

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:1-11

Where there is no Spirit of God there is anxiety and distress

When Saul was a little freed from the trouble he had from the evil spirits, the Philistines once again came against the Israelites. David was sent home and the Israelites encamped in the valley of Elah. Saul and the Israelites trembled looking at the multitude of Philistine army. A soldier came out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He stood and shouted at the Israel army saying, "Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants, but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." Looking at his gigantic figure, no soldier was bold enough to go against him. Saul and the entire army of Israel was troubled and were overcome by fear.

Question:

Saul had defeated the same Philistines earlier. Even his son Jonathan had defeated them with his armor bearer. Why are they so much fearful now?

Answer:

When Samuel anointed Saul as the King, the Spirit of God changed his old characters and renewed his heart. Leaving aside low self esteem and all fears, he overcame the enemies by the power of God. Since the Holy Spirit was with him, he and all those who were with him were victorious. But later when he did not regard the presence of God with him, he was overcome by pride and disobedience. The Holy Spirit is very gentle. He departed from Saul when He was grieved. That's the reason he was troubled and fearful even though he had earlier defeated them. Dear brother/sister, it could be that you have surrendered your hearts to God. You could have had many victories. But I beseech you to never give room to pride and disobedience. Then the Spirit of God will continue to abide with you and lead you in the paths of victory.

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18

Prayer

We are neither dismayed nor fearful because we walk in the paths that please our Lord Jesus Christ. Each day we will read the scriptures and walk according to it. Amen