

## **Stand Up For God!**

### **He Will Make A Distinction Between You And The World**

#### **GOD MAKES DISTINCTION BETWEEN HIS PEOPLE AND THE WORLD**

- I. Look at what God does for his children. See the words he said to Pharaoh when he was mistreating his children.

**(NKJV) Ex 8:23 I will make a difference between My people and your people.**

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A. God makes a difference between his people and the people of the world.

B. A difference between you and the people of the world around you.

**1 Sam 2:30 ....for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.**

#### **GOD MAKES DISTINCTION BETWEEN HIS PEOPLE AND THE WORLD IF HIS PEOPLE MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE WORLD**

**(NKJV) Mt 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.**

**(NKJV) Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**(NKJV) Jn 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

**How are we to Stand?**

**(NKJV) 1 Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:**

**The problem**

**(NKJV) Lk 9:23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. 25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? 26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.**

**What will happen if you stand up and let your light shine?**

**(NKJV) Jn 15:18 “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.**

II.

III. His Command

**(NKJV) 2 Co 6:17 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” 18 “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.”**

**Therefore:**

**(NKJV) 2 Ch 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.**

**And because you are not fully committed to God, you catch hell anyway!  
In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”**

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### **IV. Examples In The The Life Of David**

**A. Saul had failed**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 15:1 Samuel also said to Saul, “The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD. 2 Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. 3 Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’ ”**

**1. He was to do what the man of God said.**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 15:7 And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8 He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.**

**a. He did not!**

**B. God Responded through the prophet Samuel**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 15:10 Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 11 “I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments.” And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.**

**C. He is confronted**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 15:13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD.” 14 But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?” 15 And Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.” 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, “Be quiet! And I will tell you what**

the LORD said to me last night.” And he said to him, “Speak on.” 17 So Samuel said, “When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? 18 Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ 19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?” 20 And Saul said to Samuel, “But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” 22 So Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”

- D. He feared the people
1. He did what please them and not with pleased God
  2. He was a man of the people. He refused to make distinction for God. He went along with the people.

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### **DAVID**

- V. David it was different  
(NKJV) 1 Sa 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

### **For not standing for God**

**14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”**

(NKJV) Ac 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’

- A. How he was selected. Jesse had his sons come in the house. David was ignored.

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 16:6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!" 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"**

**13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance?"**

1. He was doing the work his Father had assigned to him
  2. He was not looking for the glory from the people.
  3. His focus was on tending to the flock of sheep his father gave him
    - a. The flock represent the people of God
    - b. Remember, he dealt with the bear in the lion to protect the flock
  4. The Flock was not his but his fathers
  5. David had a zeal for the things of God
  6. He thought different from everyone else
  7. He operated on faith while others operated on fear
- B. David brothers we're like the rest of the world. They were not unusual. They fit in with everybody else.
- C. They were considered special by the world. David was consider special by God
1. Just like Saul they were accepted by everyone else.
  2. David was rejected by everyone else
- D. They were considered mature and ready to fight in the army of Saul.
1. They were ready to follow a leader of the world even when the leader was not willing to follow God
- E. They did not Stand out in the crowd. They were like the rest of the world.
1. God chose David who stood out from the rest of the world but rejected by everyone else. He made distinction for God
  2. He was belittled because he was a shepherd and he did not look like everyone else.

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#### **Goliath**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 17:17 Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp. 18 And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them."**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 17:21 For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. 22 And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. 23 Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. 25 So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel."**

**26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 27 And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him."**

**28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."**

**29 And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" 30 Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did.**

- A. All of the other soldiers took their comfort in the armor of man. David rejected the armor of men and believed in the armor of God
- B. The rest of the men refuse to take a stand. They were not willing to Stand Up Saul, the one they served, nor for God the one who had created them.
  - 1. The people of the world are not reliable
- C. Goliath represent the demons and the people of the world. Remember, this ancestry was part son of God and daughter of men.
  - 1. The kingdom of God will always be challenged by men and demons
  - 2. All of the soldiers fled and would not take a stand
- D. David again stood out apart from the rest. He was willing to make distinction for the honor of God  
**(NKJV) 1 Sa 17:31 Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him.**

**32 Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”**

**33 And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.”**

**34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.” 37 Moreover David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”**

**And Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you!”**

- E. David was rebuked by his brothers and Saul
  - 1. The world will encourage you to doubt what God tells you
  - 2. He was slandered by his older brother. His own family!
  - 3. Everyone told him it was not possible to be done. David was willing to trust God.
  - 4. He was willing to be different for God. God would do different for him.
- F. David was willing to risk his life and his future for the honor of God. He went forward to fight Goliath. His trust was in God.
- G. The world and the demons represented by Goliath also challenged him. They threaten him with the destruction of his life.  
**(NKJV) 1 Sa 17:42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.**

**43 So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”**

**45 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hands.”**

- H. Secured by his faith that God had made distinction before he trusted that God would make distinction again. His words were spoken for the honor of God.
- I. He aggressively and boldly defended the honor of God. Very few will Stand Up the honor of God!
  - 1. A man’s talent will make room for him if he’s willing to use it
- J. His aggressive actions for the honor of God and the people of God ultimately make him king

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#### **Ziglag**

- II. When his soldiers found Ziglag destroyed they had no hope, but David found his hope in the Lord  
**(NKJV) 1 Sa 30:6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters.**

**But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.**

- A. The worlds gifts and charms are short lived and those of God are eternal
- B. David checked with the man of God before he acted. He did not act impulsively.  
**(NKJV) 1 Sa 30:7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech’s son, “Please bring the ephod here to me.” And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8 So David inquired of the LORD, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” And He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.”**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 30:9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.**

- C. He did not submit to the will of the soldiers in regards to those that kept the baggage. He showed compassion, when others did not.

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 30:21 Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, he greeted them.**

**22 Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, “Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man’s wife and children, that they may lead them away and depart.”**

**23 But David said, “My brethren, you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us. 24 For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike.” 25 So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.**

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##### **Abigail**

- III. He submitted to Abigail when she confronted him to show him the wrong he would do. The average person would've taken revenge and taken everything.

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 25:32 Then David said to Abigail: “Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34 For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!” 35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, “Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person.”**

- IV. He was not ashamed to express his love for God. He was rejected even by his own wife. Look at his remarks to her

**(NKJV) 2 Sa 6:13 And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. 14 Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. 16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.**

**(NKJV) 2 Sa 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" 21 So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the LORD. 22 And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor." 23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.**

#### **Adultery**

- V. When he committed adultery with Bathsheba he was quickly ready to admit it when he was confronted.

**(NKJV) 2 Sa 12:5 So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! 6 And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' " 13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die." 15 Then Nathan departed to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became ill.**

- A. Though he had sinned he continued to honor God and turn to him rather than from him
- B. The world had accepted or had no knowledge of his wrongdoing he was still king in their eyesight. No one challenged him except the prophet.
- C. People, even your so called friends, often times will not confront you for violating God.

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VI. Are you willing to Stand Up Christ?

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**BUT REMEMBER, GOD HAS ALWAYS SAID,  
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