

## **OPEN OUR EYES LORD.**

### *READ I SAMUEL 17*

For the past one week or more I have been constantly meditating and speaking on the dual between David and Goliath. This powerful confrontation between the visibly victorious giant, and the seemingly immature, powerless lad and the incredulous victory is actually a foreshadow of the coming Final Battle. Please go ahead after reading the scripture portion.

Amid the two hills, reverberates the haughty challenge of the uncircumcised Philistine, who not only looks down upon the Israelites, but also hurls insults at the Lord of Hosts of Israel. The whole army of Israelites was cowering under the loud voiced threat of Goliath. Even Saul, who was head and shoulders above every Israelite, looked at Goliath and sat helplessly. Now comes David whistling a tune, swinging his sling taking his shot at some squirrel or a bird. He hears the distant challenge. His blood froze

to hear the philistine, mocking his own God, his very God who was his Shepherd and Master. His young blood boiled. Where Saul looked at Goliath, David looked past Goliath's shoulders and up into the hills where his help comes from (Psalm 121:1). He was not afraid for he knew whom he has believed. David could not look at any of the physical strength or could believe the threatening, because he has tested and tasted the faithfulness of his God. His only passion was to hold atop the flag of his God. He wanted to speak out, vindicate the name of his God. What passion! What desire! Even all those around him discouraged him, he did not even hear it to give any consideration.

After trying the armour of Saul, he hastily removed it and ran towards Goliath. Goliath threatened but David proclaimed.

*THEN DAVID SAID TO THE PHILISTINE, "YOU COME TO ME WITH A SPEAR, WITH A SWORD 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 DEFILED.***

David knew the Lord is fighting his battle and so he does not need the weapons of this world. The faith surging in his heart pushed David to rush forth just with the Name of his God on his heart and lips. And surely God vindicated His name and honoured young David. David was so sure about the weapon : not spear, nor sword , nor javeline, but the NAME OF THE LORD OF HOSTS THE GOD OF THE ARMIES OF ISRAEL. And the battle was won in the name of the Lord.

Though we are centuries away from David, we still have many Goliaths threatening on all sides. It is so frustrating to go against him with the weapons of this world and many times believing his big lie and even allowing him to blaspheme our Lord, we sit scared and helpless. Let us take our lesson from David to go in the strength of our Lord and

to go in the name of our Lord. The battle is surely the Lord's. There were so many Israelites shaking and shivering, but God is searching for young Davids who will go only in the Name of the Lord.

Rise up young man and woman of God, put on the spiritual armour (Ephesians 6, 11-17). Stand up for Jesus. Even if you are one Christian, lift high the name of Jesus. Where there is filthy language, do not use it, stand up for Jesus. Where there is uncontrolled dating and loose living, live a clean life, stand up for Jesus. Where bribe is the order of the day and lying is fashionable, refrain from that, stand up for Jesus. It may be a little stone, but it is a death blow to the enemy. Do not take little things light. One stone is enough for our Lord to give us a resounding victory. Stand up for Jesus Christ. Go in His Name, be clothed in His blood, and wield the Sword of the Spirit, God's word. The Battle belongs to the Lord, and the victory is surely ours.

Dear Father

Help us to look past the Goliaths and look into your eyes, whence our help comes from. Open our eyes that we may see what you want us to see. Teach us to stand up for you. Strengthen our hearts. Put your name in our hearts and lips. May we go into this world like David armed with the most exalted Name and the precious Blood of your Son Jesus Christ and the Spirit's sword. May your Kingdom come in our time. In Jesus Name. Amen and Amen.