

On the Wings of Prayer

“Because thou hast been my help, therefore in
the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.”
Psalm 63:7

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There is None Like That

David was on the run from Saul and certainly doubts were easy to entertain. In need, he stopped to visit a man of God and among his requests were a weapon, namely for a spear or a sword. Ahimelech had but one to offer David, the sword of Goliath the Philistine. David's response was interestingly, “There is none like that; give it me.” David had refused Saul's sword and defeated Goliath with a sling and a stone, now on the run from Saul, he took up Goliath's sword. In this brief and tragic meeting between two men of God, this gift stands out as an omen to the hard years ahead that David would face. The failed weapon of a defeated foe, now embraced by the victor. The anointed of God, on the run to a hard place to be molded and hammered into the man who would one day lead Israel back to God and back to greatness. First, David would have to find his own way back.

So, what about this sword of Goliath? There is none like the sword of Goliath to deceive! It deceived the Philistines into believing that they could overcome God and His people Israel. They rallied around it in war - defying the armies of Israel - fully believing Israel would fall. It deceived the armies of Israel, and they were dismayed and greatly afraid. When Goliath shook it at them, they fled from him, and were sore afraid. Only David had the faith to trust in God and face Goliath.

There is none like the sword of Goliath to set the battle in array against God and His people. Men work, men plan, men strive, but it is God that sets the stage. Just as God allows a champion like Goliath to arise, he develops a relationship with a young shepherd like David who will trust Him in the battle.

There is none like the sword of Goliath among man's weapons. It is so impressive, that it can be found in the house of God. The man of God should never speak of the sword of Goliath with the fateful words of Ahimelech when he offered it to David, “if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here.” The Sword of the Spirit is within our grasp if we will but seek it, learn it, believe it, use it, and give it. May it be the only weapon we use. May it be the only weapon we offer.

John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director
Psalm 16:11

***Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report one visitor, who a member invited, came to Christ during a recent church service. The Mision Bautista Monte Sinai (Mount Sinai Baptist Mission) has five missionary families they are supporting monthly. Please pray for wisdom as the Coker's look for land to build a church building.

***Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** report Bible Baptist Church in Manancial hosted a recent Pastor's Breakfast. There were 25 in attendance. The Smith's report that Pastor Tyler Gillit and his wife Tori came for a visit. The Smith's enjoyed the visit and the opportunity to show God has blessed the works they started in Brazil. Sharon recently had some skin cancer removed from her scalp. Please pray for a quick recovery.

***Scott and Darla Griffin (Homeless No More)** report they just celebrated their first anniversary in a church building. Previously, the services were conducted in a park. Recently, 3 souls have come to Christ during the church services, 5 were saved while out soulwinning and 4 baptized. The Griffins request prayer for a 16 passenger van to pick-up those wanting to attend church.

***John and Neila Yelle (Brazil)** report the Lord has blessed with a second van to give rides to church. The Yelle's report having new families visit the church services. Please pray for their salvation. The Yelle's two youngest daughters came for a visit recently. It is difficult for missionaries to be so far away from their children. Please pray for them.

***Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report three more came to Christ recently. The Priday's are in the process of purchasing some property for the new church building. The Priday's thank you for praying for the annual ladies' conference. Mrs. Lena was the special speaker. It was a three day meeting and well attended.

***Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report a new church plant has been started in Crownpoint, New Mexico. The new work is going well with 44 in attendance recently and two coming to Christ! Please continue to pray for the Ganado Baptist Bible College as they train men and women the Word of God.

***True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** have been traveling on furlough and will return to Brazil on March 26, 2020. Missionary Valmir continues to minister in the river ministry. He is reaching the "unreached" with the Gospel in remote villages. The Hawkins' will be teaching in the institute and continue to minister in the mission works. Please pray for the Hawkins' as they continue to equip the nationals to preach and teach God's Word.

***Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** request prayer for the upcoming youth camp. The annual Ladies Conference is always well attended. Women from four churches were in attendance.