

1 Samuel 17:1-3

It's a new day. This year is certainly here. New things, new faces, new programs, all in all it is a new day.

I want us this morning to dive into this passage of scripture a little. I believe we will uncover some interesting information that we can and should apply to our lives.

Let's read this passage again. 1 Samuel 17:1-3

Often times throughout the Old Testament we see a picture of Jesus but it is hidden in the meaning of words, locations, events and people. Here in this little passage we can see the work of Christ.

Let me say this, Jesus Christ is in the Old Testament concealed but in the New Testament Revealed. So let's uncover some of Jesus in the Old Testament.

Firstly let's look at the locations mentioned and their meanings.

Socoth - to divide, to shut in, to fence and restrain. Division and confinement can be the tools of the world to hinder us from reaching our potential. They breed insecurity, small mindedness and independence.

Azekah - to dig up, to uproot, to till the land. Sometimes people or forces beyond us, i.e. the enemy, will endeavor to condemn us or limit us through reminding us of our past. Literally digging up something we did wrong, said wrong or did right but not in their eyes. **Whenever we focus our attention on the things of the past we limit the ability of God to shift us into our best life.** Whenever we focus our attention mistakes for too long we spiral down into a place of smallness that limits our ability to live 'the best life'.

One thing I have found is that the enemy and/or those opposed to us do not want us to be living a new day. They do not want us rooted and grounded in Christ and His freedom.

“if ever you feel condemned by your past, remind yourself that your past is not your future”.

'I may not be what I will be, but I am not what I was. I am on a journey to be who He has made me to be.'

Ephes Dammim -Cease the blood, stop the blood, boundary of blood. When Jesus died on the cross he paid a price with his life, His blood. That price is eternal. He paid the price for our mistakes. His blood was shed for you so that you would not be limited by your mistakes. He paid the ultimate price for you. **His Blood is so valuable for us because it signifies the extent of the price God paid for you.**

Don't be confused in this area, the sacrifice that Jesus paid is significant. It is so significant that it has shaped history.

People talk about the life of Christ being amazing. The Life of Christ is wrapped up in His blood. **The bible says without the shedding of blood there is no remission from sin. Matthew 26:28**

The Blood of Christ is powerful. I don't want you to underestimate the power of the blood. **It is our boundary signifying our freedom our hope, our future and our miracle.**

Ephesians 2:13 But now, in Christ Jesus you who were once a far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Jesus.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us from all sin.**

Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brethren, **having boldness** to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus

Revelations 12:11

And they **overcame him** by the blood of the lamb, the word of our testimony and loving not their lives unto death.

This morning I want you to learn an important aspect of your walk with God. It is based solely on the price paid by God. The price was His Son's blood.

So let's return to the passage in question and unpack the meaning for us.

Every single one of us faces situations that seem impossible, improbable, inopportune, totally beyond our grasp, maybe **beyond our ability to handle them** with wisdom, maybe don't have the necessary wisdom. We can't see a way through the impending problems that are looming larger than life before us. We feel like we are **trapped and have no way of escape.**

I call those situations - a goliath.

We have a goliath in our world who is taunting us. **Maybe its your mind, maybe its your children,** maybe its your family, maybe its your boss, your workmates, your neighbours. **What ever is your goliath right now it is not beyond the power of God to bring victory to you.** He is more than able. He will do it.

Whenever we are faced with a situation that seems to have a goliath in it, certain feelings crop up at us.

Feelings of being shut in, no way of escape, fenced in, trapped, feeling like we are having our lives exposed, things we don't want to come out, come out. We might even display some characteristics that we thought we had overcome. It happens. We might lose our cool, withdraw, not communicate, not come to church, not come to connect, run from relationships, misread things that are being said or unsaid. **We end up dividing ourselves away from the very place that we need to be.**

So we have this Goliath in our world.

Socoth and Azekah are evident around us. But so is the awesome power of the blood of Jesus. His power, his authority is between us and the enemy. It acts like a boundary for how far the enemy will go and a shield to us.

So what do we do?

Let me explain graphically what is happening right here for David. Imagine with me for one minute you are David facing off on your Goliath.

So David approaches from one side of the valley and Goliath approaches from the other side of the valley... where they met is the valley of Blood.

Goliath's taunt us

Goliath decides to taunt and mock David. He wasn't mocking David just because of his age. He was taunting because Goliath was saying 'You don't have what I got'. You don't have the expertise, the armour, the training, the size. You ain't got what I got.

But David doesn't need what Goliath has he only needs what he already has.

We don't need what the enemy's got because we got God.

Everyone runs.. where do you run?

Where David ran to was the place of blood. Goliath was running towards his own grave because he was running towards the place that was another sign of a future defeat of the enemy through Jesus Blood... When we are facing situations beyond our control we run to God in faith. To His place of victory.

David ran into the place of Blood with the name of the Lord. Every knee bows to the name of the Lord.

How awesome is the protection and authority we have as a believer. The trouble is we forget it. We forget to run to prayer. To stand in His authority.

David did not forget. He came at Goliath with what he had. It was enough. **Everything you have and are gifted in is enough to bring you victory in your life.** You have everything you need.

We stand in faith, trusting that God who brought us this far will complete the journey with victory. Its all about trusting God. Standing on his word in his authority because the blood has separated us for victory.

Your children will serve the Lord. Your boss will favour you. Your relationships will be fixed. Your call will come to pass. Your finances are fixed. We trust in the name of the Lord.

It's a new day, lets face this year with faith. Faith in the ability of God to bring to pass that which he has promised.

Can we please stand, I want to pray for every member of the church today. Its your day. You are not here by accident. You are here to begin a new life with God. You are here to make a stand in faith. You are here to pray for those who need God in their world. Please take someone's hand and pray this after me...

Father, you have established a place of victory for me. I am yours. You have a destiny for me which is good. Today I recommit my life and the lives of those I connect with into your hand. I trust you for their salvation, freedom and faith. I make a stand to trust you with every area of my life. My job. My family. My future. My finance. My friends. Today you are mine and I am yours. Today I trust you because through Christ you have already made a way in the wilderness, a road in the desert, a path through for me. Today I trust you with...
You are Lord. This week I will see a breakthrough. This month it will change. It's a new day.
Thanks Lord.