

FOCUS AND FIGHT AGAINST PRICIPALITIES AND POWERS

Ephesians 6:10-12 The Living Bible

LISTENING TO SHOUTS WILL CREATE FEAR

1 Samuel Chapter 17

³ The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. ⁴ A champion named Goliath, stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. ¹⁶ For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

One hill represents those who will fight for Christ. The second hill represents those who want to destroy Christianity. Are you servants of Saul or God?

The enemy uses intimidation, which creates fear. We think we are being informed, but we are walking by sight, not by faith. **1 Peter 5:8-9**

DAVID WALKED WITH A SPRITUAL SET OF EYES AND EARS

¹⁷ Now Jesse said to his son David, "See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. ¹⁹ They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines." As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. ²⁴ When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear. David hears it once, and says Who is this uncircumcised (which means unclean) Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

A fight will cause you to focus or run. There is a huge difference between lining up and actually fighting. David knew instantly that the Lord was his deliverer. **Psalms 25:15, Psalm 121:1-2**

There are Spiritual forces behind everything we are witnessing. Our battle is not against a particular organization or political group. We stand against principalities, rules of darkness, Satanic beings that are behind this attack against our Nation. Our focus has to be beyond what we see.

David's responses: The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this

Philistine." Goliath, 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, the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ 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.

HOW TO RESPOND TO A VAST ARMY SET ON DESTROYING US

2 Chronicles 20:1-4

Resolve to inquire of the Lord and proclaim a fast. **As your Pastors we are asking everyone that can to fast from food on Monday and Tuesday and meet here on Tuesday evening at 7pm to pray for our Nation.** Whatever time you use to fast, is a time to pray for our Nation.

Jehoshaphat prays: "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. ⁷ O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹ 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us. O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.'" Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel, "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.

BINDING AND LOOSENING

Matthew 16:19

Rebellion	Authority, Submission
Violence	Gentleness, Meekness
Deception	Truth
Fear	Faith, Courage
Confusion	Truth, Clarity
Hopelessness	Hope, Vision
Addiction	Freedom