

Defeating Spiritual Enemies Session 3 – Defeating the Voice of the Enemy

- I. **Deuteronomy 20:1-4 (NKJV)** – ¹“When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. ²So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. ³And he shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; ⁴for the LORD your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

A. Review

1. Session 1 – DEFEATING DISCOURAGEMENT
2. Session 2 – DEFEATING FEAR
 - i. When Israel would go into battle, there were certain things they were to be reminded of.
 - ii. When you see the enemy that appears stronger than you...
 - iii. When you see the vast number of soldiers that your enemy has...
 - iv. When you see their horses and chariots/tools for battle...
 - v. WHAT YOU SEE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE FEAR
 - vi. Don't be moved by what you are seeing
 - vii. Remember – it's God that goes before you to fight & save you.

- B. There are other tactics used by the enemy when we are on the verge of battle. We need to be reminded that the enemy has a VOICE!**
If we are going to overcome the enemy – we must be able to defeat his voice.

1. Examples of Satan Speaking
Eve, Judas, Jesus, Ananias and Saphira,

2. Every Enemy has a voice
 - i. Sickness, lack, weakness, depression, fear, worry, corona virus
 - ii. The Voice of the enemy always promotes FEAR
 - iii. We must know how to defeat the VOICE of the enemy if we are going to be victorious.

II. The Example of David

A. David was a mighty warrior

1. David fought battles for the Sheep against Lions and bears
2. David fought against Goliath.
Saul has slain his thousands and David has slain his ten thousands.
3. David was successful not only because he could physically fight and win, David was successful because he knew how to deal with the voice of the enemy

B. The voice of the enemy comes to push doubt, fear and defeat before the physical battle ever takes place.

1. Many battles are lost in the mind before physical battle ever starts
2. Satan is an expert at mind games
3. Satan will cause you to question WHO YOU ARE
4. Satan will cause you to Give up the battle before battle ever starts
5. Satan will defeat you in your mind
 - i. You are not strong enough
 - ii. You are not wise enough
 - iii. You can't overcome the past
 - iv. You aren't warrior material
 - v. Others might win, but you can't do this.

6. TEXT: Just as seeing the enemy, horses, chariots, large armies could cause fear and defeat – listening to the VOICE of the enemy may cause defeat.

C. The Voice of the Enemy and David

1. The Summary of the Story of Goliath

Goliath had made threats for forty days against Israel saying the same thing

2. Goliath's Voice to Israel

1 Samuel 17:8-11 (KJV) – ⁸*And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.⁹If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.¹⁰And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.*

- i. Notice the enemy (Goliath) has a voice
- ii. Notice how he used his voice
- iii. Notice the effect of his voice on Saul and his army
When they heard the words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid

= to be shattered or broken

= Saul's army became broken by fear caused by the words of the enemy.

= Goliath didn't even have to fight physically; he was winning the battle with his words!

- iv. Watch out for the voice of the enemy

3. David hears the voice of the enemy

1 Samuel 17:23-26 (KJV) – *²³And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. ²⁴And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. ²⁵And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. ²⁶And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*

NOTE: *David heard Goliath's voice – but David didn't experience fear!
The Voice of the enemy prompted a Faith response from David!*

4. The voice of the enemy in David's Brother

1 Samuel 17:28 (KJV) – *And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle*

- i. Satan will use the voice of others to accomplish his goal
- ii. His goal is always to sow fear, doubt, unbelief and discouragement.
- iii. Eliab – Who are you David? All that you are good for is to watch a few sheep! *You can't do anything, You are not a warrior, You're just a shepherd.*

5. The Voice of the Enemy in Saul – The King

1 Samuel 17:32-33 (KJV) – ³²And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. ³³And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

- i. Saul “You are not able”
- ii. He is a man of war – “You are not”

6. The Voice of the Enemy – Goliath Himself

1 Samuel 17:42-44 (NIV) – ⁴²He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴"Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

- i. Disdained = to disesteem – to render worthless
Goliath looked at David and determined him to be of no threat to himself and no value to the army of Saul – discredit
- ii. Saul spoke – He cursed him by his gods – “Come over here and I will give your flesh to the birds and wild animals”.

7. NOTICE – Not one strike has exchanged in this battle – but the battle is in full motion – WITH WORDS

The REAL enemy (Satan) is speaking

- Eliab
- Saul
- Goliath
- David’s ears are hearing doubt, fear, unbelief & threats continually.

D. David's counter – attack

Keys to defeating the voice of the Enemy

i. Eliab

1 Samuel 17:29-30 (NIV) – ²⁹"Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" ³⁰He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.

KEY #1 – Learn to Turn Away from the Voice of the Enemy

*David refused to give any more time to Eliab
There are some people you simply need to distance
yourself from.*

ii. Saul

1 Samuel 17:33-37 (NIV) – ³³Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

KEY #2 – Always be ready to give your testimony of What God has already done.

*Testimony is the spirit of prophecy – Rev 19:10G
Something supernatural is released when you testify-declare
the miracles that God has already done*

The voice of Saul could not deny or overcome the voice of David's testimony.

When the enemy is trying to speak – shut him up by speaking louder of the things that God has already done for you!

iii. Goliath

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NIV) – ⁴⁵David 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. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All 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.

Key #3 – Declare your Victory

*David declared His victory in the name of the Lord Almighty
David declared "THIS DAY" God will deliver you into my hands
and I will strike you down and cut off your head*

David declared – "The Battle is the Lord's" and "The Whole world will know that there is a God in Israel"

Declare your victory

Job 22:28 (KJV) – *Thou shalt decree a thing and it shall be established unto you.*

Matthew 18:18 (KJV) – *Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

III. Closing:**A. When the Enemy is Speaking**

- i. There are times I choose to leave the room and simply disregard his voice
- ii. There are times I open my mouth and testify
- iii. Every time I must open my mouth and declare my victory

B. When the enemy says I am defeated

Revelation 12:11 (KJV) – *I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony*

Romans 8:37 (KJV) – *I am more than a conqueror*

C. When the enemy says I am weak

Ephesians 6:10 (KJV) – *I am strong in the Lord and in the power of his might*

D. When the enemy says – “Who do you think you are”

I am a Child of the most high God

I am a covenant person

I am redeemed from the curse

I am a person of faith

I am the righteousness of God

I am a chosen people

I am a royal priesthood

I am sanctified for his purpose

I am forgiven- redeemed – saved

I am a person given to authority in Jesus name

I have authority over sin – sickness – devils – etc.

DO I NEED TO SAY MORE?