

The Battle Is The Lord's

I Samuel 17:46-47 *⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."*

When David faced Goliath, he had a giant battle on his hands. Very often our battles can loom as large as giants in our minds. In anticipation, we foresee every thing that can go wrong. In our mind's eye, in full Technicolor, we are beaten before the battle even begins.

Sometimes we are being realists. We know we are out of our league and beyond our level of expertise. All our friends tell us we are silly, or worse yet, wrong to pursue a battle seemingly impossible to win. But why do we persevere?

Because the battle really is the Lord's.

Before we become hasty in claiming the victory there are a few ground rules we need to observe. When David had his confrontation with Goliath, Samuel had already anointed him king. God had chosen David because he was a young man after God's own heart. In other words, God was first in David's life.

Is God first in your life?

David focused his attention on the Lord. The taunts and threats spewing out of Goliath's mouth did not find fertile ground to grow in David's mind. His mind was overflowing with the power and glory of God Almighty. David did not think it was David versus Goliath but rather it was The Lord Of Hosts versus Goliath.

In your battles focus on God's strength not your own weakness.

Saul tried to equip David properly for the battle. Generously, he offered him his own armor. David tried it on but realized it was not his style. He could not pretend to be someone he was not.

Are you trying to fight your battle using someone else's style?

David used unorthodox weapons of warfare. Five, smooth, white stones did not compare equally with a 15 pound javelin and 125 pounds of armor; not to mention the shield a special shield bearer had to carry. However, David was familiar with his stones and slingshot. He already had a successful track record with killing a lion and a bear that attacked his father's sheep.

Use weapons with which you are familiar: prayer, fasting, a multitude of wise counselors, seeking the Lord's will, and waiting on the Lord.

David knew this fight was not against him, Saul, or Israel but it was against the Lord.

Do not claim the battle as your own. Leave it in the Lord's hands.

David knew God would deliver Goliath into his hands.

Believe God will deliver your enemy into your hands.

Dear Father,

Thank You for the victory I have in You. Thank You for being God Almighty – not HalfMighty or AlmostMighty but Almighty. There is no power in Heaven or Earth that can stand against You.

I will not dwell on the enemy or the threats he has made against me. I will keep my mind focused on You and on Your promises in Your word. I will not shrink back or be afraid. I will face the enemy using Your weapons of warfare and not his.

I release the weight of the battle that is bearing down on me into Your hands. I will stop personalizing the battle and acknowledge it is Your battle and not my own. I will not claim it as mine.

I am thanking You in advance for the great victory.

In Yeshua's (Jesus') name,

Amen