

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

- Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 7:13-14)

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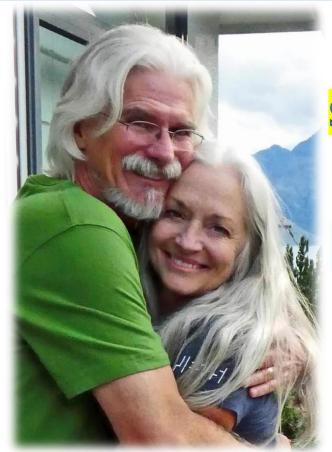
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The Snake Strikes, but the Anointed One is, and will be, Victorious

Leading Up to 1 Samuel Chapter 11

2091 B.C. – 1399 B.C. – From Abraham's call to Israel's settlement

1100 B.C./ 1090 B.C. **1 Samuel 1-3** – Samuel is born, given to the high priest Eli, serves as a young priest, and then becomes a prophet.

1070 B.C. – 1050 B.C. <u>1 Samuel 4-8</u> – The Philistines defeat Israel and take the ark (later sending it back). Israel repents of idol worship, but then... they ask for a king like all the other nations.

- 1044 B.C. **1 Samuel 9** Saul (son of Kish) is introduced and told by Samuel that the Israelites will put their hope in his leadership.
 - 1044 B.C. **1 Samuel 10** Saul is anointed as the first national king privately first, and then publicly in front of all Israel.

1 Samuel 11:1-4 (LSB) 1 And Nahash the Ammonite came up and besieged Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Cut a covenant with us, and we will serve you." 2 But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "I will cut *it* with you on this condition, that I will gouge out the right eye of every one of you, thus I will make it a reproach on all Israel." 3 Then the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Let us alone for seven days, that we may send messengers throughout the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will come out to you." ⁴ Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and spoke these words in the hearing of the people, and all the people lifted up their voices and wept.

Satan desires to bring reproach on the church and disable us in warfare. When attacks come, do we seek the power and authority found in the Lord's eternal Anointed One?

1 Samuel 11:5-7 (NIV) 5 Just then Saul was returning from the fields, behind his oxen, and he asked, "What is wrong with everyone? Why are they weeping?" Then they repeated to him what the men of Jabesh had said. 6 When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger. 7 He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel." Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out together as one.

Righteous anger is a Holy Spirit-led Saul quickly demonstrated that unity response. Mercy, justice, and faith- in warfare was not only needed, but fulness are weightier matters of the law. disunity would be punished.

Do we realize that our battle against spiritual forces can only be successful when we are unified under one Spirit?

1 Samuel 11:8-10 (CSB) 8 Saul counted them at Bezek. There were three hundred thousand Israelites and thirty thousand men from Judah 9 He told the messengers who had come, "Tell this to the men of Jabesh-gilead: 'Deliverance will be yours tomorrow by the time the sun is hot." So the messengers told the men of Jabesh, and they rejoiced. 10 Then the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Tomorrow we will come out, and you can do whatever you want to us."

When we are faithful in our obedience to the Lord, we can walk confidently in the authority God has given us to trample snakes, scorpions, and all the power of the enemy.

As followers of the eternal Anointed One, we can rejoice in our deliverance from the enemy's grasp and know that it is sure.

When it comes to any spiritual battle, if we are on the side of the Lord's eternal Anointed One, do we know that we have the victory?

1 Samuel 11:11-15 (NKJV) 11 So it was, on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and killed Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it happened that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together. 12 Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is he who said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death." 13 But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has accomplished salvation in Israel." 14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there." 15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they made sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

Ultimately, are we renewing Jesus' kingship in our lives daily?