

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 17:8-11 (58)

PART TWO

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“WINNING THE BATTLES OF LIFE”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 17:8-11

PART 1

AWAKENING TO THE FACT THAT...

1.) *The Christian is in an Invisible war*

vv. 1-2

a.) *It's about territories*

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

c.) *It's about something bigger than us*

2.) *In war, nothing is fair*

vv. 3-4a

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

b.) *The enemy will come out after us*

c.) *The enemy is a ruthless foe*

3.) *The enemy has resources that we don't*

vv. 4b-7

a.) *We're not very tall*

b.) We can't even see our protection

c.) the enemy looks better equipped than we do

d.) the enemy has an army

PART 2

ENTER THE BATTLE

1 Samuel 17:8-11

Then Goliath stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." 10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

WINNING THE BATTLES OF LIFE

“ENTER THE BATTLE”

1.) We must - Because there's a war raging

vv. 8a

Then Goliath stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul?"

a.) Beware of the enemy's appearance

8: Then Goliath stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them,

**Christian, the enemy will appear bigger than life
- to get you to be overcome with fear and sorrow.**

The situation
will appear **big** when it stands.
will appear **loud** when it speaks.

Now – whatever the enemy says - it will be said with the
intention for your destruction

Accusations – yes / Lies – yes / Misrepresentations – yes /
Misinformation – yes / Flattery – yes...

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Joshua 9:3-6

However, when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they resorted to a ruse: They went as a delegation whose donkeys were loaded with worn-out sacks and old wineskins, cracked and mended. 5 The men put worn and patched sandals on their feet and wore old clothes. All the bread of their food supply was dry and moldy. 6 Then they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country; make a treaty with us."

Satan, his sidekicks, and sin will always dress up their appearance

“Whom the gods could not destroy, - they made great”

we must - Because there's a war raging

b.) Beware of the enemy's words

8: "Why have you come out to line up for battle?

we must - Because there's a war raging

“Christian, You're Powerless and Weak. What you believe in - is a joke and holds no power over me. Why are you wasting your time and with this little stand you make”

The enemy's words will always seek to belittle our faith ...and our position

Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who **accused** them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Accuser grk 2725 kategoros (kat-ay'-gor-os);
To stand in an assembly or gathering to file a complaint as it relates to the law.

we must - Because there's a war raging

c.) Beware of the enemy's information

8: Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul?

we must - Because there's a war raging

Boo – I'm a Philistine!

The history of the philistines was pretty threatening, as was our past. And is this world...

“you - the servants of Saul?

That's a Scary Statement!

Because it was true.

They didn't want God, remember. They wanted Saul to be their king.

1 Samuel 8:19-21

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." 21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the LORD.

This is the Scare

1 Samuel 16:14

...that the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul,

They were looking to Saul, but Saul forfeited God's Power & Wisdom

They Wanted Might, They Wanted Power

Zechariah 4:6

...it's not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

And that Spirit had left Saul...

Leaders and Leadership has been Ordained by God.

But not all leaders and not all the leadership are connected to God
Does the Leader and Leadership Reflect the Spirit of God?

If The Leadership's cry is "Give me Might / Give me Power"

*Then you can expect the things that come with that. A heavy handedness,
demands, stress, burdens,
- a general image of a "might and power" in ministry.
A sense that you must earn and maintain the leaders favor*

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2.) Because God has a man for us

vv. 8b-10

Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

Because God has a man for us

a.) There is no need for another

8: Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me

Is that not exactly what was about to happen?
Was that not exactly what God had in mind?
Isn't that exactly what God did by sending Jesus Christ?

**Satan Must Have Gloated Over
a Fallen Humanity**

Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me

But God has a man for us...

John 3:31

"He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

What was the Heavenly Message

Romans 8:1-3

That There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus... 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

Because God has a man for us

b.) He is well able to fight for us

9: "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him,

If he is able to fight

Man against Man
Warrior against Warrior
Champion against Champion
Representative against Representative
How-a-bout - Biggest Guy against Biggest Guy

Verse 9 is frightening because...

The only one around who was any way near Goliath's height - was King Saul himself...

But We Know One Who is Taller Than Saul
But We Know One Who is Taller Than Goliath

Nehemiah 4:20

...rally to us here. For Our God will fight for us."

Exodus 3:7-8

And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Psalm 140:7

O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.

Zechariah 14:3

Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

Joshua 10:10-11

So the LORD routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

War is Over in Christ! - - there's just bouts now for us

Round No.1 – Matthew's Gospel

Jesus Lets Satan Know Who Really Wears the Crown

Round No.2 – Mark's Gospel

Jesus Lets Satan Know How God Should be Obeyed

Round No.3 – Luke's Gospel

Jesus Lets Satan Know That a Man Armed with the Gospel is Unbeatable

Round No.4 – John's Gospel

Jesus Lets Satan Know Whose God is the Real is God

Because God has a man for us

c.) *we never need to serve any other*

9: then you shall be our servants and serve us."

This is always the Motive of the Flesh and The World

Let's a Make a Wager... it's rigged from the start

Sin is "Rigged"

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Romans 6:12-14

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

***Because God has a man for us
we never need to serve any other***

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3.) We must act upon our faith

vv. 11

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were **dismayed** and **greatly afraid**.

We must act upon our faith

a.) An active faith will always result in victory



Dismayed

heb 2865 chathath (khaw-thath');

Greatly confused. Amazed beyond measure. beat down, crushed, without strength.

God will never forget to Reward Faith (*acts of faith*)

Hebrews 11:1-9

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. 7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

Hebrews 11: in the earthly version

Now by fear I have lost all hope, the fear has removed any sign of evidence that God exists. 2 For by fear the elders panicked and left a rotten testimony. 3 By fear we couldn't understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen are the only things we can believe in. 5 Because of fear

Enoch missed the opportunity to be taken away so that he did he had to settle for death instead, 6 without fear we could have done great things for God - 7 Because of fear Noah thought that building an ark was a stupid idea. 8 Because of fear Abraham disobeyed God when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance but he was afraid and so died a poor, faithless man. 9 Because of fear Abraham dwelt in the land of promise but couldn't enjoy it.

We must act upon our faith

b.) An Inactive faith will always blind our view



Greatly Afraid heb 3372 yare' (yaw-ray'); To be in awe. To dread. To render reverence.

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