

## Bigger than a Champion

A champion is one who has defeated or surpassed all rivals in a competition. The word in Hebrew is “gibbor” meaning “mighty man.” One Biblical character of a champion was Goliath, who could have been as tall as 9’ 9” and weighing around 300lbs. Goliath had fought many rivals and defeated them all. So, when an unarmed young lad named David withstood his champion cause, Goliath just boisterously laughed at him and his God. No doubt Goliath wondered why such a puny little fellow like David would boldly declare that he could defeat... “Me the man, the Champion!” But what Goliath was incapable of calculating was the covenanted Mighty God of war who stood before, behind, and with David.

As the storyline goes in I Samuel 17, David declared, “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that dares to defy the armies of the Living God?” meaning that he was *not* in covenant with God. David, however, had firsthand experience of this Living God stepping into the fight with him as he slew a lion and a bear that came to eat his sheep. Although his fellow Jews were faithful to believe in the covenant and practicing it, their faith didn’t measure up to the fight. But David was so sure that his God would be in the fight that there was no way that champion could win – regardless of how big he was. David’s cause to fight was for the glory of God so that they would know there is a God that trumps the so-called Champion.

So, I ask this question, do you want to be on the winning side? Have you decided to be in a covenant relationship with God? Did you ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins? Did you invite Him into your heart, and to change your life? If you did, then you have an eternal covenant with that same Living God. If not, please invite him in and watch how God pours His love over you. He will fight for you and with you.

This Living God is very serious about performing His part of the covenant. Everything that He promises, He will do. God covenanted with Abraham that his seed would be as the sand of the sea and that covenant is still being performed. God covenanted with Noah for the rainbow in the clouds, and that covenant is still being seen today. God covenanted with David that he would have an everlasting kingdom; then Jesus came from David’s lineage making it the everlasting kingdom and that covenant is still performing.

Therefore, when the devil champions his cause by coming to taunt you, defeat you, conquer you, or to make you feel that he is stronger and mightier than you, remember that he is no rival for the Mighty God of war that stands with you! When the enemy threatens you, remember your covenant with God. For you are mighty through God to the pulling down of the devils so-called champions. Call upon Jesus to help you in your time of need who has promised that He would never leave you or forsake you. Your God is way bigger than any of the devil’s champions.

Dear Jesus,

I pray that they will know that the devil’s cause cannot keep them in defeat. Lord, they have invited you into their hearts, so now you are their covenant God, so help them to know who they are. The enemy makes their situations look bigger than you, just like Goliath tried to do to David. So, I pray that you will open their eyes to see how big your love is for them and how you long to show yourself strong.

May they believe that you will fight for them. Stretch their minds to comprehend your vastness and that you can do the impossible no matter what champion stands before them! May they feel your love surround them and know that you alone preserve them. If they do not know you, then I ask you come into their heart and fill them with all your goodness. I declare that the enemy can no longer champion their cause against them for they are in covenant with Jesus, the One true Champion! Yes, and Amen!

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(Jeremiah 20:11) But Jehovah *is* with me like a mighty, awesome one...

(Zephaniah 3:17) Jehovah your God *is* mighty in your midst; He will save, He will rejoice over you with joy; He is silent in His love; He rejoices over you with joyful shout.