stag that is caught in a trap, 23 waiting to be killed with an arrow through its heart. He was as a bird flying into a net, not knowing the fate awaiting it there. 24 Listen to me, young men, and not only listen but obey; 25 don't let your desires get out of hand; don't let yourself think about her. **(SIN-PROCESS)** Don't go near her; **(SIN-PROCESS)** stay away from where she walks, lest she tempt you **(SIN-PROCESS)** and seduce you. **(SIN-PROCESS)** 26 For she has been the ruin of many men-- a vast host of men have been her victims. 27 If you want to find the road to hell, look for her house. **(SIN-PROCESS)**

c.) By Keeping Us Bound in Humiliation - Condemnation

“Hold off for seven days”

FOR (7) DAYS THESE PEOPLE WERE HELD CAPTIVE

They Were Captured By Their Enemy Before the Fighting Ever Got Started

Satan Plays (fights) That Way

with threatening and fear and worldly concerns

2.) The Enemies Defeat Lay in the Offering

vv. 4-8

a.) Offering a Contrite Heart

4 So the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the hearing of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept. 5 Now there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the field; and Saul said, "What troubles the people, that they weep?" And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh.

Psalm 51:15-17

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; you do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart-- these, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 34:18-19

The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The Enemies Defeat Lay in the Offering

b.) Offering a Just Stand

Verse 6-7a

Then the **Spirit of God** came upon Saul when he heard this news, and **his anger was greatly aroused**. 7a So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers,

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...and his **anger** was greatly aroused

NOTICE HERE

that the combat that God selects is spiritual

Spiritual Things vs. Spiritual Things

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 **For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal** but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,

This Current War on Terrorism

In the mind of the Muslim extremist – is a spiritual war

Matthew 11:12

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Know What You Believe and Why

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The Enemies Defeat Lay in the Offering

"Offering a Just Stand"

c.) Offering a Proper Action

Verse 7b-8

7b saying, "Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it (this) shall be done to his oxen." And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent. 8 When he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

Philippians 2:16-18

holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. 17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

3.) *The Enemy Can Never Succeed*

vv. 9-13

a.) *Cannot Succeed Against Divine Hope*

Verse 9

And they said to the messengers who came, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh Gilead: 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help.'" Then the messengers came and **reported it to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.**

Hope in God

Psalm 42:3-5

My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

The Enemy Can Never Succeed

b.) *Cannot Succeed Against Divine Assurance*

Verse 10

Therefore the men of Jabesh said, (to the Ammonites) "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do with us whatever seems good to you."

There is a play here

Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do with us whatever "looks" good to you."

**Nothing is Going to Look Good to You
by this Time Tomorrow**

c.) *Cannot Succeed Against Divine Righteousness*

Verse 11-13

11 So it was, on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and killed Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it happened that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left

together. 12 Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is he who said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death." 13 But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has accomplished salvation in Israel."

4.) *The Enemy's Days are Numbered*

vv. 14-15

Have You Noticed Lately That Evil is Getting Even Uglier and Meaner

2 Timothy 3:12-14

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of,

A Tribulation Period Verse

Matt 24:12

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

The Enemy's Days are Numbered

a.) *Cut Off Enemy Access*

Verse 14

Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there." 15
So all the people went to Gilgal,

James 4:6-8

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to You...

2 Timothy 2:21-22

Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue

The Enemy's Days are Numbered

b.) Put On Christ-likeness

Verse 15a

15 So all the people went to **Gilgal**, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal.
There they made sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD,

Gilgal

The place of new beginnings

Joshua Had Led Israel There Earlier

Ephesians 4:22-24

that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

The Enemy's Days are Numbered

c.) Worship! - with an Attitude

Verse 15b

... and there Saul and all the men of Israel **rejoiced greatly.**

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There is a Real Sense of Freedom, of Euphoria Unlike Another When there is a deep and sincere commitment made to the Lord.

The People are Rejoicing For Good Reason

Acts 3:1-9

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

This Man Had An Attitude – *to worship*

“rejoice”

to shine bright, to brighten up, to be gleesome,
to act, to speak, to dance with glee

let's worship...

the end