

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 17:27-37

Who Is This Enemy...?

When Saul was expecting someone to rise up and go against Goliath, David was inquiring about the same to the soldiers there. When Eliab his oldest brother heard what he spoke to the men, he scolded at him saying, "Why did you come down here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." But David was not much bothered of his brother's words. He again inquired of Goliath. Then they took David to Saul. Saul said to David that Goliath was a mighty man and a warrior, whereas he was a young man who cannot fight against him. But David said to Saul that when he was grazing his sheep, Lion and bear would come to attack them, but God gave him the strength to kill them all. He said that God will also give him the strength to defeat this uncircumcised Philistine. And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

Question:

Why did not David clarify things to Eliab as he did it to King Saul?

Answer:

The Holy Spirit of God clearly revealed to David who the enemy was. That's the reason even when Eliab rebuked him when he inquired about Goliath, he was not much concerned of it but rather he was more focused on the actual enemy. When King Saul said to David that it was not a possible task for him, he explained his faith to him and also strengthened his faith. He did that because it was up to Saul to give him the permission to go or deny him from fighting against Goliath. Dear brother/sister, you have to understand who your enemy is. Our only enemy is satan. At times the devil will try to hold us back from our victory through those in our family or even in the church. Whoever comes to hinder your victory, as the Holy Spirit gives you wisdom, speak to some and clarify things but to some you should not even respond. God is with you. Arise and fight the battle.

"The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you." 1 Samuel 17:37

Prayer:

The enemy can do me no harm, for the Lord is by my side. We will overcome the enemy and be useful to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen