

## LESSON #1

### THE GIANTS WILL FALL:

### GOD'S PROMISE BY WAY OF DAVID

#### GOD'S PROMISE

**"The Battle is the Lord's"**

**1 Samuel 17:47**

#### MY PROMISE

**"I Will Make War in the Name of the Lord Almighty."**

**Story: David - Reading: Deuteronomy 20:1-4**

When you go to war against your enemies and see horses, chariots, and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. He shall say: "Hear, O Israel, today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be faint hearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

#### INTRODUCTION

Forget about the New Year's "resolutions". It is time to decide. Today we begin the job of assimilating what Malachi taught. That must be done with bravery. To consecrate yourself to the Lord requires bravery. That is precisely what God asks His people to do when they were about to enter into the Promised Land. It was also surrounded by challenges, people, opportunities and more challenges.

#### THE NEEDED ELEMENTS REQUIRED TO WALK WITH BRAVERY

**Use the story from 1 Samuel 16-17 – (David Against Goliath) – DO NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT IS BIGGER THAN YOU (Deuteronomy 20:1)**

1. In the story of the people, the first commandment that God gave them in order to walk in a supernatural bravery was – "do not be afraid." Not only do appearances fool, but also what we see may fool you. The battle we sometimes have is with our own mind. Those things that have influenced us from infancy or life experiences that declare that the problem is greater than anything.

Today we hear God's voice that says, "Do not be afraid...because the Lord your God is with you. He is the one who brought you out of the land of Egypt." (verse 1) What God said to them was that if I have taken you out of the hands of the most powerful nation of the world, Egypt, I will do the same with anyone who would challenge you.

## 2. – PROPHETICALLY DECLARE GOD’S TRUTH (Deuteronomy 20:2-3)

Someone has to lift a helpful and brave voice. Someone has to say, “The battle that we are about to fight is in the name of the Almighty God. The Priest (Remember Malachi?) was not about to be discouraged or fearful. Even though humanly speaking, they felt the same thing that the rest of the people felt; the priest should raise his voice. Sometimes we have to raise our voices in the middle of big, terrible, and fearful things. “The priest will stand and speak...” (2b) who will stand? Who will speak? Will you? Of course you will! The victory is ours!

The truth is that the people were before the battlefield (verse 3<sup>a</sup>). “Today you are going into battle against your enemies.” The year 2018 is the battlefield. What will we do? How will we launch our journey of faith and bravery? By doing this:

- \* Do not be discouraged in your heart
- \* Do not be afraid
- \* Do not lose your peace
- \* Do not be depressed

Today we prepare our life by declaring truths that push against our state of being. Do you not believe that David could have been affected by the attitude of his own brothers? “When all of the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.” (1 Samuel 17:24)

## 3. – WALK WITH THE GREAT “WHY” IN OUR LIVES – (Deuteronomy 20:4)

Who will resolve the situation? Who will heal us? Who will free us? Who will be with us? GOD! Remember 1 Samuel 17:47. “The Battle is the Lord’s!” David walked in that. Why should we not?

This is our great “why.” We will not win because we are good, or because we are the people of God. We will win because, “The Lord God goes with us!” (v. 4a) There is a great difference when we go alone and when God goes with us.

The truth is that the definition of “bravery” here is not that we are strong, or that we have a warrior spirit, but rather that we know who is fighting for us against our enemies. Name any enemy. Who can beat him? The Lord God Almighty! It was neither David’s sling or rocks. It was the great name of the Lord of Hosts!

## CONCLUSION:

**God wants to save His people. A saved people is a victorious people. A saved family is a blessed family. A saved person is a person who has already won the biggest battle, his eternal life.**

**He who is victorious for us is he who creates in us an unshakeable hope for a radiant year. Begin the walk of bravery, because God goes before us.**