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*Is There Not A Cause?*



David Confronts Goliath  
on the battlefield after asking,  
“Is there not a cause?”

## 1 Samuel 17:1-51

1 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammin.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

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

5 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

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.

9 If 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.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren.

18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

23 And 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.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

25 And 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.

26 And 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?

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28 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.

29 And David said, What have I now done? **Is there not a cause?**

30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And 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.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he despised him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

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.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

# I Can Do All Things Through Christ

When David came to see his brothers and saw the arrogance of the Philistines he stated, “**Is there not a cause?**” We need to understand that even today where there are many who stand up and contest Christianity and righteousness, we also need to take a stand and be just like the young boy David and also question, “**Is there not a cause?**” When David saw Goliath’s arrogance against God and his people, he wondered, “**Is there not a cause?**”

Today with all of the enemies of Christianity and righteousness we also need to put everything on the line in defense of our Christian faith. We need to be like David and stand up against the arrogant promoters of sin and wickedness. When we see our politicians promote the wickedness of the world we need to take a stand!

As the Apostle Paul stated in his letter to the Philippians, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Phil 4:13) Although it seems that the whole world is against us, we can still stand on our principles and fight against the wickedness. Last Sunday, Brit Hume on national television stated that the cure for Tiger Woods is to convert to Christianity.

Hume began by saying that, while Tiger’s golf game would eventually recover, if he wanted to overcome the guilt and shame of his repeated infidelities he should turn from Buddhism to Christianity.

Hume then observed, “The extent to which he can recover, it seems to me, depends on his faith. He is said to be a Buddhist. I don’t think that faith offers the kind of forgiveness and redemption that is offered by the Christian faith. So, my message to Tiger would be, ‘Tiger, turn to the Christian faith and you can make a total recovery and be a great example to the world.’”

<http://www.personalliberty.com/conservative-politics/is-brit-hume-“too-christian”-for-tv/>

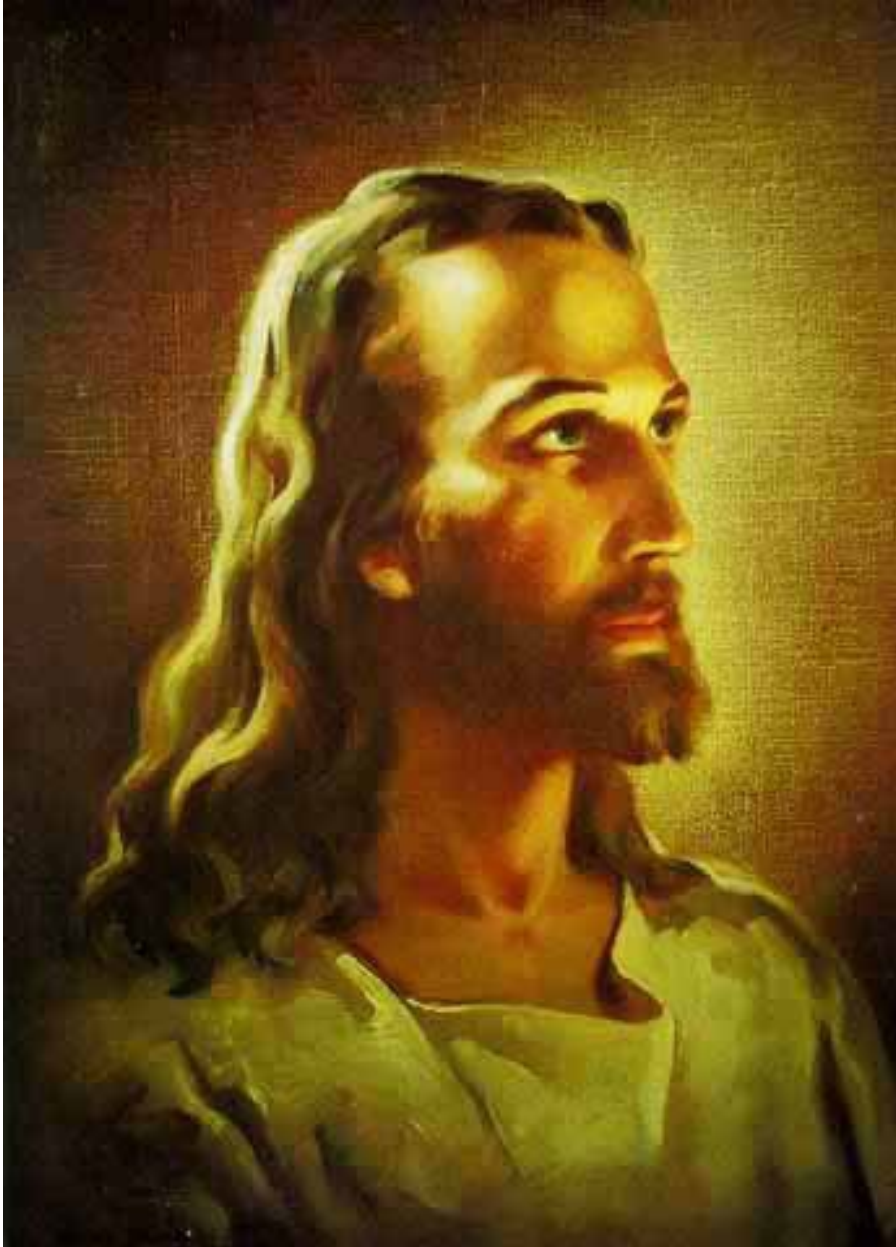
Brit Hume laid it all on the line when he suggested that Tiger Wood should convert to Christianity. As the Lord protected David, he will also take care of us. We need to be strong in our faith and stand up against the wicked.



The rapture and the rise of the Antichrist is coming. We need to be strong in the Lord and be filled with his Holy Spirit if we are going to be able to resist all of the wickedness surrounding us. These are perilous times with evil and wickedness on the rise from everywhere. We see it in our government, media, news, Internet, and surrounding us everywhere. The Apostle Paul told Timothy, “That in the last days perilous times shall come.” We now have these perilous times. Even the head of the Federal Reserve is telling us that we are living in perilous times.

Our government is currently pushing for a one world government which will be lead by the Antichrist. We currently have a president who is anti-Israel and anti-Hebrew.

# Jesus Is Our Leader



As Christians we have a true leader in Jesus Christ the Lord. Our leaders are not politicians, preachers, or anyone else. Our leader is the one who created our whole universe. As the Apostle John wrote, “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” When you imagine the power and glory of our leader compared to all other leaders our leader is a true leader. A true leader is not one who pushes or forces allegiance, but leads by example. A follower of a leader who leads will do the same as the leader for he sees what the leader has done and conversely the results of such actions. On the other hand, a leader who pushes his followers forcing them to do things against their will leads by fear and threat.

Jesus has shown us the way by his example. He has shown us that the world will hate us just as it hated him. But he has shown us that the results of following him lead to far greater riches than anything that the world can do to us. Where Jesus Christ gives us true liberty and freedom, the world sells us into slavery. Just look at all of the products that are on the market that can supposedly release you from the bondage of cigarettes. Is the addict free or a slave to his addiction? While the world talks about freedom, only Jesus gives you freedom.

When you follow Jesus Christ you become free from the ravages and slavery of sin. Jesus gives you the strength to turn from your addictions and problems while giving you an inner strength to turn away from the addictions of this world. When I was in the world I was a slave to cigarettes and alcohol. When I received the Holy Ghost, Jesus set me free from destroying myself and gave me the freedom and liberty that the world falsely promises.

When you choose Jesus Christ as your leader, you also will be set free from sin and degradation of the wicked. Jesus will give you the freedom that you really are seeking. Today is the day to make Jesus Christ as your leader, for there is no other leader that can deliver you from your sins. There is no other leader that can make you free.

This is your opportunity to seek the Lord Jesus Christ with your whole heart and ask his forgiveness for your sins. Peter told the people, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:38)