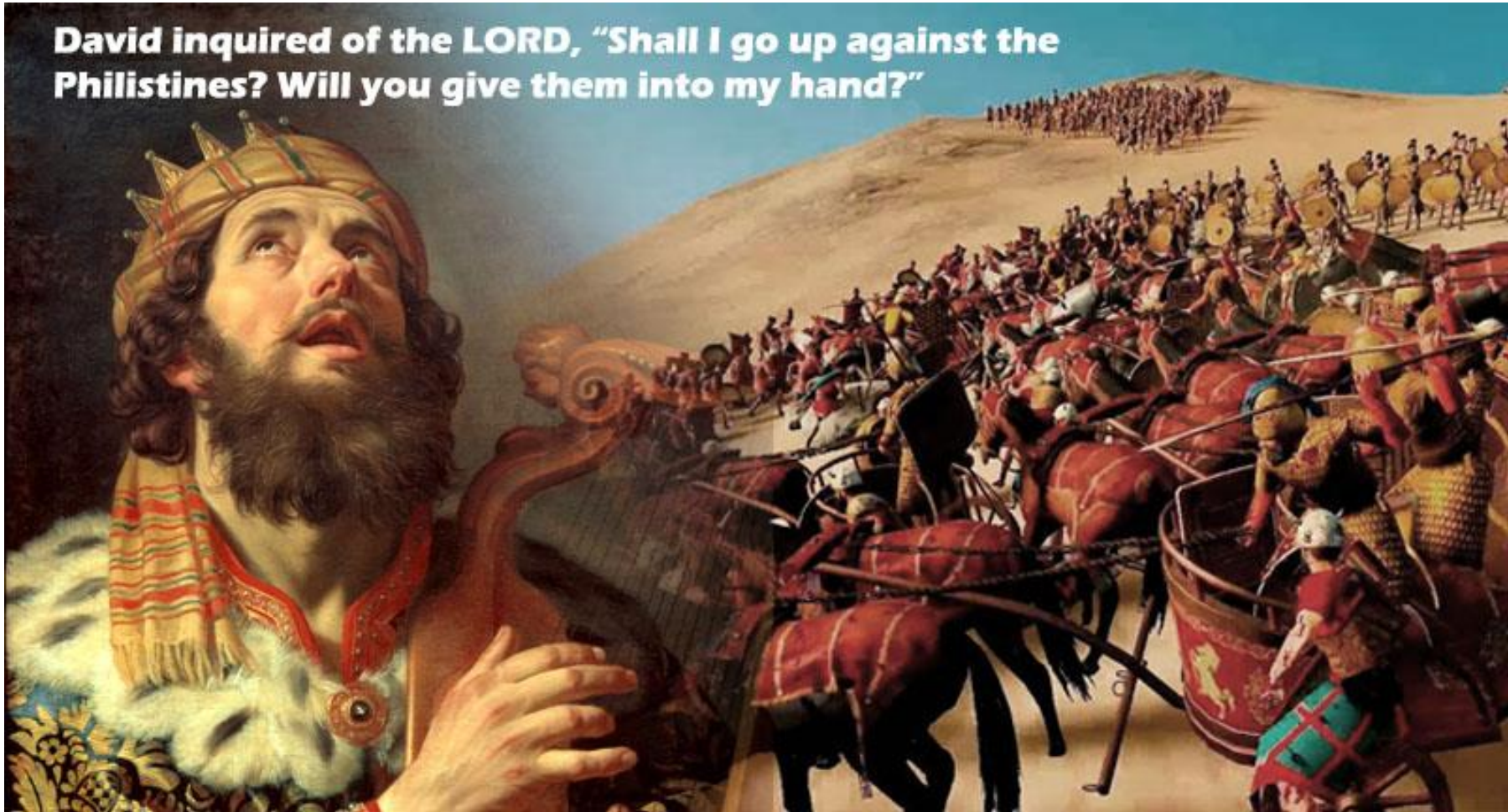


PRESERVED BY THE LORD

David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?"



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- In our past lessons we saw an elderly man named Samuel sent by the Lord to the home of Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint the next king. One by one Jesse's sons came before Samuel with the Lord telling Samuel, "This is not the one." A young lad, who seemed to be of no significance to Jesse and the last of his sons was brought in from tending the flock of his father's sheep. He was the one the Lord told Samuel to anoint.
- Time past and Israel was at battle with the Philistines. Several of Jesse's sons were in King Saul's army. Jesse sent the young lad (David) to see how his brothers were doing. It was then that David saw Goliath, a huge Philistine giant, taunting Israel's army. He offered to fight the giant. At first he was turned down by Saul. But when David told Saul how the Lord had been with him in caring for the sheep and that the Lord would give victory over Goliath, King Saul allowed David to fight Goliath. With a sling and a stone the Lord used David to slay the giant. David was brought into King Saul's realm as a musician to calm Saul's troubled spirit. David behaved himself very wisely and won the trust of the people.

- When Saul sent David to battle, he came back victorious and won the praise of the people. This caused Saul to become jealous of David and he sought to kill him. David spent many years fleeing from Saul until Saul was killed in a battle with the Philistines. David learned of Saul's death and went back to Hebron, a city in Judah. The men of Judah came to David and David became their king. Seven years later he became the king of both Judah and Israel. He and his men went up to Jerusalem and took it from the Jebusites, making it the city he would rule from. Hiram, king of Tyre, sent carpenters and materials to Jerusalem to build a house for David. David also took wives who bore children to him.
- When the Philistines came up against Jerusalem twice, David sought the Lord's guiding and defeated the Philistine both times. The most important lesson is that David sought the Lord and the Lord was with him. David desired to build a house for the Lord but was told that his son would be the one to build it and not David.
- We will see in this lesson how the Lord helped David in the battle against the enemies of Israel.

2 Samuel 8:1

- **2 Samuel 8:1-6 (NKJV)**

¹ After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines and subdued them. And David took Metheg Ammah from the hand of the Philistines.

² Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought tribute.

³ David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his territory at the River Euphrates.

- ⁴ David took from him one thousand *chariots*, seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David hamstringed all the chariot horses, except that he spared *enough* of them for one hundred chariots. (a tendon in the leg was cut, making the animals unfit for warfare.)
- ⁵ When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians.
⁶ Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought tribute. The LORD preserved David wherever he went.

More than Conquerors

- The chapter begins with "And after this." We may ask "after what?" After David sat before the Lord and communed with Him and God promised David that he would establish his house and kingdom forever.
- Chapter eight is a chapter of victories over the enemies of Israel. We read that the old enemies of Israel were "subdued", "forced to the ground" and defeated.
- When we read the chapter it almost sound like it was an easy task for David, but overcoming an enemy is not easy. The path of victory can be haunted by doubts, distress, and despair. David realized he would have to conquer his enemies or they would eventually conquer him.

- **Psalm 60:11-12 (NKJV)**

¹¹ Give us help from trouble, For the help of man *is* useless.

¹² Through God we will do valiantly, For *it is* He *who* shall tread down our enemies.

- **Philippians 4:12-13 (NKJV)**

¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

- With God's help David was victorious. His trust, security and confidence are in the Lord.

- A close walk with the Lord and obeying His Word will help us to be victorious Christians too.

Our “T” battles as believers

- There are five things we all battle with as Christians that scripture speaks of. As a road that meets a T in it and the decision must be made as to the right direction to take.
- (1) Our thoughts
- (2) Our temptations
- (3) Our tongues
- (4) Our tempers
- (5) Our time

- **(1) Our Thoughts-**
Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV) works
³ Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established.
Matthew 15:19 (NKJV) heart
¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts...
Hebrews 4:12-16 (NKJV) God's word
¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- **Matthew 12:25 (NKJV) known by God**
²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, ...
- **Genesis 6:5 (NKJV) Evil**
⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.
- God know what we are thinking and what comes into our minds.

- **(2) Our Temptations- trials or encouragement to do evil**
- **1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)**
¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.
- **1 Timothy 6:9 (NKJV)**
⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.
- **1 Thessalonians 3:5 (NKJV)**
⁵ For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.
- **James 1:12 (NKJV)**
¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

- **(3) Our Tongue-
James 3:2-10 (NKJV)**

² For we all stumble in many things.³ Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

⁴ Look also at ships: they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

⁶ The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body

⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

⁸ But no man can tame the tongue.....⁹ With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men,

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

Proverbs 21:23 (NKJV)

²³ Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.

- **(4) Our Temper-**
- **Proverbs 16:32 (NKJV)**
³² *He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*
- **Proverbs 19:11 (NKJV)**
¹¹ The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.
- **Ephesians 4:26-32 (NKJV)**
²⁶ *"Be angry, and do not sin":*
³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

- **(4) Our Time-**
- **John 6:66 (NKJV) Walk**
⁶⁶ From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.
- **Psalms 69:13 (NKJV) Prayer**
¹³ But as for me, my prayer *is* to You, O LORD, *in* the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.
- **Esther 4:14 (NKJV) Obedience**
¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"
- **1 Chronicles 15:13 (NKJV) Work (bringing the ark)**
¹³ For because you *did* not *do it* the first *time*, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

- **Proverbs 25:19 (NKJV) Trust**
¹⁹ Confidence in an unfaithful *man* in time of trouble *is like* a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.
- **Acts 24:25 (NKJV) Convenience**
²⁵ Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."
- **Romans 13:11 (NKJV) Awareness**
¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.
- **1 Corinthians 4:4-5 (NKJV) Judging**
⁴ For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.
⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

- **Exodus 9:4-5 (NKJV) waiting and ready**
⁵ Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying,
"Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."
- **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (NKJV) serving & waiting**
⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
- **Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV) use of time**
¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

- **2 Samuel 8:7-14 (NKJV)**

⁷ And David took the shields of gold that had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

⁸ Also from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of bronze.

⁹ When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

¹⁰ then Toi sent Joram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi); and *Joram* brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze.

- ¹¹ King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued--
¹² from Syria, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, from Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.
¹³ And David made *himself* a name when he returned from killing eighteen thousand Syrians in the Valley of Salt.
¹⁴ He also put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

- **2 Samuel 8:15-18 (NKJV)**

¹⁵ So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people.

¹⁶ Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder;

¹⁷ Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar *were* the priests; Seraiah *was* the scribe;

¹⁸ Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was over* both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

Dedicated to the Lord

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- (2) large amount of bronze
- (3) articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze
- King David dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued.
- Much wealth was subsequently acquired. For example, **all kinds of articles of gold, silver, and bronze**, taken from Hadadezer's **servants**, he **dedicated... to the LORD**, later to be used by **Solomon** in building the temple.

Believer's Bible Commentary

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- **1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)**
¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- **Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV)**

¹⁰ For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

- **1 Timothy 4:6 (NKJV)**

⁶ If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.

- **1 Thessalonians 3:2** Timothy, minister of God

- **Colossians 4:7** Tychicus, faithful minister in the Lord

- **Colossians 1:23** I, Paul, became a minister of Christ

- **Colossians 1:7** Epaphras, a faithful minister of Christ

- **Ephesians 6:21** Tychicus, faithful minister in the Lord

The “T” in the road

- Making the right turn and allowing the Holy Spirit to control our
- (1) Our thoughts
- (2) Our temptations
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- That we would use our lives in “serving” the Lord and “waiting” for his return for us.
- As good ministers of the Lord using the gifts he has given us wisely for his glory.