

Transcript ~ How to Kill a Giant



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Hello my precious family.

Well this is a podcast coming quickly on the heels of the other one, but as soon as I had finished recording yesterday's one about 3 Steps to your Promised Land, the Lord began downloading for me advice on how to kill a giant. So that's what I want to share with you, because today is the 9th day of the Days of Awe; this evening at 6pm Friday 13th, Yom Kippur begins. I really do want you to work through these things that I am sharing with you today, because on Yom Kippur the books of our lives are assessed, and judgements are made for the year ahead, either for judgement unto reward, or for another circle around the mountain, and none of us want that, we want to receive the fullness of our inheritance, the fullness or pleroma of Christ, so we want to make sure we are ready, body, soul and spirit.

So the first thing the Lord wanted me to share with you, is that **unbelief is the root of all fear**. That is very important. That is why Sihon, the giant who represents unbelief, had to be slaughtered before Og, the giant that represents fear, was done away with. Sihon has to be tackled and conquered first. Unbelief in God's ability to vanquish giants has to be quenched completely and silenced forever.

Matthew 13:58 says this, *"He did not do many works of power there, because of their unbelief."* That word '**unbelief**' is G570, 'apistia: faithlessness, unfaithfulness.'

So unbelief is unfaithfulness to God, to your marriage covenant with God. You are actually being unfaithful when you enter into conversation with a spirit of unbelief. If unbelief lurks in your heart, you will not experience the dunamis of God. Where it says He did not do many mighty works; 'mighty works' is the word 'dunamis'. It is supernatural power, and that cannot be released in your life if unbelief is camping in the chambers of your heart.

In Mark 9:24, it speaks about the child that has a deaf and dumb spirit, and the father is crying out to Jesus, and it says he cried out with tears saying, *"Lord I believe, help my unbelief"*. So we see here that for help with dealing with unbelief, only Jesus is able to help you.

Romans 4:20 describes Abraham as he waited for his son of promise, and it says, *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief."* There it tells you that you will not walk strongly with the Lord if there is unbelief in your heart. Unbelief will cause you to stagger and to stumble. So Abraham did not stagger at the promise of God through unbelief, but grew strong as he gave praise and glory to God, fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able also to perform. Isn't that beautiful! FULLY PERSUADED; that's belief, that's faith, the exact opposite of unbelief.

Hebrews 3 is a very important chapter concerning unbelief, and let's start in verse 11. The Lord says,

“I was provoked with that generation,” speaking of the one in the wilderness, “and said they always are led astray in their hearts and they have not recognized my ways, and become intimately acquainted with them. Therefore I swore in My wrath they will not enter into My rest. 12 Therefore brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart, leading you to turn away and desert or stand aloof from the living God.”

Unbelief is your number one enemy in your relationship with God. If you want to be close to God, you have to get rid of any smidgen of unbelief in your heart, because it drives a wedge between you and God, and brings distance in your relationship. God says if you don't cleave to, trust in and rely on Him, your state is that of having a wicked heart of unbelief, and those who have a heart of unbelief could not enter His rest.

Now let's look at Psalm 78:20-22. These are the people in the wilderness, they were a trial to God, and they spoke against God and said, *“Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? 20 He did smite the rock so that waters gushed out and the streams overflowed; but can He give bread also? Can He provide flesh for His people?”* What unbelief in the power of God! *“21 Therefore, when the Lord heard, He was [full of] wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob, His anger mounted up against Israel, 22 Because in God they believed not in Him, and they trusted not in His His power to save.”* Isn't that shocking! Manna has fallen from heaven, and they are like, “Yes He did that and water came out of the rock, but can He give us meat to eat? I doubt He can give us meat to eat...” What a bunch! I mean, if I was God, I probably would have wiped them out. He really showed them mercy in not obliterating the lot of them. So unbelief makes God's heart very angry, especially when He has already demonstrated His faithfulness and His ability to His people.

The other scripture I want to look at is Psalm 106:24. It says, speaking of the same wretched people, *“Then they spurned and despised the pleasant and desirable land [Canaan]; they believed not His word. 25 But they murmured in their tents and hearkened not to the voice of the Lord.”*

So this is when the spies went into the Promised Land, and they came back; 10 with a bad report, they despised the Promised Land, and they didn't believe the Word of God, that He was going to give it to them, and only 2 walked by faith, and the people murmured in their tents. If you have unbelief in your heart, you will murmur against the Lord and your circumstances. So if you are not aware if there is unbelief in your heart, if you have been muttering and murmuring against the Lord, *that* is rooted in unbelief in God's power and ability, and His Word, and what He wants to do in your life.

So how do you contend with Sihon, the giant? How do you deal with any vestige of unbelief? I think we all struggle with unbelief in some measure.

1. **Admit its presence in your heart.** If you can't admit its presence, you have a problem with pride, so repent of that first, so that your eyes can be opened to see that there is unbelief hiding in areas of your heart - because if you have no unbelief you will have total peace, all of the time, and be filled with joy in His presence, and none of us are like that all of the time.

So No. 1: admit the presence of unbelief in your heart.

2. **Repent and acknowledge your sin to God,** and repent of allowing the giant of unbelief to dwell within the chambers of your heart. Whatever is in your heart you have given it permission to live there, you are the custodian of your heart. Once you have repented of giving it permission to set up house like a squatter in your heart and mind, then you must,
3. **Renounce your relationship with unbelief.** Divorce it and break any form of agreement you have in your heart with unbelief. You might say, oh I have no agreement with unbelief! Well, if you had no agreement with it, you wouldn't allow it to remain in your heart. If a squatter moves into your house, and you just say, "Oh I don't like the fact that it is there" but you let it carry on living there, then you are in a form of agreement with it, giving it squatting rights .

So renounce your relationship with unbelief. Understand that it is a form of covenant, even if it is a friendship covenant with unbelief, and divorce

the unbelief. You say Father, I repent of allowing the wicked spirit of unbelief to take up residence in a corner of my heart. I cut off every covenant and relationship, I tear up every document written in the spiritual realm that gives unbelief permission to reside within my heart.

- 4. You command it to leave your earthen vessel,** both your conscious and your sub-conscious mind. While it is leaving, it must take all its lies with it. Imagine a squatter being told to leave by someone in authority, and gathering up all his tattered belongings that he has scattered all over... in your cupboards and in your lounge and your bedroom - his stinking shoes, his revolting piles of mouldy clothes, gathering up every one of those filthy lies and being kicked out the front door of your house. **That** is how you treat the squatter of unbelief. You take it by the scruff of the neck, and you say, "LEAVE ME NOW IN THE NAME OF JESUS, I CANCEL ANY PERMISSION I HAVE EVER GIVEN YOU TO HAVE GROUND IN MY HEART. TAKE EVERY LIE THAT YOU HAVE EVER WHISPERED TO ME AND GET OUT. I REFUSE TO HAVE ANY KIND OF COMMUNION WITH YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS."

Now, in Nehemiah 13, Nehemiah discovered that one of the priests had given a man called Tobiah the Ammonite permission to set up house in a place that was reserved for the supplies for the singers and the priests in the temple. So this Tobiah the Ammonite - he is unclean; the Ammonites and the Moabites both came from an incestuous relationship of Lot with his daughter; this is an unclean spirit that has been given permission to set up in one of the rooms of the temple, exactly what I have been talking to you about with Sihon the giant.

Nehemiah is furious when he discovers this (you can read it in Nehemiah 13). It says, let's read from verse 4, because it describes it so beautifully,

'Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God,' (so he is a steward), 'was related [by marriage] to Tobiah the Ammonite [our adversary], 5 Prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where previously they had put the cereal offerings, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, new wine, and oil which were given by commandment to the Levites, the singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.'

So this man Eliashib just takes that large room, “Oh Tobiah, you can move in here my old chum,” and now there is nowhere to put all the offerings and the supplies for the Levites and the singers and the gatekeepers. Nehemiah is furious, and it says in verse 7,

“I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah in preparing him [an adversary] a chamber in the courts of the house of God! 8 And it grieved me exceedingly, and I threw all the house furnishings of Tobiah out of the chamber.”

Now this is very interesting, because that word ‘house furnishings’ is actually, in the King James it says, all the ‘household stuff’, so all his furniture, that word “**stuff**” is the word ‘keliy’. It actually means ‘weapons, armour, furniture.’ So this chap, Eliashib, has given an enemy of God’s people permission to move his weapons and his armour into a chamber in the House of God, and from that place he can attack them. Can you believe it?

Nehemiah casts him out, just like I told you to cast out the giant Sihon, the spirit of unbelief from your heart. He threw Tobiah and his furniture out of that chamber, then, in verse 9 it says,

“Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the cereal offerings and the frankincense.”

So your heart has to be cleaned out after the stench of the spirit of unbelief has been cast out. You know, you have to declare unbelief an illegal squatter and renounce any right you gave it to set up house with you by foolish words you have spoken or wicked thoughts of unbelief that you have muttered in your heart, in which you have doubted God’s power, His faithfulness, His love for you, His wisdom, His timing, or His ability to deliver or heal you. All those things give unbelief permission to set up house in your heart. Your words and thoughts

prepare a chamber for unbelief to dwell in. Just like Tobiah came and dwelt in that room.

You know, Beloved, the holding pattern and the waiting time will cause all hiding places of unbelief to be exposed, because we become sorely stretched when time drags on and we don't move into the next chapter. When we are waiting for God to do something, then we start muttering, like the people in the wilderness, in our tents. Then we start saying, "I don't know why it is taking so long, why doesn't God do something? Why hasn't He healed me? Why hasn't He delivered me? Does God love me? Does He even remember me or has He gone on holiday?" Those words are all adverts that tell you that the spirit of unbelief is setting up in your heart, and that is why we need to repent - because we, with our words and our muttering and our dissatisfaction and our impatience, have given that spirit of unbelief dwelling place in our heart.

We have to cast out unbelief, just like Nehemiah cast out Tobiah the Ammonite. That word "**cast out**" is 'shalak' in Hebrew. It means 'to throw out, or cast down'. Once you have repented of using words of your mouth, and you then use your mouth to cast out the giant of unbelief, and throw his furniture and his lies out, announcing into the spirit realm that you will never again embrace the lies that come out of the spirit of unbelief's mouth - once you have done all of that, you have to ask for the cleansing power of the Blood to go into every chamber in your heart and mind that has been infiltrated by unbelief's presence. Then, once your heart is clean, you ask the Lord to pour in His good provision to nourish faith in the Word of God and His character into your heart.

2 Chronicles 20:20 says, "*Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established.*" That word "**established**" is H539, it is 'to be built up, supported, fostered and nursed, rendered firm', and it also means 'to go to the right hand.' You can never become a son of the right hand if unbelief is one of your problems. Until Sihon, the giant of unbelief is slain, you will never cross into the Promised Land, the fullness of your inheritance in Christ.

Psalm 27: 13 says, "*I would have fainted unless I had believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living!*" That word "**believe**" is also H539.

When you believe, it builds you up, it strengthens you, it makes your walk firm, and it ensures you will be one of those who becomes one of the sons of the Right Hand, who are appointed to operate in the authority of God in the next season.

So once Sihon is dealt with, once he has been cast down, once he has been served notice and every vestige that is connected to him has been cast out of your heart, fear is the next giant to deal with. Without unbelief to support and strengthen fear, like a root supports and nourishes a plant, getting rid of the spirit of fear is simple. You struggle with fear when there is also the root of unbelief in your life.

So I encourage you to read the Psalms if fear is an issue with you, because David dealt with fear from a heart that was filled with faith. Fear still attacked him, just like after Sihon was killed, Og the giant rode out to battle against the Israelites with all his troops. When you deal with unbelief, fear doesn't cower in the corner! Fear rises up to battle against you. So you do first the one, then the other.

Psalm 23:4 says, *“Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me.”*

Psalm 27:1, *“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation (Deliverer)—whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?”* This is the fear of God versus the fear of man.

David the shepherd boy, who wrote these psalms, and even after becoming King, David has written so many things for examples and lessons for us, of how to deal with fear. *‘When I am afraid I will trust in You, in God whose word I praise’*. It's not that fear doesn't rise up to battle against you, it's that you contend with fear with the Word of God.

Let's read Psalm 31, from verse 13,

“I have heard the slander of many; terror is on every side! While they schemed together against me, they plotted to take my life. 14 But I trusted in, relied on, and was confident in You, O Lord; I said, You are my God. 15 My times are in Your hands; deliver me from the hands of my foes and those who pursue me and persecute me. 16 Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me for Your mercy’s sake and in Your loving-kindness.”

So David says he is surrounded on every side, they are plotting to kill him, and fear is just surrounding him, and what does he do? He focuses on the Lord, he trusts in God, he starts making decrees, ‘You are my God, my times are in Your hands. You will deliver me, let your face shine on me for Your mercy’s sake. Let me not be put to shame.’ He immediately engages in relationship and communion with God.

Psalm 31:20, *“In the secret place of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You keep them secretly in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues.”*

So when David is attacked by Og, the giant of fear, he immediately runs into the shelter of the Lord, he recognizes ‘*God is my refuge and my strength, an ever present help in trouble*’. This is how you take down the giant of fear. God has not given you a spirit of fear, so if fear is attacking you, it is from the enemy. God has given you the spirit of power, the spirit of love and the spirit of a sound mind, and He will deliver you from all your fears. Psalm 34 says, *“I sought the Lord, and He delivered me from all my fears.”* This is how you get deliverance from the giant of fear. Cry to God to deliver you. Don’t do it in your own strength.

Let’s look at Psalm 56:4, *“By [the help of] God I will praise His word; on God I lean, rely, and confidently put my trust; I will not fear. What can man, who is flesh, do to me?”* What can man, who is flesh, do to me? There he is once again choosing the fear of God over the fear of man.

You are His, Beloved, He holds you fast. He will never leave you or forsake you. Do you believe this? Then fear has no hold or ground in your heart. David said, “when I am afraid, I will trust in you”. So put yourself in remembrance of the

works of God on behalf of those who loved and served Him. The Old Testament is full of records of it, and the New Testament too, with the disciples.

So, if fear is a daily struggle for you:

1. Repent of unbelief in His goodness and ability to care for you as His child.
2. Break ties with fear. If you have been walking with fear for many years and having conversation with it, divorce fear. Declare that you are the Lord's and will have no more conversations or relationships with the spirit of fear. Command it to leave you, and to take all its lies with it.

Just as you did with Sihon, you do the same to Og, and then daily praise God for His goodness, His kindness, His faithfulness, His love and His care of you. When something disasterous happens, stand up and declare, "This is an opportunity for God to show His greatness and His kindness and His delivering power in my life. God has allowed this to come my way, because He is wanting to show His care and His miraculous working power in my life."

When fear is cast out of your heart, it makes room for joy and peace to take up residence within you. God declared that Sihon and Og were dead meat, before His people even entered the battle with them. He said, "**I have given... begin to possess and rise up and contend with him**". Believe He is with you to give you victory, and to clear out all squatters in your heart and mind.

Christ in me is increasing, and the chaff of the giant of unbelief is falling to the ground at the threshing floor at Jahaz. We are leaving behind the things of the flesh in the wilderness, and we are going forward as Christ increases in manifestation in and through our lives. He is coming to be glorified in His saints, and admired in all who believe. Hallelujah!

The spirit of fear is not your inheritance. Your inheritance is a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.

So I pray that as you deal with these two giants on this 9th Day of Awe, that by the time you come to Yom Kippur, 6pm this evening, there will be such a joy and peace in your heart, as you experience the victory that God declared long beforehand you would have over these squatters.

In Jesus' mighty name!

Amen.