The Lord’s Purpose Will Prevail Wed 9/29/21

1 Samuel 16:1-13 NKJV

16 Now the Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I haveprovided Myself a king among his sons.”

2And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears *it,* he will kill me.” But the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’

3Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.”

4So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

5And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the Lord’s anointed *is* before Him!”

7But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the Lord does* not *see* as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

8So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”

9Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”

10Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.”

11And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.”

12So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!”

13Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

1Samuel 17:1-8 NKJV

17 Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered at Sochoh, which *belongs* to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim.

2And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.

3The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

4And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

5*He had* a bronze helmet on his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of bronze.

6And *he had* bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders.

7Now the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver’s beam, and his iron spearhead *weighed* six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.

8Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, “Why have you come out to line up for battle? *Am* I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

# 1 Samuel 17:20-22 NKJV

# 20So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took *the things* and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle.

# 21For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army.

# 22And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.

# 1 Samuel 17:32-51 NKJV

# 32Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”

# 33And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you *are* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.”

# 34But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,

# 35I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught *it* by its beard, and struck and killed it.

# 36Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.”

# 37Moreover David said, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”

# 38So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail.

# 39David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested *them.* And David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested *them.*” So David took them off.

# 40Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

# 41So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield *went* before him.

# 42And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *only* a youth, ruddy and good-looking.

# 43So the Philistine said to David, “*Am* I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

# 44And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

# 45Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

# 46This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

# 47Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands.”

# 48So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

# 49Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

# 50So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

# 51Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

# 1 Samuel 18:1-3 NKJV

# 18 Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

# 2Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father’s house anymore.

# 3Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

# Proverbs 19:21 NKJV

# 21There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the Lord’s counsel—that will stand.