

How Can we Handle
BULLYING?

Part 5

Sometimes We Must

**STAND UP
TO
THE BULLY!**



OUR DAILY BREAD

Junior Edition

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

HAVE YOU SEEN ANY



SHADOWS

since our lesson last Sunday?

We hope that every time you see a SHADOW, you REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISE to His children who learn & believe His beautiful Word & truly want to live their lives by what God says about things! We learned about that PROMISE last week when we learned a little bit about SHADOWS. (We hope you read it over & over again this past week so that you will REMEMBER it when BULLIES try to cast a **SHADOW OF FEAR** over you.)

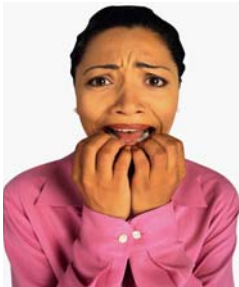
Here is part of God's promise that we read in Psalm 91:1-5. Verse 1 says:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

In last week's lesson, we left King Saul & the army of Israel **SHIVERING WITH FEAR** in the **SHADOW** of the BULLY named GOLIATH! (Get last week's lesson if you need to catch up!) King Saul & the people of Israel either FORGOT or never bothered to LEARN that God is BIGGER than any bully, including GOLIATH! Even though they were God's people, King Saul & the people of Israel did NOT realize that God has a SECRET PLACE OF SAFETY under

HIS SHADOW of PROTECTION! Where is that place of **SAFETY**? It is the place in our souls that is **FILLED** with His Word that we have **BELIEVED & TRIED OUT!** As we learn God's promises & believe them & obey them in times of trouble, we find out that **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES & will ALWAYS HELP US & DO WHAT IS BEST!** In other words, when we learn God's Word & **BELIEVE** Him, God most often sends some little trouble along. Why? Because that little trouble gives God the opportunity to **PROVE** He can & will **KEEP HIS PROMISES** to help & protect us! And each time we trust His promises in times of trouble & we see that God does keep His promises, we get stronger & stronger in our faith & trust in Him. And then when the **BIG BULLIES COME**, we will be **STRONG** & we will know what God wants us to do. Then we'll obey God & **TRUST GOD** for the outcome instead of being afraid!
(Always remember that if you have **TROUBLE**, God has a **GOOD PURPOSE** for allowing those troubles in your life.)

Now, on the other hand, when we do **NOT** spend time praying & reading our bibles each day to learn how faithful & powerful God is & wise, to learn all that He has promised us, we will feel just like King Saul & the army of Israel felt when bullies try to bully us or when other troubles come our way. And just **HOW** did King Saul & the army of Israel feel when that bully **GOLIATH** called out **LOUD & FRIGHTENING** words to them every morning & every evening for 40 whole days? They felt



**HELPLESS
&
AFRAID!**

Here is what God's Word says happened to them because King Saul & the people of Israel did NOT understand all these things about Almighty God:

"When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed (filled with alarm, feeling hopeless & helpless), and greatly afraid." 1Samuel 17:11 KJB

Now that is how UNPREPARED King Saul & the people of Israel felt. And that must have been an AWFUL FEELING! The kind of AWFUL SCARY FEELING that gives you

BUTTERFLIES in your **STOMACH!**

The kind of AWFUL SCARY FEELING that makes you feel



**WEAK & TREMBLY-
LIKE YOU WANT TO FAINT!**

It's a TERRIBLE feeling to have!

Well, perhaps that is how King Saul & the people of Israel felt. But even though they felt this way, they **KNEW THIS:** This was a time that this particular bully **COULD NOT BE IGNORED;** yet they were **TOO DISMAYED & AFRAID - UNPREPARED WITHOUT FAITH IN THE LORD - to STAND UP TO THAT BULLY GOLIATH** who was defying the armies of the **LIVING GOD!**

But, thank God, there was one young person, a boy perhaps only 16 or 17 years old, who did NOT feel like this when he saw the HUGE DARK SHADOW & heard the LOUD & FRIGHTENING WORDS of the bully GOLIATH! This young boy KNEW that God is REAL & helps His children when they are in danger! And because this young boy knew these things about God, he who bravely volunteered to STAND UP TO THE BULLY GOLIATH! Who was this young person?



His name was DAVID! David was a “young shepherd boy” who knew the Lord really well. David spent LOTS & LOTS of time out in the pastures tending his father’s sheep all by himself. While David was out there, he did a lot of praying & learning about the Lord.

And as David prayed out there in the lonely pastures & learned about the Lord, every once in a while, the Lord would send some TROUBLE David’s way so that David could LEARN that he could totally depend upon God for EVERYTHING! After all, out there in the fields, David did not have any of his older brothers (David had 7 older brothers.) or his father or mother to help him! Out there in the fields far from home, tending the sheep, young David LEARNED to DEPEND UPON GOD for EVERYTHING! David LEARNED certain SKILLS of

fighting so that he could DEFEND those helpless lambs & himself from all the dangers out their in the fields - wild animals, bad weather, etc. And David LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE, that God is ALL -WISE, ALL POWERFUL & FAITHFUL! David learned BY EXPERIENCE that he could TRUST GOD for his entire life! Out there in the pasture fields, David LEARNED that God would give him everything he needed when he needed it to DEFEND what is RIGHT! David learned FIRST HAND that he could HIDE IN GOD'S PROTECTIVE SHADOW! Later in his life, after experiencing THE LORD'S HELP & PROTECTION many, many times, David wrote down this prayer of praise to the Lord: Psalm 63:7 KJB

"Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice."

And so, after volunteering to stand up to Goliath because Goliath was insulting & defying God himself by BULLYING GOD'S PEOPLE , David told King Saul about something very SCARY that happened to him while he was out tending the sheep:



"And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out

of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by the beard, and smote him, and slew him.”

1Samuel 17:34-35 KJB



When that lion & that bear came & stole one of the little helpless lambs from David’s flock, young David knew that the right thing to do was to go and save that helpless lamb. David knew that the Lord would help him do what was right. **AND THE LORD DID HELP HIM!** And now because David **KNEW FIRST HAND** that he could **TRUST** the Lord to help him fight the vicious lion & bear to save that tiny lamb, David **KNEW FOR SURE** that God would help him do what was **RIGHT AGAIN!** David **KNEW FOR SURE**, that **ALMIGHTY GOD** would give him the **POWER** to **USE** the **WISDOM & SKILL & COURAGE - EVERYTHING DAVID** had **LEARNED & PRACTICED** out there in the sheep fields - to now **STAND UP** to that **BULLY, Goliath.**

David **KNEW** that for this circumstance, God did **NOT** want this particular bully to be ignored at this time! (When we get to know the Lord really well like David knew the Lord, we’ll be able to tell **WHEN** to **IGNORE** a bully & **WHEN** to **STAND UP** to a bully!) David **KNEW** that this was a time to **STAND UP** to that bully! Here is what young David said to King Saul about this:

1Samuel 17:36-37 KJB

“Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear:

and this uncircumcised Philistine (The “uncircumcised Philistine is Goliath who did NOT believe in the one TRUE GOD!) shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.”

David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out o the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go and the LORD be with thee.”

Because David KNEW THE LORD so well, David KNEW that this was the RIGHT TIME to STAND UP to the BULLY & that the LORD would PROTECT him & HELP him STAND UP TO THAT BULLY, GOLIATH!

Next week, we’ll see what happened when David STOOD UP to the bully, Goliath. Until then,



KEEP ON READING YOUR
KING JAMES BIBLE

to learn how & why you too can
TRUST GOD
to help you
when bullies come your way!

Read: Psalm 44:4-7; Psalm 46; Psalm 47

These Psalms will help you learn some VERY IMPORTANT FACTS about the Lord - facts that will help PREPARE YOU to

STAND UP TO THE BULLIES

when you must,

when it is RIGHT & NECESSARY to do so!

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From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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