

FIGHTING FAITH'S FIGHT **APRIL 18, 2021**

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

God never intended for man to die. Adam opened death's door. Even now, God wants to satisfy us with long life. God's will is not automatically done. There are enemies doing all they can to prevent God's will from being done. It takes faith to experience God's will in our lives.

- Fight means to use force to prevent the success of an enemy: the medical field knows we are in a fight against cancer, heart disease and COVID-19. They recognize disease as an enemy. They relentlessly put forth effort to deal with diseases that threaten our lives. Some believers view disease differently, as a part of God's plan for their lives.
- Faith is a fight, not with fists, knives, guns or bombs, but with words. The words we speak are a major part of our fight. Faith (our words) must be based on a sure foundation.

LUCIFER VS ELOHIM

ISAIAH 14:12-14

Lucifer said vs Elohim said. What Lucifer said was based on his will not God's. He built his house on sand, not rock. He had a self foundation, not a God foundation. "I will" makes this abundantly clear.

GOLIATH VS DAVID

1 SAMUEL 17:43-47

Like Lucifer, Goliath's foundation was a self foundation.

- **V43** – He cursed David by Dagon.
- **V44** – "I will" reveals his faith was based on a self foundation.
- **V45** – David knew his faith was in his weapons, training, stature and strength. Woe is unto the man that boasts on his wisdom, riches and strength.
- **V45** – David's faith was based on a God foundation. Lord of Hosts means the all-powerful ruler over the entire universe.
- **V46-47** – Goliath said "I will", but David said "He will". What David said was based on a sure-foundation.

BLOOD BASED FAITH

EXODUS 12:13

The blood of the sacrificial lamb provided protection. It wasn't their interest in the blood, their belief in its power, or appreciation for its worth. It was the application of the blood with a hyssop branch to their homes.

REVELATION 12:11

We can believe in the blood, appreciate its worth, but to be protected by it, we must apply it to our lives by faith. Not with a hyssop branch, but by the word of our testimony – a solemn, oral declaration.

THE BLOOD SPEAKS – HEBREWS 12:24

Our faith confessions must be based on what the Blood of Christ provides for us. To overcome the devil and whatever he brings our way, there must be an understanding of what the Blood of Christ brings to the table. Then we must use our tongues to set up a bloodline of protection.

- Redeemed. **1 PETER 1:18-19**
- **REVELATION 1:5-6** – Washed from sin.
- **COLOSSIANS 1:13-14** – Delivered, translated, redeemed.
- **HEBREWS 10:19** – Access into the holiest.
- **PHILIPPIANS 2:9-10** – Because of His shed Blood, Jesus' name is above every name in all three realms. When we use the name, the power of the Blood is released.
- **GALATIANS 3:13-14** – Redeemed from the curse of the law.
- **1 JOHN 5:8** – The Blood is our witness.

CONCLUSION

Our confession of faith based on the Blood of Jesus releases power that enables us to live victorious lives and overcome every work of the enemy.