

10/12/03 – “THE LORD WAS WITH HIM” – PART 3

God has called us in the knowledge the “**He is with us**”

The Scriptures state that **the Lord was with** Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Gideon, Jeremiah

Story of 12 spies returning to camp & telling the people what they saw – a good land **but...** full of giants–like grasshoppers in their own sight

Numbers 14:8-9 – “If the Lord is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us—a land which flows with milk and honey.

Only do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they shall be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and **the Lord is with us**; do not fear them.” Caleb & Joshua had a different spirit... Trusted in God’s companionship for victory

God Looks at the Heart

Man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart – He measures us by the size of our heart

I Samuel 16:7 – “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, **for man looks at the outward appearance**, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”

Why do we so easily believe the lies of Satan? Let God be true & every man a liar – Goliath like Satan... full of accusations & fear

The Lord is our Shepherd – We are inscribed on the palms of His hands – He will never leave us or forsake us

We must refuse to be quivering & afraid for our lives - **Through my God I shall do valiantly**

Psalms 91:7 – “A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not approach you.”

Perspective & Testimony

David saw Goliath as the one in trouble – Not God’s people or God’s army

vs. 26 – “For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?”

vs. 28 – David accused by his brothers of just wanting to see the battle - Saul tries to disqualify David to no avail

vs. 34-37 – David gives Saul his testimony of killing a lion & a bear & speaks with faith that Goliath’s fate will be the same

vs. 37 – “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.”

vs. 39 – David could not go into battle with Saul’s protection (armor) - We do not need the world’s protection to be successful in God

God has provided full armor – Ephesians 6:10-11 – “Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”

David Runs to the Battle

vs 45 – 47 “...but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts...” The battle is the Lord’s & He will give you into our hands

vs. 50 – “Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone...” – **Amazing!**

I Samuel 18:7 – “And the women sang as they played, and said, ‘Saul has slain his **thousands**, and David his **ten thousands**.’”

Saul – angry, jealous, & afraid of David – God’s favor on David was recognizable & threatening to Saul’s status

vs. 12 – “Now Saul was afraid of David, for **THE LORD WAS WITH HIM** but had departed from Saul.”

The Lord was with David – **The shepherd, poet, musician, soldier, general, statesman & King** – Like Joseph, he became a successful man

The Lord is with you!