

Facing Greater Giants than Goliath – Part 3

2 Samuel 21:15-22:51

Introduction:

1. If I were to ask you the name of the giant that David killed, what would you say? You would most likely say, “Goliath.”
2. Many people do not realize that David and his men killed four more giants after Goliath. They are all listed in 2 Samuel 21:15-22.
3. 2 Samuel 22 is actually a very prophetic passage, as David is a picture of the believing flock of Israel in the last days. But I would like to make application to our personal lives today. How did David overcome these “other” giants?

First, David’s complete trust was in the Lord. vs. 1-3

Second, David’s trust led him to humble himself in prayer. vs. 4-7

Third, David’s prayer moved the Lord to action. vs. 8-20

1. Let’s read about how God responded when David called upon Him. David’s prayers moved the Lord to action. Read verses 8-20.
 - **Illustration:** If somebody is breaking into your house and you call 911, what do you expect? You expect an answer to your call. You expect a response. Imagine getting a busy signal, a “we’re closed” message, or an operator saying, “The number you have called is disconnected.”
2. May we remember that David is fighting and warring against heathen nations. The fight is over physical land area that God had promised to Israel. God’s answer had to do with strengthening David as king so that he could overcome these nations.
 - This is a picture of the believing remnant of Israel in the last days, when they call upon Christ, and their Messiah and King will fight for them and return to earth, and the Gentile nations will be subject to Israel and her Messiah. Read verses 8-10, 14, 35, 38-41, 43-44, 47-51, and cross-reference Jeremiah 33:14-17. How does this happen? Jeremiah 33:3
 - Do a study of 2 Samuel 22 some time and compare this passage with other passages dealing with the last days and the Second Coming of Christ. This is an amazing prophetic passage.
3. The reason why I emphasize the context is because when we pray today, God doesn’t promise to bring wrath on nations, destroy people, or take away all our problems.
4. Nevertheless, it is still true today that our prayers **do** move the Lord to action. Remember what we read earlier in Romans 8:26-27? All three members of the godhead are moved when we pray. This is so exciting.
 - It is through prayer that we are strengthened in our inner man to overcome the giants of addictive sins, destructive habits, worry, fear, bitterness, anger, pride, discontentment, materialism, etc.

- It is through prayer that we are filled with wisdom to overcome the giants of marital problems, family conflict, church problems, workplace issues, etc.
 - It is through prayer that we overcome obstacles to getting the gospel out to people. It is through prayer that we break down the blinders that Satan has placed upon people in regards to hearing, understanding, and receiving the gospel of Christ.
5. Do you want to overcome giants? You see the order: trust in the Lord, your trust leads you to your knees, and your prayers get God involved in the situation!
Psalm 34:4

In Conclusion:

1. Many times, when we face giants, it is through these problems that we learn more about God than ever before. We tend to have a more teachable spirit when trouble and problems are in our lives. They can humble us if we let them. vs. 28
 - **Illustration:** A soldier can study books about warfare and military strategy and go through training with simulated war games, but do you know how that soldier learns the most about warfare? It's out in the battle where the bullets are flying.
2. Likewise, we can study about God and learn facts about God. But we learn the most about God when we are in the battle facing giants.
3. Notice some of the things that David learned:
 - God delights in the humble, but resists the proud. vs. 28, 36b
 - God is my only source of light. vs. 29
 - God's way and God's Word are perfect. vs. 31
 - God is my strength and power. vs. 33, 40
 - God is to be thanked and praised publicly. vs. 50
4. The Holy Spirit desires to teach us these things when we are facing giants. God desires that we be in the place of complete reliance upon Him. God desires to knock out the props of self-reliance from under us until we learn to completely rest in Him. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10