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"Father, as we come into your presence today we lift our hearts before you in praise, for you are worthy. We humbly seek the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon your Word today, O God, and we ask that you send the Dove of heaven to touch these lips. We open our hearts and minds to the truths which you have for us, that we might be completely receptive to your teaching. Guide and direct our thoughts, and help us to see and understand the underlying principles of life that are so important to our Christian walk today. We give you thanks for all things, O God, in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Lord has recently spoken to my heart concerning what I consider to be one of the great principles of eternity. If every one of us could just grasp the truth of this eternal principle, it would answer many questions concerning our spiritual walk in the Lord. Jesus promised to give us the keys to the kingdom, didn't He? Well, I believe that this message of truth will provide something fresh and useable — something that will strengthen your faith.

Let's begin by reading our text, I Samuel, Chapter Nineteen: *"And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee."*

“And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain. And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

“And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him. And the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand. And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin: but he slipped away out of Saul’s presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. Saul also sent messengers unto David’s house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David’s wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

“So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats’ hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats’ hair for his bolster. And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

“So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. And it

was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

“Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets? ”

“Throughout this entire nineteenth chapter of I Samuel we find numerous types and shadows — spiritual parallels — relating to the experiences of Christians today. Let’s examine some of them. First, we see David in the midst of a great struggle, seeking to preserve his life from powerful King Saul, who hates him and who has relentlessly set out to kill him. The name “Saul” in the Hebrew language comes from a root word that means to “demand, charge, or accuse.” (The same root word produced the word “hell,” so we now begin to understand the spiritual implications involved.) Saul certainly fulfilled this description when he became the adversary of David. But, in the face of overwhelming odds and with the help of God, David eluded Saul and escaped to a place of safety.

As we study this chapter, the Holy Spirit begins to put the pieces together to reveal to us a clear comparative picture of the life of a Christian overcomer. The first clue comes when we realize the fact that just as the Hebrew name “Saul” means “accuser,” so also does the Hebrew name “Satan” mean essentially the same thing — “accuser” or “adversary.” When we next learn that the Hebrew name “David”

means “beloved,” and know that those chosen to salvation are described in II Thessalonians 2:13 as being the “*beloved of the Lord*,” we can quickly see that David represents the Christian overcomer in the picture that now begins to unfold. How obvious it is, then, that just as David was hated and pursued by Saul and his forces, so are Christians now hated and pursued by Satan and his forces. And the same thing that happened to David is happening to Christians today — escape and safety — Praise the Lord!

Let’s continue to examine the meaning of other Hebrew words, for they are often given as keys to spiritual teachings. In Verse 18 of our text we read that David fled, and escaped, and came to the great prophet Samuel at a place called “Ramah,” which means “high place” or “height.” After David met Samuel at Ramah, the two of them went together to dwell in a place called “Naioth,” which means “mansions” or “dwellings.”

This is the same pattern of victorious overcoming that we, as Christian believers, are looking for today; even though we daily avoid and overcome the clutches of Satan and his evil forces. I Thessalonians 4:16-17 says that God’s victorious church is going to be caught up in the clouds to our “Ramah” or high place in the air where we will meet our “Samuel,” the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, in John 14:2-3, that we are then going to go together with Him to dwell at our “Naioth,” our mansion or dwelling place — the Father’s house — where we will be with our God forever and ever and ever. Hallelujah! Think about it! We’ll go from Ramah to Naioth — from a high place in the air, where we’ll meet Jesus, to the mansion, our Father’s house. Praise the Lord forever!

In II Samuel 22:18, David admitted that Saul and his soldiers were “too strong” for him; they were far too great for him to handle in his natural strength and ability. But, he knew that he could find safety and security from his enemy if he could just flee to the presence of Samuel and place himself under that protective authority and influence which surrounded this great prophet — because Samuel had much power with God. The name “Samuel” in the Hebrew language means “heard of God.” The Bible tells us in

I Samuel 3:19 that God was with Samuel “*. . .and did let none of his words fall to the ground.*” What a great prophet! What a powerful man of God! Everything that he spoke came to pass.

But as we look into the Old Testament we read prophecy after prophecy about the coming of a greater prophet than Samuel — one even greater than Moses — and His name is Jesus, yes, Jesus, who came out of the carpenter’s shop in Nazareth; and none of His words fell to the ground either. In Matthew 24:35, Jesus said with all authority, “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*”

As a matter of fact, Jesus IS The Word. John 1:1 says, “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*” Revelation 19:13 says, “*. . .his name is called The Word of God.*” And Proverbs 18:10 adds this great truth: “*The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*” It’s no wonder that Samuel had power with God, for he was a type of the Word of God (Jesus Christ).

David knew the power was not of Samuel — but of the Lord. In II Samuel 22:1-4 he tells where his deliverance, his overcoming victory, really came from: “*And David spake unto the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.*”

We mentioned that this message would center around a great spiritual principle of eternity, which is this: “From eternity past to eternity future, in the constant battle which has raged between good and evil — between the forces of God and the forces of Satan — the resultant relationship has been the TRIUMPH OF GOOD OVER EVIL.” The Bible says in I John 4:4, “*. . .greater is he (Jesus) that is in you, than he (Satan) that is in the world.*”

In connection with this great eternal principle of good being triumphant over evil, our text, I Samuel, Chapter 19, shows us that something highly unusual took place while Saul was pursuing David and trying to kill him. After Saul was informed that David was at Naioth in Ramah, we find in Verse 20 that Saul sent messengers to take him. However, when they got close to David they saw the many prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them. The presence of the Lord was so overwhelming that the Spirit of God fell upon the messengers of Saul to the extent that they also had to commence prophesying and acknowledging the supremacy of God. It's not that they were good, but they were overcome by good.

Saul didn't like that a bit, so he sent another group of messengers. But when they got within earshot of David and Samuel and the company of prophets, these messengers were likewise overwhelmed by the powerful presence of God's Spirit. They, too, had to prophesy and acknowledge God. This happened three times. Three groups of strong messengers were sent to take David, but each group was overcome by the stronger presence of good — the presence of God's Spirit.

Without a doubt, Saul was furious at the failure of his men to take David captive so that he could kill him. He decided that he would go to Naioth and see what this problem was all about. Saul was determined to get David at all cost, even if he had to do it himself. We read what happened in Verses 23 and 24: *"And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?"*

Praise the Lord! Saul couldn't stand up against the presence of God either. Wouldn't you like for the power of God to surround you to that extent? Wouldn't it be wonderful if everytime your enemies came out against you they would have to bow down and start acknowledging God whenever they got near you? Hallelujah! That's real power! That's the kind

of power that only the Holy Spirit can bring, and there's no other power that can stand up against His power.

The Holy Spirit has made me aware of the fact that these unusual events are a beautiful illustrative description of Philippians 2:9-11, which says, *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Every power is going to bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, the powers in heaven, the powers in earth, and the powers under the earth — whether they want to or not — and all shall do it unto the glory of God the Father. This is just further evidence of that eternal principle — the triumph of good over evil.

Throughout eternity the righteous will be in the presence of Jesus just as David was in the presence of Samuel. And as the godly people at Naioth counted it a privilege to serve God and to worship Him, so will the righteous joyfully worship and praise Almighty God with all their hearts as a part of their lives for ever and ever. But the hearts of the ungodly and rebellious will continue to be opposed to God and to all of God's people. Nevertheless, that eternal principle shall prevail against them and shall force the unrighteous to submit to Jesus, because EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord over all — for eternity.

It is important to notice that there were three groups that were sent out to capture David before before King Saul, himself, went to do the job. And each of these three groups encountered the same overwhelming power of God and were forced to submit unto the Almighty. If we will just think for a moment about the realm of Satan's kingdom, we'll readily recognize the spiritual forces of darkness that are represented by these three groups.

We first remember that one third (Revelation 12:4) of all the great angelic host chose to rebel against God at the time of Satan's revolt, and this angelic force

elected to follow Satan. These fallen angels have been stripped of their robes of purity and, as a continuous principle of eternity, shall be forced to bow down and acknowledge that Jesus is the omnipotent Lord of the universe. And this won't happen just once, not just twice, but continuously throughout all eternity — to the glory of God the Father.

Secondly, we know that there is another spiritual force of darkness — the multitude of evil spirits, also called demons and unclean spirits. These disembodied spirits hate God and all of God's people. Although they have much power, the Bible makes it clear that they are no match against the name of Jesus Christ. These spirits are subject to that same eternal principle — the triumph of good over evil — and throughout eternity these rebellious spirits will be forced to bow down before God and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The third group serving the interests of Satan is the largest of all, and millions of them are walking around the earth today — the men and women of all ages who have chosen to rebel against God. When that great company of lost mankind enters into eternal torment, that same continuous principle shall force them to their knees and make them confess with their tongues that Jesus Christ is Lord. No, they won't do it for just a day, or for just a year, but they shall do it for ever and for ever.

Now, how about the invincible Satan? Will he be forced also to bow like each of the preceding forces of darkness? Satan undoubtedly is very powerful, a greater foe than mere man can handle by natural strength. God made that fact abundantly clear to Job while He was preaching to him and revealed some of the greatest things the human mind could fathom or comprehend. God described a great monster of the sea, a terrible and untamable serpent called leviathan, and I can now picture the masses of humanity tossed to and fro in the restless sea of time, and in the midst of the sea is that uncontrollable monster who has come to destroy mankind; he's leviathan — Satan.

In Job 41:1-3, God inquires of Job concerning this awesome serpent, "*Canst thou draw out leviathan*

with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? Will he make many supplications unto thee? Will he speak soft words unto thee? ” God is saying to Job, “Can you make him bow and be submissive? Can you make him say what you want him to say? Can you control the mouth of the mighty leviathan?”

These questions are a prelude to God’s great comparative description of the mighty Satan, who no man can tame. Job 41 goes on to picture the terrible nature of rebelliousness and unruly pride that characterizes the devil, and God emphasizes the fact that no man can force submission and confession out of this mighty serpent. In Job 41:13, God asks, “*Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?* ” Yes, who can put a bridle upon that serpent or put a bit in his mouth and control his tongue? None on earth — but the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible says in I John 3:8, “*For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*” Praise God! Jesus has done just that — He’s defeated the devil, mighty leviathan, and has destroyed his works. Jesus said in Revelation 1:18, “*I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*” Jesus also said in Matthew 28:18, “*...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*” It’s no wonder that Satan must bow to Jesus, because the Lord has utterly defeated him. Satan must bow along with all the forces of darkness, and confess that Jesus is victor — that Jesus is Lord, and he will do it for ever and ever.

The Holy Spirit has shown me that very few of God’s people really understand the perpetual nature of the facts told to us in Philippians 2:10-11, “*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. . .and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*” We more or less picture Satan just bowing and confessing with his mouth one time — but, no! It’s part of eternity. It’s an eternal principle — the triumph of good over evil — and Satan will be called upon (and all that follow him) to continuously bow his

knees to the Almighty and to confess the Lordship of Jesus Christ — for ever and for ever. This is part of the torment that the wicked shall suffer perpetually throughout eternity, and they cannot escape it.

David said, in Psalm 139:7-8, "*Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.*" One cannot escape the authority and power of God's Spirit. Even in hell, the Holy Spirit will be in charge. It will be perpetual torment, for all the forces of darkness will be constantly called upon to confess the truth on a continual basis — the truth concerning the Son of God. They will have to confess, as in Ephesians 1:21, that Jesus is "*Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*"

Listen to the words of the great Prophet Isaiah as he looks across the ages, down through the eons of time, and sees the fall of Lucifer and the defeat of all his forces of darkness — as he sees the humiliation of the antichrist and even of mighty Satan, himself. Listen to his words as he prophesys about these "invincible" evil foes after they are stripped of power — as he reveals the taunts that will come from the spirits of the dead beneath the earth.

Isaiah 14:9-11 says, "*Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.*"

Isaiah doesn't mince words when he speaks directly to Satan in Isaiah 14:12-15, "*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the*

congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Thanks be to God for the victory already won by Jesus Christ over Satan. Our adversary is defeated, and at the appointed time he shall be stripped of all power, crushed, and made to perpetually submit to the supremacy of God. He shall be forced to the ground by the Holy Spirit, just as Saul was, and shall never again be able to stand in the presence of God. His days of demanding and accusing and deceiving shall be over. Revelation 20:10 says, "*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*" Praise God! Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord indeed!

Thus far we have looked at the spiritual parallels pertaining to the forces of darkness, but let's now look at the victorious life of David. We know that David was an overcomer, but when we look closely we see a great deal of conflict associated with David. Why was this? Because, David was called to be a king and a prince with God. And when Jesus Christ comes back to this earth, David will come back and be a prince over God's people, Israel. He had a very high calling, and such a high calling draws the constant attack of the enemy — it produces conflict. The two go together; a high calling demands conflict. We can't escape it! If we want God's high calling today, we can expect conflict. How can we save ourselves from this conflict? Just withdraw from the high calling of God. But remember, such a withdrawal will stick with us throughout eternity.

The conflict in David's life was so intense that he despaired of life. His enemy seemed so strong, so powerful, so real; it was that spirit of leviathan whom he could not control. His life was a history of narrow escapes. David said, in I Samuel 20:3, "*. . .there is but a step between me and death.*" Nevertheless, God saw to it that David escaped out of Saul's hand — time after time. To name a few of the many instances, he fled to the wilderness of Paran and also to the wil-

derness of Engedi, which means “affliction” — yes, David suffered affliction. He spoke of climbing the high mountains and living with the wild goats; he hid in the cave of Adullam and in the forest of Hareth, and again in the hill of Hachilah. Another time, David and his men fled from the city of Keilah. He hid in the mountains and in the wilderness, and Saul pursued him daily — but God delivered David out of Saul’s hand.

Considering the deadly seriousness of this running battle, one might well ask what David did to deserve this terrible treatment from Saul. The answer is — nothing! David was loved by the people of Israel, and I Samuel 18:7 says that they sang, “*Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.*” This was all it took to plant the seeds of jealousy; Verse 9 says, “*And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.*” An evil spirit came upon Saul the next day, and his hatred for David eventually rose to the point that he couldn’t even eat because of his fierce anger. I Samuel 18:29 tells us, “. . .and Saul became David’s enemy continually.”

In I Samuel, Chapter 18, we read that Saul tried to pin David to the wall with a javelin, but David ran from his presence. Saul tried every type of subtlety to get David killed, even sending him into front line battle with the Philistines, but David always acted wisely and became more and more popular with the people. Saul went so far as to offer David the hand of his daughter, Michal, in marriage, hoping she would be a snare to David. Isn’t that just like the enemy? That’s the snare of the devil today — to get every child of God married to some little “lust” problem in the world. What a trap!

The Bible says, in I Samuel 19:1, “*And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.*” Saul sent men to slay David in his own house, but he slipped out through the window and fled. We already read of this fearful episode in our text, and it surely reveals the terrible persecution that David suffered continuously. The Bible tells us, in I Samuel, Chapter 21, how David also fled to the Philistines — to King Achish of Gath — because he was in such fear of Saul. David went through the

experience of fear just like you and I have done from time to time, only more so. And like David, we Christians sometimes try to escape the conflict by running to the Philistines — to the world. It isn't the answer. David quickly realized this; he knew he wasn't safe there either, so he pretended insanity, he feigned madness, he acted like he had lost his mind in order to protect himself — and it worked. They wanted nothing to do with a mad man, and they sent him away unharmed. Praise God! The Lord even helps us to correct our mistakes.

Later, the Ziphites discovered that David was hiding in the wilderness of Ziph at the hill of Hachilah, so they immediately reported it to Saul and offered to deliver him into the king's hand. Saul, knowing the elusiveness of David, made all possible effort to pinpoint his hiding place and capture him. The situation was desperate. I Samuel 23:26 says, "*And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.*" Saul came around that little mountain to take David. It looked like David was through; there was nothing he could do — but all of a sudden there came a messenger to Saul with word that the Philistines were invading the land, and Saul left David alone and hurried home. Whew! God delivered him at the last minute.

David must have liked the area around Hachilah, because the Ziphites again discovered him hiding there and let Saul know about it right away. Without wasting any time, Saul set out with 3,000 hand picked men to capture David, but he couldn't get his hands on him. David stood on the top of a distant hill, making sure there was plenty of distance between them, and shouted to Saul, "*. . .the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea,*" (I Samuel 26:20) and like a "flea," David went his way to safety, still very much alive, and still an overcomer.

It was through these harrowing experiences David learned to put his complete trust in God. He learned to dwell in the secret place of the most High and to abide under the shadow of the Almighty — and God

always protected him; that was the glory of it. The glory wasn't to keep David out of trouble; the glory of it was to deliver him out of trouble. Through it all, David developed a testimony like few men that ever walked on the face of the earth. He was able to testify in II Samuel 22:2-3, ". . . *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.*"

In II Samuel 23:1, David is called, ". . . *the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel.*" How did he ever learn those songs if they didn't come through conflict? Why did he have the anointing of the Lord? — because he loved God and needed it. Why was he raised up on high? — because God's ways are higher than man's ways.

Now, in closing this message, I want to share with you what I consider to be one of the most precious personal relationships in the Bible — the outstanding friendship between David and Jonathan. That friendship proved to be one of the deciding factors in David's coming through his trials alive. Jonathan willingly risked his life many times just to sit at the enemy's table (the table of his father, Saul) and overhear every evil plan of attack against David so he could go and tell him.

The name "Jonathan" means "sent of God," and it is apparent that God sent Jonathan to help David time and time again. It was Jonathan's love that upheld David. The Bible says that Jonathan ". . . *loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.*" (I Samuel 18:3-4) And David felt a strong attachment for Jonathan, saying in II Samuel 1:26, ". . . *very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.*"

Let me say a few words about the warfare that we Christians face today — I'm talking about people who aren't playing church, people that want to go ahead with God. The enemy is going to be out to kill you

just as surely as Saul was out to kill David. And just as Jonathan was “sent of God” to help David, so also is there One who is “sent of God” to be your Jonathan, to help you and to stand with you. Jesus said in John 16:7, “. . . *It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*” The Christian can’t make it through the trials of life successfully without the Holy Spirit’s help. The Bible says in Psalm 34:19, “*Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord (through the Holy Spirit) delivereth him out of them all.*”

The Holy Spirit is totally unselfish. Just as Jonathan took off his royal robe and his garments and his sword, and gave them to David — so also is the Holy Spirit clothing us in the robe of righteousness, putting the holy garments of God on us lowly beggars who have been lifted up out of the dunghill to inherit the pillars of the earth — so also is the Holy Spirit giving us His sword, the sword of the Spirit, by teaching us the Word of God.

Jonathan told David that he would stand in the midst of the field with Saul and overhear what his father was planning, then come and tell David. The field represents the world, and the Holy Spirit stands in the midst of the field or world and overhears all the things the devil is plotting and planning against us. Then He comes to us and warns us. He comes and tells us ahead of time and tells us the plans and schemes of the enemy.

The precious fellowship and communion with the Holy Spirit has been the sweetest thing that has happened to me on a moment-to-moment basis since accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I strongly encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with the Holy Spirit. Then you can stand like David stood on a hilltop and let the devil know he’s chasing a flea that can’t be caught. He’ll never catch you.

One of these days it will all be over — the Lord Himself will descend with a shout — so with all your heart you should want to be a part of the blessed hope and be caught up to a high place, up to Ramah,

and there meet your Samuel, Jesus, and go together with Him to Naioth, to the Father's house in heaven. He has made us to be kings and priests unto our God, and we're getting prepared to go up and worship Him, praise Him, and exalt Him throughout eternity.

Between now and then, we can expect conflict; we can expect a continuous battle with our enemy, but we'll be victorious. The blessed Holy Spirit will guide us to safety and protect us from harm. The love of the Comforter, "the Sent One," will completely sustain us because, like David said, it is "*wonderful, surpassing the love for women.*" It's so precious it makes you weep. And through it all, we can have complete confidence in the mighty name of Jesus, for in His Name there is total victory — good always triumphs over evil — and at the name of Jesus, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW!

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