

# FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

## CHAPTER 1:21-2:17

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"Worship at War!"**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*1 Samuel 1:21-2:17*

**"Worship at War!"**

**The Bible Is Filled With Acts of Worship  
and Records of Warfare**

**"But Worship is Rarely Linked to Spiritual  
Warfare in the Life of the Believer..."**

1. Be Not Ignorant of The Lords' **Coming**
2. Be Not Ignorant of The **Gifts** of the Holy Spirit
3. Be Not Ignorant of **Satan's** Schemes

**"Worship at War!"**

### **1.) God's way of waging war**

21 Now the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and his vow. 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the LORD and remain there forever." 23 And Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the LORD establish His word." So the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him. 24 Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli.

It has been said that the church is made up of camps,

**The Church Militant and The Church Triumphant**

## **The Church Triumphant**

are all those who have gone on before us in the faith and are now in heaven.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a **cloud of witnesses**,

2 Timothy 4:6

For the time of **my departure** is at hand.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, **I have finished the race**, I have kept the faith.

## **The Church Militant**

Are those of us who are still in this world as we war against evil.

1 Timothy 1:18

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

### ***God's way of waging war***

**a.) *It's not up to human logic***

**"Human Problems"  
in light of God's Wisdom**

**we will always fail and panic  
when we see just the problem**

Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth... ..having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,

***It's not up to human logic...***

**cannot see spiritual things**

***God's way of waging war***

**b.) *It's not up for human debate***

## Verse 8-9

"For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, And He has set the world upon them. 9 He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.

## Human Courts Can Only Decide *Temporarily*

He Has Made His Decree - And all things are on schedule and on time

### *God's way of waging war*

#### c.) *It's not up to human powers*

## Verse 3-4

And by Him actions are weighed. 4 "The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

2 Kings 6:13-18

Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

## **"Worship at War!"**

#### 2.) *The believer's path to victory*

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#### a.) *Is to desire God's glory*

## Verse 26-28

26 And she said, "O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD." So they worshiped the LORD there.

*The Kremlin and its History*  
*Buckingham Palace and its Scope*  
*and THE WHITE HOUSE and its power*

# Now Think About What Heaven is Going to be Like

1 Corinthians 2:9

as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

2 Corinthians 12:2-5

2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, (explanations) which it is not lawful for a man to utter. - too glorious !!!

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 96:8-9

Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. 9 Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

## *The believer's path to victory*

### **b.) Is to trust God's plan**

## Verse 6-7

6 "The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. 8 He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory.

# It's human nature to plan and to look ahead

Proverbs 16:9

A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Romans 11:33-34

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD?"

Joshua 6:1-5

1 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

### *The believer's path to victory*

#### **c.) *Is to express God's praise***

##### **Verse 1**

And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD."

2 Samuel 12:18-23

18 Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, "Indeed, while the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!" 19 When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead." 20 So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate. 21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food." 22 And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' 23 "But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him,

Psalm 54:6-7

I will freely sacrifice to You; I will **praise** Your name, O LORD, for it is good.  
7 For He has delivered me out of all trouble;

The End