

THINGS I (David) HAVE LEARNED! 2 SAM. 5:17-25

I. There is always another battle!

2 Samuel 5:6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

2 Samuel 5:17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard *of it*, and went down to the hold. **2 Samuel 5:18** The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

2 Samuel 5:22 And the Philistines came up yet **again**, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

David had been through the wars:

- Against Goliath
- With Saul
- With the Amalekites
- With Abner
- With Ishbosheth
- With(in) himself
- Then the Jebusites
- And the Philistines
- And the Philistines again

For me (RLW) during 1975-1976 I had 3 huge enemies → powerful, huge, too big to defeat...

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Thoughts:

- There are always other battles
- Harder battles → meaning harder to see, harder to get at, internal battles

- More important battles really

- Battles that always have to do with the question - why?

Revelation 10:6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer: Revelation 10:7** But in the **days** of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be **finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

II. A battle that will require total dependence on / upon God!

2 Samuel 5:19 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

2 Samuel 5:22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. **2 Samuel 5:23** And when David **enquired** of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

Psalms 65:2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall **all** flesh come.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, **that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;**

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: **but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.**

Ephesians 6:18 Praying **always** with **all** prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with **all** perseverance and supplication for **all** saints;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Thoughts:

- God wants us to pray
- God wants us to pray without ceasing
- Prayer is more, and indeed much more, than simple prayer
- Prayer is the admission that **I cannot do it without Him!**

John 15:5 I am the vine, *ye are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **Acts 17:25** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, **as though he needed any thing**, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being....