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WHOSE ARMOR ARE YOU WEARING

You remember the story of David and Goliath, and how he took Goliath out with a stone and a slingshot. But before that happened, he had a conversation with Saul, the King of Israel. He was sent to the battlefield by his father. He was to take his brothers some food. When he saw Goliath, he wondered why no one had “taken this ungodly Philistine” out. He went to King Saul and told him that he would kill the giant, and all Saul saw was a young lad with no fighting ability. Perhaps he was reminded of his own son, Jonathan.

Whatever the case, Saul was a tall, large man for his day. He towered above the people of Israel. Saul had armor that was made for him, - a large helmet, shield, sword, and all that went with it. He tried to put his armor on David so he would be safe from the attack of the enemy, Goliath. David was wise enough to know that “one size doesn’t fit all.” He declined Saul’s armor.

There is more to the story than just this. Saul had lost the anointing that was on his life and was no longer in tune with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit had departed, and an evil spirit had come on him. He would later go into rages because of this spirit. The armor was just an attempt to do in the flesh what could only be done in the spirit. His true armor, the voice of God was gone.

David, even as a young boy had communion with God. He knew God as his own personal shepherd and trusted that God would lead him in the right paths. David wrote Psalm 23, and this psalm reflects his love and trust of God. David was greatly concerned why no one was doing anything to win this battle and why the King was not leading them. They had been in the valley of indecision for quite some time, listening to the taunting voice of Goliath. There was no true leadership because Saul’s true armor had been lifted off and the fleshly armor couldn’t sustain him anymore. He may have been tall, but he was small in his relationship with God.

David rose up in the armor of God, wearing the helmet of salvation that knew God would be with him. He had on the belt of truth because he knew God’s faithfulness and promises could not lie. He had on the breastplate of righteousness because he had been anointed by Samuel and Holy Spirit dwelled within him. His feet were taking the peace of God with him, so he had no fear as he went forth. And above all, the sling was the Word of God being sent forth against his enemy. He aimed it correctly and it hit the target. The enemy fell and victory came.

Often, we try to come against the enemy with the arm of the flesh when it is a spiritual battle. We neglect to wear the armor of God that protects us from every fiery dart of the enemy. Why does this happen? It happens because we are fighting with fleshly weapons instead of spiritual weapons. We arm ourselves with “self” instead of the promises of God. Failure comes eventually to all those that use the fleshly “armor.”

We need to remember that David went forth and won because it was a spiritual battle that was won in the physical. We must be careful which armor we choose to wear. We always win wearing God's armor.