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# The Giant Slayers, Part I & II (Revisited)

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## Vision in The Land of Giants

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***Sermon: Vision in The Land of Giants: The Giant Slayers, Part I & II (Revisited)***

***Lesson Text for Part I (Spiritual Warfare)***

1 Samuel 17:4 (AV) <sup>4</sup> 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. ***(9 feet and 9 inches)***

1 Samuel 17: 26 (AV) <sup>26</sup> 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?

2 Corinthians 10:3–4 (AV) <sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

***Lesson Text for Part I (These Giants Ain't Normal)***

Mark 5:6–9 (AV) <sup>6</sup> But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, <sup>7</sup> And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. <sup>8</sup> For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.** <sup>9</sup> And he asked him, **What is thy name?** And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many.

Ephesians 6:10–12 (AV) <sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

***Introduction***

This Sermon is a Revisit of our Last Two Sermons, The Giant Slayers Parts I & II

Giants come us in one for two ways:

- To intimidate us based on their size
- To overwhelm us based on their numbers.

Our first set of scriptures shows us three basic tools of Giants: Intimidation, Fear, and Defiance; all of which are unclean spirits.

Most people lose the battle against their Giants because they are fighting the wrong war with the wrong weapons.

But if we use our spiritual weapons against these Giants, we can become Giant Slayers!

Our second set of scriptures show us that we should not be overwhelmed by the number of Giants that continue to come at us.

Mark 5: <sup>9</sup> And he asked him, **What is thy name?** ... My name *is* Legion: for we are many.

The demon's name, **Legion**, stresses numerous spirits involved. A Roman legion, a division of the Roman army, consisted of over six thousand soldiers.

Luke 11: <sup>24</sup> When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. <sup>25</sup> And when he cometh, he findeth *it* swept and garnished. <sup>26</sup> Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

If we are going to Slay the Giants of Principalities, Powers, the Rulers of Darkness, and Spiritual Wickedness, we have to stop using our human reasoning, human strength, human abilities and start using our God.

***Series and Sermon: Vision in The Land of Giants: The Giant Slayers, Part I & II (Revisited)***

“The Giants of Principalities, Powers, Rulers of Darkness, and Spiritual Wickedness”

### ***I. The Giant Slayers, Part I (Spiritual Warfare)***

#### ***Defeating The Spirit of Intimidation (Stand Up To Your Giants)***

1 Samuel 17: <sup>4</sup> 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. **(9 feet and 9 inches)**

In order to defeat the Giants, we must war against the Spirit of Intimidation.

Intimidation means to frighten or overawe (someone), especially in order to make them do what one wants. It is about Pressuring, Bullying, Coercing, or Terrorizing.

The Spirit of Intimidation in Giants is defeated like any other bully: You Stand Up to them!

Stand Up by Resisting Them: James 4: <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Stand Up by Putting on God's Armor: Ephesians 6: <sup>10</sup> Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

#### ***Defeating The Spirit of Fear (Don't React, Respond To Your Giants)***

1 Samuel 17: <sup>24</sup> And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

The second thing we must war against in dealing with Giants is the Spirit of Fear.

Fear is a powerful emotion that causes us to enter into the “Fight or Flight” response. For most people, like the men in our lesson text, they react to fear by running. But for others, they respond to it like David by fighting.

Courage is not the absence of Fear; it is Fear that has said its Prayers!

Matthew 17: Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.** <sup>21</sup> Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

1 Timothy 6:12 (AV)<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

### ***Defeating The Spirit of Defiance (Defy Your Giants)***

1 Samuel 17: <sup>26</sup> 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?**

I'm reminded of a story that I heard from Prophetess Janet Floyd. She told of a client of hers who had turned state's evidence against a gangster. The gangster put out word that he was coming to kill her client. But he wasn't intimidated, nor did he run into hiding out of fear.

Instead, he defied the gangster by sending word back to him saying, "I'm a killer too!"

As Christians, we must tell every Giant that defies us, "I'm a killer too!" "I'm a Giant Slayer!"

Our Giants come with F.E.A.R., False Evidence Appearing Real; but we come with F.A.I.T.H., "Full Assurance In Trusting Him!"

"I'm A Killer Too!" "I'm A Giant Slayer with FAITH!"

## ***II. The Giant Slayers, Part II (These Giants Ain't Normal)***

### ***Giant Principalities (Territorial)***

Ephesians 6: <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but **against principalities**, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Principalities refer to the high-ranking hierarchy of demonic authority. They represent the generals of Satan's army in charge of territories. These are the territorial spirits.

Territorial spirits overwhelm you until you leave the territory God has said was yours.

Romans 8: <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### ***Giant Powers (Personal Attacks)***

Ephesians 6: <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Powers are the foot soldiers in Satan's spiritual army of demons. They are the most numerous representing about 90% of the six thousand in the legion guard.

Stop being a victim of another person's weakness; stop being a victim of another person's failure. They were the ones that were too weak, they were the ones that failed.

Stop being a victim and become a victor.

1 Corinthians 15: <sup>57</sup> But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### ***Giant Rulers (Temptations)***

Ephesians 6: <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

The Rulers of the Darkness of this world are the demons that tempt us away from the path that God has planned for our lives.

1 John 2:16 (AV) <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Proverbs 3: <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

### ***Giant Wickedness (Religion)***

Ephesians 6: <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

The final set of demon giants we have to deal with are spirits assigned to religion and churches. This conflict is in the heavenlies where those in Christ live.

Don't Leave Your Territory because of Territorial Giants

Don't Leave Your Home and Loved ones because of Personal Attack Giants

Don't Leave Your Path because of Rulers of Temptation Giants

And Don't Leave Your Church and Ministry because of Religious Giants

Luke 10:19 (AV) <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

## The Giant Slayers, Part I & II (Revisited)

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### Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Giant Slayers, Part I & II (Revisited))

#### Lesson Text

- 1 Samuel 17:1–4, 1 Samuel 17:24–26, 2 Corinthians 10:3–4
- Mark 5:1–9, Ephesians 6:10–12

#### Sermon Outline (Notes)

##### I. *The Giant Slayers, Part I (Spiritual Warfare)*

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##### II. *The Giant Slayers, Part II (These Giants Ain't Normal)*

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#### Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)

##### I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. I most enjoy activities that I do (a) indoors (b) outdoors on land (c) outdoors on water.
2. Where is the farthest place you have traveled to from Durham?

##### II. Into the Bible

1. There are other passages in the New Testament about principalities and powers. What can we learn about them from the following passages: Rom 8:38-39; Eph 1:20-21; Col 1:16; Col 2:10; Eph 3:10-11; 1 Cor 15:24; Col 2:15? A) How much power do principalities and powers possess? B) What is Jesus' position in relation to principalities and powers? C) Why would God allow principalities and powers to operate? D) What is our position regarding principalities and powers?

##### III. Life Application

1. **Don't React, Respond**: We can choose to train ourselves with conditioned responses in the face of fear. On a note card, using a favorite scripture, write three statements to affirm your faith during adversity. Post them where you can see and read them daily.
2. **Giant Wickedness (Religion)**: We have to safeguard our hearts to ensure we worship the Creator and not the creature, (Romans 1:25). How can we identify if our hearts are straying from God, our First Love? What behaviors does one exhibit when this happens? How can we get back on track?