

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of March 12, 2023

THEME: "David"

THE CHALLENGE

Sunday Read I Samuel 17:38-46

"Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." The plan of God is the most prominent plan on planet earth, far more important than the plans of government leaders in the nations of the world. Those national leaders do have their agenda. Political parties have their platforms. All will ultimately lose out to God's agenda! This is God's earth! God has plans for His earth, and He will bring them to pass, in His way and according to His timing. In our day, God is at work building the Church. In David's time, it was building the nation of Israel, where Jesus will eventually rule as the King of kings! David called attention to this reality of God's supremacy to the giant representing the Philistines, a powerful nation at that time. David's faith was in God, and as a result, he won this great battle with a small stone. God used that little weapon to defeat the mighty giant. And God is still doing it through His people, those who made the personal decision to receive Christ as Savior!

MUSIC

Monday Read I Samuel 16:

"And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him." When King Saul needed rest and relaxation, he had young David play the harp. This God-given talent with which God had blessed David enabled the young man to serve his country y soothing the emotions of the king of God's chosen nation of Israel. By listening to David play the harp, King Saul had much needed relief from the pressures of his duties to rule the land. That interim of listening to music re-energized the king to go back to doing his job in a more efficient manner. Music truly is a valuable asset in winning battles in the spiritual war against the rulers of the darkness of this world. Praise God for those to whom He has given musical talent to enhance our worship services and honor God! It is a wonderful way to express the joy in our hearts as we try to bring God the glory that is rightfully His! By music we are able to exalt the Most High God!

HYMNS

Tuesday Read Colossians 3:12-16

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." The use of songs and hymns that were so valuable in the days of the kings of Israel continue to have a vital part in our worship in this current Church Age. In this letter to the Colossians, God inspired Paul to advise them of the important part of hymns and spiritual songs in their times of worship. What was true then, we know from experience is true today! *Do notice what our Bible reading for today says about the power of the hymns and songs we sing. They teach and*

admonish us to become better and better servants of our Lord. Not to have music would weaken us in our effort to win battles for the glory of God!

THE GIANT

WednesdayRead I Samuel 17:45

"Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." The giant Goliath was a formidable enemy. To defend against him seemed to be nearly impossible. His arrogance compelled him to challenge the army of Israel to choose one person to fight him instead of many soldiers losing their lives to settle things. The army of the winner of the dual would be declared victorious. That seemed to be sensible and an attractive offer. The problem was that no Israeli soldier was willing to respond to the challenge; that is, until David showed up. He heard the challenge when he came to check up on his brothers. David had faith that God would give him the victory. All it took was a stone from a sling shot. All God needs are people of faith in Him and that He will intervene to give us victory!

ARMY OF GOD

Thursday1Read I Timothy 6:11-12

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." The decision to receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior is to enlist in the army of God. Among other appropriate identifications, the Christian is a soldier in God's army to fight against the forces of darkness in this world. It is spiritual warfare with Christ as our Captain; and the devil is the leader of the enemy. The history of man from the time of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden is a story of the war between God and Satan. That battle will continue until the devil is thrust into the eternal lake of fire as mentioned in Revelation 19:20: *"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."* In the meantime, we are in a battle against God's enemy and go forward in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

THE THRONE

Friday Read II Samuel 2:5-7

"Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them." David took the throne in Jerusalem, the capitol city of Israel to become their king. We read a very interesting comment about the throne of David that effects each and every believer in II Samuel 7:13: *"He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever."* Little did David know as a young child playing the harp to entertain the king on the throne in Israel that he would occupy that very throne. His descendants would follow him all the way forward until the days of the New Testament. As a matter of fact, his hometown would be called the city of David, and the place where the King of kings would be born. How about the reference to this city in the announcement of the angel to the shepherds about the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:11: *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

KING OF KINGS

Saturday.....Read Revelation 19:11-16

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords." This scripture describes the coronation of the Lord Jesus as the eternal king after He led the army of God to victory at the Battle of Armageddon. From Captain of the army of God, Jesus became the King of the nation of Israel to rule from the throne of David for one thousand years. All believers of the Church Age will be present for that most compelling time in the history of mankind. We are soldiers in the army of the King of kings.