

# How You Invite God to Fight for You

(Part 2)

*“<sup>1</sup> So the men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD. They took it to Abinadab's house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the LORD.<sup>2</sup> It was a long time, twenty years in all, that the ark remained at Kiriath Jearim, and all the people of Israel mourned and sought after the LORD.<sup>3</sup> And Samuel said to the whole house of Israel, 'If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.'<sup>4</sup> So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.<sup>5</sup> Then Samuel said, 'Assemble all Israel at Mizpah and I will intercede with the LORD for you.'<sup>6</sup> When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, 'We have sinned against the LORD.' And Samuel was leader of Israel at Mizpah.<sup>7</sup> When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. And when the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines.<sup>8</sup> They said to Samuel, 'Do not stop crying out to the LORD our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines.'<sup>9</sup> Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel's behalf, and the LORD answered him.<sup>10</sup> While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites.<sup>11</sup> The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Car.<sup>12</sup> Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'<sup>13</sup> So the Philistines were subdued and did not invade Israelite territory again. Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines.<sup>14</sup> The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to her, and Israel delivered the neighboring territory from the power of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.<sup>15</sup> Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life.<sup>16</sup> From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places.<sup>17</sup> But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also judged Israel. And he built an altar there to the LORD.” (1 Samuel 7:1-17)*

Very interesting to know that you don't need to fight but God can fight for you. There is two ways to fight, either you go and struggle and fight alone, or you bring God to the battle field. In such a way life will be more easy and with less struggle. But this requires absolute obedience toward God and His Word. And it is worthy because God can deal with whatever enemy's size, with whatever threat and in any time; God can reach and strike the enemy that we cannot reach. He can reach places that we cannot penetrate. He can change the equation; He is above mathematics and human calculations. God can turn tables, He can bring our enemies down and He can bring us up. It depend on us how we respond to Him. God is willing to fight the battle for us if we are willing to obey Him and walk in His ways as we read below:-

**6- Obeying the spiritual leader that gives you God's instructions using the Word of God with the direction of the Holy Spirit:** God was speaking to the Israelites through

Samuel that He placed over them. Samuel was speaking to the people the Word of God and God's instructions of how they fight the battle and have the victory. It is right what you may say that I am under God, but God Himself had put people over us to instruct us with the Word of God and we need to listen to them. God's Word teaches us the following: *“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”* *“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”* (Hebrews 13:7-8, 17) The leader who is chosen by God is the mouth piece of God to the people to direct them to what God wants them to know, to do and to be. We can also tell the following: To invite God to fight the battle for us, this will come true when we ask the council of the Lord from those whom God call to instruct us with His Word. That is why God's Word teaches us the following: *“<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you.<sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13) Samuel was moving all around the year so he can teach and instruct people of what to do. We who are called to lead others we need to do the same, moving around to pasture the flock, the people that God entrusts to us to nurture and to lead them in the way of righteousness until Jesus would come and take us together with Him to heaven.

**7- Full surrender to God:** The suckling lamp that Samuel offer to God was a burn offering; the whole animal after slaughter is burned on the altar for God. The burn offering in the Old Covenant it means to fully surrender to God. If we want God to fight for us and take over the battle, and give us the victory then we need to surrender fully to Him.

Jesus Christ won the battle for us. He died on the cross for our sins, He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give us eternal life, we who believe in Him and follow His steps in our lives. If you want the victory over your enemies then you need to surrender your life fully to God. If that is your decision then be assured that before your enemy reaching you it will be crushed by the Lord. God will fight the battle for us and we will have the victory and we will collect the plunder.

**8- Be grateful to God:** Let us proclaim all what the Lord had given us. Let us do what Samuel did, *“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'”* We should always mention with a grateful heart what the Lord did for us, *“Thus far has the LORD helped us,”* and we should give Him thanks and the praise for that. *“<sup>8</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**My Dear and Beloved:** *As you surrender you life to God, He will not only fight the battle for you but He will not allow the enemy come to you and invade your territory. And God our God will be going to restore to us all what the enemy have taken from us as we agree to pray.*

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I surrender my life into your hand and I am willing to obey Your Word and commands. Fight my enemy Lord and subdue them. Don't allow them to invade my territory and restore to me what the enemy has taken from me in the past. This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*