

THE KINGDOM OF GOD #5 THE KINGDOM HAS AN ARMY

Matthew 6 Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. KJV

NIV says “deliver us from the evil one”.

My mind wonders to the battle of David and Goliath. The entire army of Israel is in fear by the intimidation of a giant. Though David warred in the physical our battles are not in the realm of the physical but rather the spiritual.

I. THE ENEMY WE FIGHT

A. David fought Goliath

1. A champion

1 Samuel 17 ⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp.

V33... “...he has been a fighting man from his youth.”

2. Loud and intimidating

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle?”

3. He wants to use his size to bring fear

V4 ... He was over nine feet tall.

²⁴ When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.

B. We fight the devil

He is just like Goliath. He is a mighty arch angel. He is wise. He is arrogant, loud, intimidating and wants to bring fear. He is “like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour”.

Ephesians 6 ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² 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. NIV

- * The enemy is not people (flesh and blood)
- * The enemy is the devil and his colleagues.
- * The enemy on the earth and in the heavenlies.

John 10 ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. NIV

The devil is out to destroy your home, life, health, wealth, and mental health.

II. THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED

A. Saul attempted to help David with his armor.

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ 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.

We cannot use what man wants us to use. You use what god has given.

B. David only needed his staff, sling shot and 5 smooth stones. V40

C. We need the armor of God-
Ephesians 6 ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. NIV

- b. Belt of truth
- c. Blood of Jesus covering us in righteousness
- d. Feet in shoes of peace
- e. Shield of faith (doctrine that puts and end to temptations of the enemy)
- f. Helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

III. THE ENERGY WE USE

A. David went in the name of the Lord.

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “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. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and **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.” NIV

B. Praying in the Spirit

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. NIV

An army fights when it sees a man of God have victory over a giant. When David killed Goliath the army came charging toward the Philistines out of their foxholes.

What God is waiting for is for his army to see what the Son of David has already done. He conquered death, and the grave. He whipped the devil and all his demons. He is seated at the right hand of power.

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD’S

The army of the Kingdom of God will advance as we see and experience victory.

It is time for the giants to start falling.

It is time for the shout of victory in the camp.

It is time to cut off the head of our giant of fear, bitterness, heaviness, poverty, depression, sickness, etc.