

The First Book of SAMUEL

WANT something and want it bad?
Then pour your heart out to the Lord.
Is your spirit troubled; you have had no
drink or lunch?
Yet press on until others think you are
drunk.
Have you relinquished all your rights
and lent your child to God for life?
Want something and want it bad?
You will have all if you give it all to God.

I SAMUEL I

¹There was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of Mount Ephraim named Elkanah, the son of Jeroham the son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.
²He had two wives: their names were Hannah and Peninnah.
Peninnah had children but Hannah had none.
³Every year Elkanah went up from his city to Shiloh to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts.
Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, the priest of the Lord, were there at that time.
⁴Whenever Elkanah made his offering, he gave portions to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and daughters alike;
⁵but he would give to Hannah a double portion for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb.
⁶Her rival also provoked her constantly to make her uncomfortable, because she was barren.
⁷And so, year by year, when she went up to the Lord's house, Peninnah provoked her, therefore she wept and did not eat at all.
She wanted a child; she wanted one so bad.
⁸Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Why do you weep my love?
Why don't you eat? Why is your heart grieved now?
Am I not better to you than ten new sons?"
⁹So Hannah rose up after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh.
And Eli the priest was sitting by the doorpost of the temple of the Lord.
¹⁰And Hannah was in deep bitterness of soul, and she prayed to the Lord and wept in distress.
¹¹And to the Lord of hosts she made a vow, "If You will indeed look on the affliction of Your servant and remember me this day, and if You give to me a child, even a male, then I will give him to You, Lord, all his living

days,

and no razor shall come upon his head."

¹²And so, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli the priest watched her mouth.

¹³Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard.
So Eli thought that she was drunk.

¹⁴And Eli said to her, "Woman, tell me, how long will you be drunk? Put the wine away!"

¹⁵But Hannah answered, and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman with a heavy spirit.

I have not drunk wine nor strong drink, but before the Lord I have poured out my soul.

¹⁶"Do not consider me a wicked woman, for it is out of the abundance of my complaint and of my grief that I have been speaking."

¹⁷Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant to you the petition that you have asked of Him."

¹⁸And she said, "Let your maidservant find grace in your sight."

So she went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

¹⁹So after this, they rose early the next morning and worshipped before the Lord,

and returned to their house at Ramah.

And Elkanah made love to Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.

²⁰And so, in the process of time. Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel,

saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

²¹And Elkanah went up, he and all his household, to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and his vow.

²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband at that time,

"I will wait until I have weaned the child, then I will take him, and present him to the Lord, that he may remain there forever."

²³So Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems good to you, dear;
stay until you have weaned him.

Only may the Lord establish His word."

So she remained and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her,

with three bulls, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine

and to the house of the Lord in Shiloh she brought the young child.

²⁵And they killed a bull, after which they brought the child to Eli.

²⁶And she said to Eli, "O my lord! As your soul

lives,

I am the woman who stood here by you praying to the Lord.

²⁷“This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I requested of Him.

²⁸Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord for as long as he lives.”

So they worshipped the Lord there.

“She was very distressed because she wanted a son so very bad.

Now she got the son she desired but she gave him back to God.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You target your love with hatred when you show partiality; partiality inspires jealousy which ignites hatred.
2. Your good fortune is good reason to stay humble, since the high ride of pride crashes in a basement.
3. When you pour out your problems on people who cannot help, you magnify and multiply your problems; when you pour it out on God He takes them and relieves you.
4. When your soul is heavy or your heart is broken, pour it out at the altar, you will leave with a restored soul and a whole heart.
5. Get passionate in prayer to generate power; foolish to man is attractive to God; fervency opens heaven's door.
6. Drunk in His presence is the most sober state of a person in heaven's eyes.
7. There is nothing like the agreement and blessings of a man of God who understands and is operating in his anointing.
8. What you give to God may leave your hand but it will never leave your life; what you give places your life in God's hand.
9. Any person fully consecrated to God is not subject to the laws of ancestry but to the rebirth of God's registry. God will make that person the first of a new generation.
10. Never hold on to the answer you promised to God; never love anything too much to let it go; prepare and position your blessing for kingdom use.
11. Even before conception, commit your children to God for life, this is the true life of your child; then prophesy over them in the womb and present them to the Lord at birth.
12. A wise person lends to God. It is a secret investment to a generous source with returns that cannot be kept secret. God is no man's debtor.
13. Nothing is really yours unless it is submitted to God; nothing is really yours unless you are free to release it.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every spirit agitating jealousy in the body of Christ be nullified by the blood of Jesus; let righteousness underpin every relationship of believers. Amen.
- O God my Father, never let me forget the source of my blessings, or exasperate myself in the courts of men, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I forcefully and passionately tap into the power at the altar to dissolve my burdens. Amen.

- Lord God of my blessings, I hold nothing too precious to release to You, in the name of Jesus.
- I come into agreement with everyone who believes by faith that this is the day of their destiny-changing turnaround, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father and God, I commit all my children to You; take them into Your loving care; use them mightily and elevate them to greatness, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS of wisdom from a woman of love

Whose heart was right, who sought for God. Forsake pride and the arrogant way, For the Lord God knows and your action He weighs.

Words of wisdom for one and all, Priest or king, whether great or small, Acknowledge God in everything you do, For the Lord your God acknowledges you.

I SAMUEL 2

“Hannah spoke strong words joyfully, words of wisdom and prophecy.

¹She prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord.

What do my enemies have to say, for I rejoice, Lord, in Your saving grace?

²“There is no one holy like the Lord, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God.

³“Do not talk so proudly anymore.

Let no arrogant words come from your mouth, for the Lord is the God of knowledge, and by Him every action is weighed.

⁴“The bows of the mighty men are broken, and those who stumble He girds with strength.

⁵“Those who were full have now hired themselves out for bread, and the hungry have ceased to be hungry again.

To the barren seven sons are born; and she who had many children has become feeble.

⁶“The Lord kills and the Lord makes alive; He brings down to the grave and He brings up to the skies.

⁷“The Lord makes one poor and He makes rich.

He brings low and He lifts.

⁸“He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the dunghill.

To set them among princes and make them to inherit the throne of glory.

For the pillars of the earth belong to God, 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.

For by strength shall no man prevail.

¹⁰“The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken into pieces.

He will thunder against them from out of heaven.

The Lord will judge the earth, even to the very ends.

He will give strength to His kings, and exalt the horn of His anointed.”

11And Elkanah returned to his house in Ramah after this;

but the child ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest.

Yet Hannah's words of wisdom, were not heeded by Eli's sons.

12The sons of Eli were wicked men; they did not know the Lord.

13And they abhorred the sacrifices offered; for the rule of the priests with the people was that when any person offered a sacrifice, the servant of the priest would come with a fork of three prongs in his hand while the meat was boiling.

14Then they would thrust it into the pot or cauldron, and the priest would take for himself anything the fork brought up.

They did this in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

15But before they burnt the fat, the servants of the priests would come and say to the man who sacrificed,

“Give us meat to be roasted for the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you but raw.”

16And if the man said to him, “Let me burn the fat first, then you may take as much as you want,”

he would answer and say, “No, give it to me now or I will take it by force.”

17Therefore the sin of the young men was great before the Lord, for they abhorred the offering of the Lord.

18But Samuel ministered before the Lord, as a child, wearing a linen ephod.

19Also, his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him each year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say,

“The Lord give you children of this woman, for this loan you have given to the Lord.”

Then they would return home.

The Lord is no man's debtor, this they were to know.

21The Lord visited Hannah and she conceived. And she bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.

22And Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons did to all Israel,

how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of congregation.

23So he said to them, “Why is it that you do these things?”

For all the people tell me of your evil doing.

24“No my sons! This is not a good report I hear!

You make the Lord's people to transgress.

And the words of wisdom from a woman of love were now repeated by Eli to his two sons.

25“If any man sins against a man, God will judge him;

but if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?”

Words of wisdom they both received;

but they did not give heed to their father's voice,

because the Lord wanted to kill them both. *Judgment prevails, where wisdom fails.*

26And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor with both God and man.

27Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him,

“This is what the Lord says, ‘Did I not plainly appear to the house of your father when you were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?’

28‘Did I not choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest,

to offer upon My altar, to burn incense,

and to wear an ephod before Me as well?’

And did I not give to the house of your father all the offerings that the children of Israel made by fire?’

29‘Why then do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering,

which I commanded in My dwelling place, and honor your sons above Me,

to make yourself fat with the best of the offerings of My people Israel?’

30‘Therefore, says the God of Israel,

‘I said that your house and your father's house would remain before Me forever.’

But now the Lord says, ‘Let it be far from Me; for I will honor those who honor Me,

and those who despise Me I will lightly esteem.’

31‘Behold the day is coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.’

32‘In My habitation you will see an enemy, in spite of all the good which God does for Israel.’

And there shall not be an old man in your house forever.

33‘And your men whom I do not cut off from My altar shall grieve your heart and consume your eyes.’

And in their youthful days all the descendants of your house shall die.

34‘Now this shall be a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they will both die.’

35‘And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to all that is in My heart and in My mind.’

I will build him a sure house,

and he shall walk before My anointed forever.

36‘And it shall be, that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread,

saying, ‘Please, put me in one of the offices of the priest that I may eat a piece of bread.’”

@Yet Hanah had said, "Talk no more exceeding proud. Let no more arrogant word come from your mouth. For the Lord God knows your every way, and by Him your every action is weighed."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you are happy sing psalms, rejoice in the Lord, count your blessings and bless Him.*
2. *Weigh your words because the Lord weighs your actions; balance your motives or the Lord will tip the scale.*
3. *Your bad situation is not your defining situation if you can find the Lord who is the Door to your good situation and your complete turnaround.*
4. *Never be too preoccupied with holy things that you become presumptuous with holiness; there are rules governing the temple and your body.*
5. *The golden law of ministry is to know Him and to make Him known; you cannot represent what you have not experienced.*
6. *Cultivate the consciousness of the Lord in an environment of Godly fear because you will reap what you sow in an environment of judgment.*
7. *You know you are blind when your flesh dictates your vision and your appetite blots out your discipline.*
8. *You are not too young to distinguish yourself in God's service; you are not too small to exemplify yourself in an evil world.*
9. *Wisdom lends to the Lord knowing He is no man's debtor; a fool ignores this investment opportunity.*
10. *Whatever you place above God you lose; whatever you place above God places you on the altar of His judgment.*
11. *Leadership demands that you never reprimand what you should command or publicly remove.*
12. *God's everlasting promises to you last as long as your faithfulness to Him does.*
13. *You cannot pass responsibility; take responsibility for judgment will not pass you. The sacrifice you kick at will kick you from your seat of complicity.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Awesome and amazing God, Your love is wonderful and amazing; thank You for the joy You bring to my life and Your bountiful mercies, in the name of Jesus.
- I command my words, my meditation and my actions in the fear of the holy Lord. Amen.
- I soak myself in the blood of Jesus Christ and make Him my hiding place from every spirit of presumption, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, help me to proclaim You from the platform of relationship. I refuse to preach what I do not practice, in the name of Jesus.
- Abba Father, I will serve You with distinction all the days of my life. Amen.

WHEN the lamp is out and the light is dim

**In the quiet night with all sleeping,
You hear a voice; the source you seek;
Be still and know the Lord God speaks.
Will precious words come to your ear?
He speaks to you, if you will hear.
No open vision, but in the quiet night
Be still and know the Lord God's voice!**

1 SAMUEL 3

¹The boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli.

In those days the word of the Lord was scarce; there was no open vision.

²And at that time, while Eli was lying down, his eyes had begun to grow dim and his sight was gone,

³and before the lamp of God went out in the temple,

in the quiet night when the willows weep,

and Samuel laid down himself to sleep,

⁴the faithful boy heard his name out loud; and he answered, "Here am I!"

⁵So he ran to Eli and said, "Eli, my lord, I am here; you called."

But he said, "I did not call, my son, go lie; go lie down again, it was not I."

So he went back to lay down.

⁶Once again he heard his name aloud. The Lord called again, "Samuel!"

So Samuel went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, you called me."

He answered, "Not me my son, go lie back down."

⁷(Samuel did not know the Lord as yet, nor was the word of the Lord revealed to him then.)

@The most precious thing one could impart, a most noble gift, a servant's heart.

"It was not I," when twice he came, yet "Samuel," and he ran once again.

⁸The Lord called Samuel the third time, so he rose up and returned to Eli.

He said, "Here I am, this time I am sure you called."

Then Eli perceived it was the Lord who called the boy.

⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be,

if He calls again then say, 'My Lord please speak; speak, my Lord, Your servant hears.'"

@So in the quiet night, he could not sleep; on his mind the words, "Speak, my Lord, speak!"

With no open vision, and God's words were choice,

would he once again hear the Lord God's voice?

¹⁰Then the Lord came and stood and called as times before;

"Samuel! Samuel!" he heard once more. And with a confidence he could not describe,

Samuel said, "Speak my Lord, Your servant hears Your voice."

¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "I will do a thing in Israel at which both the ears of every-one who hears will tingle.

¹²In that day I will perform against Eli, all I have spoken against his house, from beginning to end.

¹³For I declared that I will judge his house forever for the iniquities he knows about, because his sons made themselves vile and

despise My name,
and Eli has heard and he did not restrain
them.

¹⁴“I have taken offerings and sacrifices for
sins,

but I have sworn that, forever, the iniquities of
Eli’s house will not be atoned for by sacrifices
or offerings.”

¹⁵So in the quiet night Samuel lay back
down,

and he was there until the morning dawned.
He opened the door to the house of the Lord,
but He was afraid to tell Eli the vision.

¹⁶“Samuel my son,” he knew the voice;

“Here I am, I come,” it was Eli.

¹⁷And Eli said, “What is the word the Lord
spoke to you?

Tell me all, please do not hide a thing.

God do so to you, and more also, if you hide
anything from me of all that He has shown
you.”

¹⁸So Samuel told him all he would,
everything, he hid nothing of the word of God.
And Eli said, “It is the Lord, let Him do what
seems good to Him.”

*From the night that Samuel heard God’s voice,
he was renewed; it changed his life.*

¹⁹He grew in God, and he was sound.

The Lord was with him and did not permit any
of his words to fall to the ground.

In a time when the words of the Lord were scarce,
²⁰all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that
Samuel was established as a prophet of the
Lord.

²¹And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh.

For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in
Shiloh by His word.

*@In the quiet night when all are asleep,
to you, Himself, the Lord reveals.*

Don’t run, don’t hide, don’t search! Be still!

Your life changes when you hear Him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. God will step over a generation to reach you if you will step away from a generation to find Him.
2. The scarcity of the word of God is normally a direct result of the scarcity of hungry people desiring the ways of God.
3. The higher calling is a promotion by God, in God; your faithfulness and attitude in your current area of assignment is your qualification.
4. The heart of a servant defines leadership; the heart of a servant cannot be promoted but recognized.
5. You know God can disturb your sleep to command a moment with Him when duty can disturb your sleep to demand service or stir prayer.
6. When you catch God’s attention with your faithfulness, hunger and zeal for Him, God will come calling, seeking to catch your attention.
7. Be still and know God; He knows you.
8. When you live in reverential fear of the living God, you qualify yourself for divine secrets. When you live in presumption you qualify yourself for divine rejection.
9. Hearing God does not disqualify duty but instead qualifies humility and intensifies service.

10. *The word of God dignifies and distinguishes you in your generation and beyond. Seek it, hear it, speak it and position yourself to receive revelations.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Most Glorious Lord, my eyes are fixed on You; I refuse to be distracted by, or attracted to, this sinful world, in the name of Jesus.
- Most high God, I hunger and thirst for righteousness; I will be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I shall justify my calling in Christ Jesus. Father, let faithfulness be the platform on which I build my life. Amen.
- Father God, make me a candidate for divine secrets today, in the name of Jesus. Help me to hear You with clarity and follow You with distinction. Amen.
- Thank You for knowing me by name, Father; show Yourself strong in me today. Amen.

THE Ark came up and their voices rang!

Was it the Ark, or is He the One

Who delivered you when the battle was sore,

when you were down and could take no more?

Now the Ark is taken; where is your strength?

Who is your help? Where is your confidence?

A new day has dawned and things are looking bad;

A new child was born; they called him Ichabod!

I SAMUEL 4

¹The word of Samuel came to all Israel.

And Israel went out to battle against the Philistines.

Israel camped beside Ebenezer, while the Philistines camped in Aphek.

²Against Israel the Philistines fought,
and Israel was defeated by the Philistines.

About four thousand men of their army died in the field.

³And when the people returned to the camp, the elders of Israel questioned,
“Why has the Lord defeated us before the Philistines today?”

Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord from Shiloh, that it may save us from our enemies.”

Forgetting that the Lord, yes, He is the One.

⁴So the people sent to Shiloh, to bring from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts who dwells between the cherubim, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

⁵And when Israel saw the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord coming into the camp, they shouted with a shout so loud that the earth shook,

such was their renewed confidence.

⁶When the Philistines heard the noise of the great shout,

and they wondered, "What is this mighty shout in the camp of the Hebrews all about?"

When they understood that the ark of the Lord had come into the camp,

⁷they were afraid, for they said, "Their God has come into the camp!"

And they said, "Woe to us! For such a thing has never happened before.

⁸"Woe to us! Who will deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods?

They are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

⁹"Be strong, you Philistines, and steel yourselves like men,

that as the Hebrews have served you, you do not become servants to them.

Steel yourselves like men and fight!"

¹⁰So the Philistines fought, and they defeated Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

There was a great slaughter and about thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell.

@The great shout of victory was now a pall of gloom.

No, the Ark cannot save you when His glory is gone.

¹¹The Ark of God was captured, and they also killed Hophni and Phinehas, Eli's two sons.

¹²And there came a man of Benjamin, running from the battle to Shiloh that same day, his clothes were torn, and dirt was on his head.

¹³When he came, Eli was sitting by the wayside watching,

for his heart trembled for the Ark of God. And when the man came and told it in the city, they all cried out.

It was not the earth-moving victory shout.

¹⁴When Eli heard the outcry, he said, "What does this tumult mean?"

And the man came hastily and told Eli everything.

¹⁵Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were so dim, he could not see.

¹⁶Then the man said to Eli, "I am he who fled today from the battle and have come."

And Eli said, "Tell me what has happened, my son."

¹⁷So the messenger said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines,

and there has been a great slaughter among the people.

Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas are dead."

Eli held strong even after he heard of them; "And the ark of God is taken."

To him this was everything.

¹⁸It came to pass, when the man made mention of the ark,

Eli fell backward off the seat by the side of the gate and broke his neck.

He was an old man, and heavy, and he fell

dead there.

And he judged Israel for forty years.

¹⁹Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant, and her time of delivery was close.

And when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken

and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead,

her labor pains came upon her, and she bowed and gave birth.

²⁰And about the time of her death, the women who stood by her said to her,

"Do not fear, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer, or acknowledge the good news.

²¹Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!"

Because the ark of God was taken and because her father-in-law and her husband were dead.

²²And she said, "The glory is departed from Israel, for the ark of God is captured."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Position yourself for battle by being rightly positioned with God; failing your strength will cause your strength in battle to fail.
2. The Presence is a Person and not a symbol, for if the symbol is present and the Person is absent then the problem remains.
3. Shout because of relationship not because of proximity to God, for proximity will destroy you if relationship does not enjoy you.
4. They have every reason to fear and tremble before your God, but no reason to fear you if your God is not with you.
5. You defeat yourself when you destroy your relationship with God; the enemy only factors in when God is factored out.
6. You carry the ark of God, your body, His temple into battle, but are you carrying your God?
7. The enemy may take the symbols of your righteousness but they cannot touch or handle the power. Power over form means: it is not the form of godliness that matters but the power.
8. When you fail to live in fear of God, you sit in fear of the news.
9. The ark cannot be taken unless the Presence is forsaken; never presume strength when you pursue weakness.
10. When you depart from the glory of God the glory departs from you; it is not wise to wait until battle to discover this.
11. There is no glory in good-news if the God-news is bad; there is no glory in giving birth if you cannot leave a Godly heritage for your child, (if you must deliver your child to the bondage of your Satanic enemy.)

PRAYER POINTS

- Heavenly Father, my relationship with You is foremost to me; if You are not with me I refuse to do battle, in the name of Jesus.
- Loving Father, give me the joy that keeps me shouting for You, in the name of Jesus.
- I declare by the power in the blood of Jesus, that I am relationship driven. I prize my relationship

with You Lord Jesus. Amen.

- Let the Presence that causes my enemies to tremble envelop me now, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, I consecrate my temple to You. I live in recognition and awe of You living in me. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, the glory shall never depart from my house; I will create an atmosphere of prayer and word for my children to grow in. Amen.

WHEN you bring our God before your own, then know that your gods must all fall down. When the ark of God is brought before the fake, we call their bows, "palm breaking haste." When you bring the good among the bad, When you bring the Lord among the gods, Nothing can stand; you will be disgraced. You have the ark; now you need His grace.

I SAMUEL 5

¹The Philistines brought the ark of God from Ebenezer to Ashdod,

²when they took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon their god, and set it beside Dagon.

³When the people of Ashdod rose up early the next day, there was Dagon fallen on his face; the image had fallen to the earth before the ark of the Lord.

For indeed, all gods must fall.

So they took Dagon and set it once more in its place.

⁴When they woke up, early the next day, there was Dagon, once more it had fallen on its face; it had fallen to the ground before the ark of the Lord.

This time the head of Dagon and both palms of its hands were broken off, only the stump of Dagon remained.

@Cannot force Dagon, it cannot stand in place; for before the Lord, all gods fall in disgrace.

⁵Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any of its worshippers walked on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod ever again.

⁶And the hand of the Lord was heavy on the people of Ashdod; He destroyed them and struck them with tumors, both Ashdod and all its territory.

And the men decided to send the Ark away.

⁷When the men of Ashdod saw what was happening, they said,

"The ark of the God of Israel must not stay with us, for His hand is heavy on us and on Dagon our god!"

@They did not know the presence they were in, but they knew the tumors on their skin. They did not know the presence they were in, but they knew this Presence was awesome.

⁸Therefore they sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines, and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?"

And they said, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried away to Gath."

So they carried the ark of God to Gath.

⁹And it happened, after they carried the Ark of God there, the hand of the Lord was against the city with a very great destruction;

and He struck the men of the city, both small and great, and tumors broke out on them.

¹⁰Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron.

And when the ark of God came to Ekron,

the Ekronites cried out, saying,

"They have brought the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people here!"

¹¹So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said,

"Send away the ark of the God of Israel.

Let it go back to its place so it does not kill us and our people."

For throughout all the city there was a deadly destruction;

the hand of God was very heavy on everyone.

¹²And the men who did not die were stricken with tumors,

and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

@They learnt the lesson:

You cannot bring God's presence in an unconsecrated place;

false gods will fall in disgrace.

You cannot treat God's presence just any way, or from His presence you must escape.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You defeated the people of God does not mean you have defeated their God; learn to fear Him early and step away.
2. Your idol is not able to stand to receive the credit you give it; only one God will be 'out' standing in the final analysis.
3. Let history educate you never to put anything before, or compare anything to the living God, or it too will become history.
4. All your excuses for not honoring God break down and break apart in the presence of the living God.
5. When your excuse for not honoring God is on its face, repent, do not wait until your excuse is stumped to do so.
6. Never invite the Presence you are not consecrated to contain, it will devastate you; never play with the Presence, it is no play.
7. Not because it is granted means you should take it for granted; learn the history to eliminate the misery.
8. You may pass the problem around but the problem will not pass unless it is addressed.
9. It is foolish to hold on to things that are destroying you, or to hang on until it hangs you; wisdom does not play, it learns quickly and steps away.
10. Do not wait until judgment to determine you have a crisis; measure yourself with the word of God today.

PRAYER POINTS

- O Eloheim, let every power and authority in the earth melt away and fall before Your awesomeness. Amen.
- Outstanding God, let every idol, philosophy, or distraction crash and be disgraced before Your amazing presence, in the name of Jesus.
- I consecrate my body to You Father; let the weight of Your presence rest upon me today, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I will learn of You and approach You with awe and fear, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, I fall before Your face and repent. Let everything in my life creating problems for me be exposed and uprooted now, in the name of Jesus.

YOU can look upon God's Ark, but here is something to look into, Five golden tumors and five golden mice, for the plagues that have come on you. If you cannot handle God's presence, it is best to step away And watch in awe as His presence sets its own and awesome way. You can look upon God's presence, but you must treat it right; It is not something to gaze into, or you just may lose your sight.

I SAMUEL 6

¹For seven months the Philistines had the ark of the Lord.

@Seven painful months where death reigned although there was no war.

²And the Philistines called together the priests and diviners, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of the Lord? How can we find grace? Tell us how we should send it to its place."

One cannot gaze into God's glory, so they said,

³"If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it away empty; but return it to Him with a trespass offering. Then you may be healed, and you will know why His hand is on you."

⁴Then they said, "What is the trespass offering we shall give to Him?"

And they answered, "Five golden tumors and five golden rats, according to the number of lords of the Philistines, for these were the plagues on you all and on your lords.

⁵Therefore make images of your tumors and of the rats that plagued the land, and you shall give glory to Israel's God; then perhaps He will remove His hand from you, from your gods, and from your land.

⁶"Why do you harden your hearts then, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh did?

Did they not let the people go to depart, when He did mighty things in their midst?"

⁷"Therefore now, make a brand new cart, and take two mother cows which have never been yoked before and hitch them to the cart; and take their calves home away from them.

@Have not been yoked, means they are not trained, and missing their calves, means they would naturally misbehave.

⁸"Then take the ark of the Lord, and place it on the cart;

and put the golden articles of your trespass offering in a chest beside it and send it off.

⁹"Then let us watch, if it goes up the road to its own land, to Beth-shemesh, then we know this great evil on us was the work of the Lord, but if it does not, then we know it is not the hand of the Lord but simply chance."

¹⁰So the men did just that; they hitched the mother cows to the cart and shut up their nursing calves at home.

¹¹And they set the ark on the cart with the chest with gold rats and images of their tumors.

¹²As they watched in awesome wonder, the cows took the highway, missing their calves and lowing, but they did not turn aside to the right or left. Without a driver they continued, as the lords of the Philistines followed them, until they reached the border of Beth-shemesh.

¹³The people of Beth-shemesh were reaping wheat harvest in the field; they lifted their eyes and saw the ark and rejoiced to see it.

¹⁴Then into the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh, the cart came and stood; in that place there was a large stone. So they split the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the Lord.

¹⁵Then the Levites took down the ark of the Lord and the chest with it with the articles of gold, and they put them on the large stone.

And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offering and made sacrifices that same day to the Lord.

¹⁶When the five lords of the Philistines saw it all, they were convinced and amazed, and they returned to Ekron that same day.

¹⁷These are the golden tumors the Philistines returned as a trespass offering to the Lord: one each from Gaza, from Ashdod, from Ekron, from Gath, and from Ashkelon;

¹⁸and the golden rats, according to the number of the cities of the Philistines that belonged to the five lords, both walled cities and remote villages as far as the large stone of Abel on which they placed the ark—this stone remains to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh.

@The Philistines knew it; God's presence was no play;

the plague was destructive on them and so they stepped away.

Oh, men of Beth-shemesh, won't you look into these things?

Do not look into the Ark or your spirit will take wings.

Got to fear before Him, and simply step away, or you may be left looking into your own disgrace and dismay.

¹⁹God struck the men of Beth-shemesh, for they looked into the ark of the Lord to gaze; fifty thousand and seventy men of the people died that day.

And the people mourned because the Lord struck the people then, with such a great slaughter that had come upon them.

²⁰The men of Beth-shemesh were fearful of God's presence, fearful for their lives. They said, "Who can stand before God's presence? Where can we send the ark at this time?"

²¹So they sent messengers to the people of Kiriath-jearim saying, "The Philistines feared God's presence, and have returned the ark of the Lord; come down and take it from us."

@Now they feared to keep the ark.

Got to revere the Lord's presence, though He is great to have around; if you cannot handle the presence, you will pass the ark around.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you cannot contain the Presence of God never try to entertain it; it is best to step away.*
2. *God is more than able to defend Himself, but He needs you to stand up in defence of those who do not know Him.*
3. *Your sin is anything that does not measure up to the laws of God; your sins are anything that cannot stand in the Presence of God; acknowledge your sins and step away.*
4. *Resistance falls when humility rises; do it with grace; bring an appropriate offering (your heart) to acknowledge the power that plagues you because of sin; rather, acknowledge His offering on Calvary's altar, and step away.*
5. *You have Egypt for your reference and a great cloud of witnesses, why do you need your own painful experience?*
6. *Your life is a lesson board from which God will be magnified; be among those who teach faith by determination rather than by default.*
7. *The science of the impossible eliminates the probable and magnifies the awesomeness of God. (Mother cows lowing after their calves will never go in the opposite direction from them.)*
8. *Unwilling mother cows missing their calves submit to the leading of the mighty God, why should human hearts resist?*
9. *It is devastating to play with the Presence of the living God and deleterious to come close to marginalize it; wisdom fears God and remains respectful.*
10. *Graze in, rather than gaze at the presence of God.*
11. *Lack of understanding causes men to treat the Presence of the living God in them and among them with presumptuous disregard.*
12. *Never get presumptuous or familiar with the Presence of God; He is and always will be a*

consuming fire; rather appreciate your privilege to come close, even to be able to approach the throne of grace.

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of madness that causes Christians to play with the Presence living in them, depart by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Let the spirit of blindness be driven from the eyes of sinners so they will cease to remain casual with eternal things, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, increase Your anointing upon believers so that every sinful thing loses confidence and melts away in their presence. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I refuse to rewrite history by my own obstinacy, but I will learn from history to fear God. Amen.
- Father, Your ways are too wonderful for me; I refuse to be a gazer but I will instead feed on relationship and graze in Your presence. Amen.

It thundered a great thunder, and all the enemies ran.

The Lord thunders on your behalf if you put away strange gods.

Would you recover cities, and things that you have lost?

Will you listen to His prophets and give heed to His voice?

Hey, you there lamenting, why don't you change your course?

For then, the Lord will thunder with a great thunder on your foes.

I SAMUEL 7

¹The men of Kirjath-jearim came and took the ark of the Lord, and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill and they consecrated his son Eleazer and entrusted it to his keeping.

²And so the ark remained in Kirjath-jearim for twenty years in all, and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

Will you listen to the prophet? Will you give heed to his voice?

³Samuel spoke to Israel then, saying, "If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, make Him your only choice, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from you, and prepare your hearts to seek the Lord, and to serve Him alone, and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."

@Say, would you have the Lord your God thunder on your behalf?

Then return to Him with all your hearts.

⁴So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and they served the Lord in truth.

⁵And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you."

⁶So they gathered together at Mizpah and drew water, and before the Lord they poured it out.

And they fasted on that day and confessed their sins with their mouths, saying, "We have sinned against the Lord." And Samuel judged all Israel at Mizpah.

⁷When the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel.

When the children of Israel heard it, the Philistines made them afraid.

⁸So the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Cry to God for us! Do not cease to pray, so that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.

Our hearts and hands are weak but He is thunder, pray to Him."

⁹So Samuel offered to the Lord a suckling lamb as a whole burnt offering, then Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord heard him.

¹⁰And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines advanced and drew near to battle against Israel.

But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and it confused them and Israel defeated them there.

They knew the sound of thunder but this was not the same; they expected the weaknesses of Israel, but everything changed.

¹¹They were stricken before Israel; Israel went out of Mizpah that day, and pursued the Philistines and drove them back as far as beyond Bethcar.

¹²And Samuel took a stone, and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, "So far the Lord has helped us," they heard him as he said.

¹³So the Philistines were subdued; they came no more in the land of Israel; and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

¹⁴Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were all restored to them, from Ekron to Gath;

and Israel took back all its territory from the Philistines' hands.

And there was peace at that time also between Israel and the Amorites.

¹⁵And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

¹⁶He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those places.

¹⁷But he always returned to Ramah, for his house was at Ramah, and there he judged Israel and built an altar to the Lord.

Yes, God will thunder on your enemies if you will regard His word.

has you; begin to pay deliberate attention to the person and the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

2. *When you faith your weakness you fail your strength; know your strength and remove your foreign gods.*
3. *Your dedicated quest for God will attract your dedicated enemies; your commitment to Him will attract committed foes.*
4. *The road to glory is littered with failed and fallen enemies; the fight makes the prize, glory, more glorious.*
5. *Your great confidence in your battles is in abilities neither you nor the enemy possess; your secret weapon is the secret place.*
6. *Never be distracted by the gathering storm; do battle in worship and God will battle your enemies in war.*
7. *Be on the right side of Thunder(God) and the thunder that causes your enemy to scatter, trembling, will cause you to soar in confidence.*
8. *When you cannot squeak because of fear, speak to Him who hears; the thunder of the Lord will add volume and voltage to your voice.*
9. *Set up your monuments for every victory knowing the Lord who has helped you thus far will bring His work in your life to completion.*
10. *You know it is God when your true enemy is a subdued enemy, and everything that is yours is in your hands and not in theirs.*
11. *Build your altar to present yourself to God; build a culture of ministering to present God to a people. Build your altar to know God; build a good work ethic to make Him known.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, possess me, control me; let Your fruit be abundant from me and let Your glory be revealed through me. Amen.
- Wisdom of the living God fall upon believers; let them refuse to put confidence in things that make them weak, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, I commit myself to Your protective custody as I passionately pursue You. Amen.
- I summon my strong angels now; let everyone that hates my progress be clothed with shame, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father, my God, You are my boast and confidence. Your arm is strong and mighty; You clothe Yourself with power none can defeat. Amen.
- God of war and thunder; thunder upon my strong enemies and upon every gathering calling my name for harm; let them flee away scared and defeated, in the name of Jesus.

TO be a nation separated to God is a distinctive thing.

"No, we want to be just like the others;

give to us a king;

Someone to judge us and fight our battles like all the nations have."

'Or someone to take your vineyards and make you cry, "O God!"'

If man is your standard, you cannot excel in His love;

Though you are among them, you are not of them; you are set apart, above.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Because you have the ark does not mean the ark*

¹When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel.

²Abijah was the second, and the firstborn was named Joel;

both of them were judges in Beersheba then.

³But his sons did not walk in the ways of Samuel;

they took bribes, perverted justice and followed after dishonest gain.

⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered, and to Samuel at Ramah they came,

⁵and they said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways.

Make us a king to judge us, like all the nations do."

@Israel, do you desire to be like others; is God not good enough for you?

⁶This thing displeased Samuel, for he knew Israel was set apart;

yet they said, "Give us a king to judge us;" so he prayed to the Lord.

⁷And the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; but they have rejected Me—they have not rejected you—

that over them I should not reign.

⁸According to all the works they have done since the day I brought them from Egypt to this day

—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.

⁹Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you must solemnly protest, and show them the manner of the king who will reign over them."

¹⁰And Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who requested a king.

¹¹He said, "This will be the manner of the king who will reign over you:

he will take your sons and appoint them for his personal use, some for his chariots and for his horsemen, and some who will run before his chariots.

¹²He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties,

he will set some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest,

and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

¹³He will make your daughters his bakers, cooks and perfumers.

¹⁴And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants.

¹⁵He will take a tenth of your grain and your vineyards, and give it to his officers and his servants.

¹⁶And he will take your male and female servants, your best young men and your donkeys, to work for him.

¹⁷He will take a tenth of your sheep, and his servants you will be.

¹⁸And you will cry out in that day because of the king you have chosen and his policies,

and the Lord will not hear you."

¹⁹However the people refused to heed the warning of Samuel, his voice to obey; they said, "No, but over us we will have a king to reign.

²⁰"That we may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us to fight our battles—someone we see and not just God."

@It is best to listen to instructions, than to wish one day that you had.

²¹And Samuel heard all the cries of the people, and he repeated them to the Lord.

²²"And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king."

@To be a nation set apart for God is a distinctive thing;

where God protests, provides, prospers, promotes and defends, and you look only to Him.

Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go back to your cities every man."

@The Lord heard the people's cry.

Do you desire to follow your own laws? Are sinners the reason why?

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Invest time into your posterity or they will divest and divert your legacy.
2. The world should follow you as you follow God, not lead you as you lead God.
3. Allow God to set the trend for your life, rather than allowing the world to set the trend for your Godliness.
4. God may permit but He will admit; He may permit you to have your way but He will admit to you the problems of doing it your way.
5. When you fit the Lord out to fit the world in, the devil gets a perfect fit because you reject the power of your Godliness.
6. It is normal to want to look normal, it is easy to want to have it easy; but it is more distinguished, dignified, defining, rewarding and refining to do it God's way.
7. It is more exacting and punishing for you and your generations if you reject the knowledge of God to pursue the wisdom of man.
8. It is best to limp in God's perfect will than to sprint and boast in His permissive will.
9. It is unwise to be happy with the provision or the concession of God if God is not happy with you.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every spirit that is assigned to divert, distract and to nullify the anointing on the children of ministers, be dispelled by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father God, You have been a perfect example to me; help me to mirror You to my children and to my world, that they will follow You passionately. Amen.
- I refuse to let the world be the model of my righteousness; I will follow You Father. Amen.
- Let the spirit of the world that seeks to invade the church be scattered to desolation, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, thank You for making me a peculiar treasure, set apart, a royal diadem, and the apple of Your eyes; I refuse to be normal. Amen.

**HE was head and shoulders taller,
Handsome to the sight;
He went out to fetch his donkeys,
but instead would find his life.
Perhaps in a private moment,
God will whisper in your ear,
turning frustrations into platforms
to set you up somewhere.**

I SAMUEL 9

¹He was a mighty man of power; a Benjamite, and Kish was his name. He was the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Aphiah;
²he had a favorable and handsome son whose name was Saul. There was none so handsome among the children of Israel at all. He was head and shoulders taller than all the people in the land.
³And the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, "Please take one of the servants with you, rise up and go seek the donkeys."
⁴So they passed through the mountains of Ephraim and through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find the donkeys.
⁵When they came to Zuph, Saul said to his servant who went with him, "Come, let us return, lest my father forgets about the donkeys and becomes worried about us instead."
⁶The servant said to him, "Let us go into this city; a man of God is there. He is honorable, for all he says come to pass without fail; perhaps he can show us the way we should go from here."
@They went out to fetch the donkeys, but to the man of God they were led.
⁷Saul said to his servant, "But if we go, what shall we give this man?
Empty handed we cannot go.
The bread is finished from our vessels, and there is no present to bring him. What do we have?"
⁸The servant answered Saul and said, "I have a fourth part of a shekel of silver. I will give that to the man of God to tell us the way."
⁹In those days in Israel, when someone went to inquire of God, they said, "Come let us go to the seer"; for the person they now call a prophet was formerly called a seer.
¹⁰Then Saul said to his servant, "Certainly, come let us go."
So they went to the city where the man of God was.
¹¹As they went up the hill to the city they met some young women going out to draw water, and they asked them, "Is the seer here?"
¹²And they answered them and said, "Yes, he is there in front of you.

Hurry now, for today he came to this city, for there is a sacrifice for the people on the high place.

¹³"As you enter the city, you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat, because he blesses the sacrifice, and afterwards those who are invited sit to eat. Now therefore go up, for you will find him about this time."

¹⁴And so they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, there was Samuel, coming out to go up to the high place.

¹⁵Now on the day before Saul came, the Lord had spoken to Samuel, saying,
¹⁶"Tomorrow at about this time I will send a Benjamite to you;

you shall anoint him captain over My people Israel, that he may deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines, for I have looked on My people, because their cry has come to Me."

@A frustrating search led Saul to Samuel, when he was about to return; but all this time he was being set up for things he never earned.

¹⁷When Samuel saw Saul coming, the Lord said to him,

"Behold the man I spoke to you about. He shall reign over My people."

¹⁸And Saul came close to Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me where the seer lives."

@He was highly honored; he walked with God and anointed kings, but looked fairly ordinary, without pomp or entourage; they did not recognize him.

¹⁹And Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer.

Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and tell you all that is in your heart.

@Do not set your mind on those donkeys, they were never really lost.

²⁰As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have already been found.

And on whom is the desire of all Israel? Is it not on you and on all your father's house?"

²¹And Saul protested, saying, "Why do you speak to me this way,

am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family, the least of all the families in the tribe of Benjamin?"

²²And Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the room, and made them sit in the highest place among those who were invited; there were about thirty persons there.

²³And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring me the portion I gave you and told you to set aside."

²⁴So the cook took up the thigh and set it be-

fore Saul; *giving him a royal surprise.*

And Samuel said, "Eat, for until now it has been kept for you, since I invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

²⁵And when they had come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul on the house-top.

²⁶And they rose early. It was just about dawn when Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying,

"Come, let me send you away."

And Saul rose up and went outside with Samuel.

²⁷And as they neared the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell your servant to go on ahead of us."

@There are stages in your journey, that you must take alone, or at least change your company for where you are about to go.

So the servant travelled on.

And Samuel said, "You stand here, that I may declare to you the word of God."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The solution to your problem may be the answer to your destiny.*
2. *The problem you set out after may be the decoy for the purpose you are called out to.*
3. *The prophecy you reach out for is made minuscule by the prophecy that has been reaching out for you.*
4. *It is standard protocol to bring a gift or a blessing to the source of your blessing even if it is not stipulated or required.*
5. *Though the incidences coincide it may not be a coincidence, but divine orchestration with divine timing.*
6. *Looking for him who is looking for you with anticipation; the eyes of your destiny helpers are tuned to the beat of God's heart.*
7. *You may need to lose your donkeys (mundane pursuits) to find your calling; your donkey-search will lose its relevance when your calling is found.*
8. *Provision and preparation is already made in the spirit for each stage of your journey to destiny. God knows where you are now and where He is taking you.*
9. *Not everything the Lord gives you is for everyone you have with you; the Lord may call you out and call you away to call you to a higher place.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, let the problems that will open the door to my destiny arise in my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- Marvelous God, my destiny is in Your hands; continue to amaze me with Your divine works as You unravel Your plans for my life. Amen.
- Let every word issued from Glory for my life and my destiny, locate me today, in the name of Jesus.
- Heavenly Father, give me a generous spirit towards Your church and Your ministers, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Most High God, help me to lose everything that I

am pursuing that is blocking or diverting the pursuit of Your high calling on my life, in the name of Jesus.

**DO you care for an incision,
Someone cutting you apart?
And with gentle care the Doctor,
Gives to you a brand new heart?
Do you care for provision?
Do you care to prophesy?
Do you care for His Spirit?
Do you want the flesh to die?
Know that God is calling you,
even while you are yet in sin,
And takes you from your place of hiding
To make you a priest and king.**

I SAMUEL 10

¹*Do you care for the anointing?*

Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head.

And he kissed him then, and to him he said, "Is it not because the Lord has appointed you captain of his inheritance?"

⁶*Do you care for your donkeys, be at peace for they are found.*

²When you leave me today, you will find two men at Rachel's tomb, in Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, "The donkeys you went searching for are found; now your father is not worried about them but is worried about you.

He is saying, "What shall I do about my son?"

Do you care for provision? It is provided for you then.

³You shall go forward and on the plain of Tabor,

you shall meet three men going up to Bethel, one carrying three goat kids, another three loaves of bread, and the other a skin of wine.

⁴They will greet you and give you two loaves of bread;

you shall receive it from their hands.

Do you care for His Spirit? Do you care to prophesy?

⁵After this you shall come to the hill of God where the garrison of the Philistines is.

And when you arrive at the city, you will meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, a tambourine, a flute and a harp before them, and they will be prophesying.

⁶The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you then,

and you will prophesy with them and you shall be a different man.

⁷And when these signs come on you,

do as the need requires there, for God is with you,

and for you the Lord God cares.

⁸You shall then go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you, to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. You shall wait seven days, until I come to you

and show you what you are to do.”

⁹And as he turned away from Samuel, Saul was being transformed.

God gave him a brand new heart.

A heart transplant was performed.

All those signs came to pass that day.

¹⁰When they came there to the hill, there was a company of prophets to meet him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

¹¹And so when all who knew him formerly saw him prophesy with the prophets, to each other they said,

“What is this that has happened to the son of Kish?

Is Saul also among the prophets?”

¹²Then a man from there answered, “But who is their father?”

Therefore it became a proverb: “Is Saul among the prophets?”

¹³When he had finished prophesying, he went up to the high place.

¹⁴Then Saul’s uncle said to him and his servant, “Where did you go?”

So he said, “To look for the donkeys.

We went to Samuel when we saw that they were nowhere to be found.”

¹⁵And Saul’s uncle said to him, “Please tell me what Samuel said to you.”

¹⁶And Saul said to his uncle, “He told us plainly that the donkeys are found.”

But he did not tell him what Samuel said about the matter of the kingdom.

¹⁷And Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah,

¹⁸and to the children of Israel Samuel said,

“Thus says the Lord God of Israel:

‘I brought you out of Egypt, and delivered you from the Egyptians and from all kingdoms and from those who oppressed you.’

¹⁹“But you have rejected your God this day, who by Himself saved you from all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to him, ‘No, we want a king to reign over us!’

Now therefore, present yourself before the Lord by your tribes and by your families.”

²⁰And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, he chose the tribe of Benjamin.

²¹From the tribe of Benjamin he chose the family of Matri.

And Saul the son of Kish was chosen.

But when they sought for him they could not find him.

²²They inquired of the Lord further;

“Has the man come here yet?”

And the Lord answered, “He is right there, hiding among the supplies.”

²³So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than them all from his shoulders up.

[Ⓜ]*He will take you from your place of hiding,*

when in your eyes you are very small, and make you head and shoulders higher, distinct and standing tall.

He was to appease the sight of Israel.

²⁴Samuel said, “Do you see the person the Lord has chosen,

that there is none like him among the people?”

And all the people shouted, and said, “Long live the king!”

²⁵Then Samuel explained to the people how the kingdom would operate, and he wrote it in a book and laid it before the Lord.

Then he sent the people away, every man to his house.

²⁶And Saul went home to Gibeah;

and with him went a band of valiant men, whose heart God had touched;

speaking service to them.

²⁷But some troublemakers said, “How can this man save us?”

They reviled him and brought him no present,

[Ⓜ]*but he did not respond to them.*

When they revile you and despise you,

it is the right thing to behave.

Do not care for their presents; care for God’s mandate.

Care for the new heart He gives you,

and if you care, seek the Lord and wait.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The anointing is initiation it is not arrival, it is activation not conclusion.*
2. *God will show you snapshots to let you know He has control of the full picture; God will give you a short term preview to let you know the video of your life is already complete.*
3. *You are a prophet before you are a king; learn to hear God clearly and follow Him precisely to operate in your dominion mandate.*
4. *Lose yourself in God before you loose yourself in service; be made new in order to be used.*
5. *Your validity is in your heredity; your potency is in your paternity; your works must declare who your father is.*
6. *Not everything you know is for the ears of everyone you know; not everything about you is for your own tongue to declare.*
7. *Tongue and timing must be tied or you will become tongue-tied; understand the timing before you speak.*
8. *God will exalt you from your place of hiding and self-abasement but will abase you from your place of pride and self-exaltation.*
9. *People will know they have the right choice if you stand out when you stand up; God knows He has the right choice when He stands out when you stand up.*
10. *Your shout is empty if you shout for what God has permitted and not what He had perfected.*
11. *Your detractors are those who are attracted to your past in the presence of your magnificent future; they will magnify the negative they know and use it to minimize the positives on show; they will not shut up until your distinction shuts them out.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Heavenly Father, let the anointing upon my life unlock every hidden potential in me; clothe me with the power of fulfillment. Amen.
- I declare that my way will grow brighter to that perfect day, in the name of Jesus. Thank You Father for every encounter and experience of You on my path to fulfillments. Amen.
- Power to hear God with clarity; spirit to follow God whole-heartedly envelope my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, fill me with an insatiable passion and desire for Your presence and let service flow from my relationship with You. Amen.
- I am a completely new creation; a seed of righteousness; a partaker of God's divine nature; the change in me will be a true representation of my Father, God. Amen.

HOLY anger, indignation, just to hear the sinners' words.

They will pluck out your eyes in asking that their sinfulness you serve.

While the brotherhood is weeping, is there one to take a stand?

Holy anger, indignation, for a battle must be won.

I SAMUEL II

¹His name was Nahash the Ammonite, against Jabesh-gilead he came.

"Make a covenant with us and we shall serve you," the men of Jabesh said.

²But Nahash would not have it, instead he answered in return,

"I will make a covenant with you on this condition alone;

that I may pluck out all your right eyes and bring on all Israel a reproach!"

@Know the enemy is not satisfied just to have God's people serve,

but he would like to see the brethren also be embarrassed and reproached.

³And the elders of Jabesh replied, "Give us a grace period of seven days,

and we will send messengers throughout all Israel to see if any will come to save.

If there is no one to save us, we will come out to you."

⁴When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and to the people the news was told, all the brethren lifted up their voices and wept; there was *none to stand and to be bold.*

@When we weep at every problem, how will the strongholds yield?

Holy anger, indignation, was coming up from the field!

⁵Now Saul was coming behind the herd from the field just then.

"What troubles all the people that they weep?" he was moved to ask of them.

Then they told him the words of the men of Jabesh.

⁶And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news.

His anger was kindled greatly; he was not amused.

⁷*Filled with indignation,* he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all Israel with a message, saying,

"Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, this shall be done to his oxen!" And on the people the fear of the Lord fell, so they came out with one consent.

⁸When they numbered them in Bezek, there were three hundred thousand men of Israel, and thirty thousand men of Judah with them.

⁹And to the messengers who came they said, *Will brethren rise to help you, or will they not?*

"Say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, 'You will have help tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot.'"

So the messengers came and reported it to the men of Jabesh, and they were very glad.

The mood had now changed; the war was on!

¹⁰The men of Jabesh said to Ammon, *for brethren would no longer cry but fight,*

"Tomorrow we will come out to you; do to us then what you think is right."

Holy anger, indignation; ready to make a stand.

¹¹Saul divided the people in three companies on the next day; in the morning watch they came into the midst of the camp.

They killed Ammonites until the heat of the day;

those who remained were scattered, no two of them were left together that day.

For the enemy's hold is broken when brethren do battle and pray.

¹²*Holy anger, indignation;* to Samuel the people said,

"Who is he who said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring those men that we may put them to death."

¹³But Saul said to them, "No man shall be put to death this day, for by the working of the Lord today, Israel has been saved."

Holy anger and your zeal will testify of you.

¹⁴Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal, there the kingdom to renew."

¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal and there they crowned Saul king before the Lord.

And they offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord,

and Saul and all Israel rejoiced greatly.

@They had seen God's deliverance, and with new confidence and faith,

they resolved, "Holy anger, indignation, shall guide us from this day."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *There is no casual covenant with the enemy; he is not satisfied with surrender; he wants to utterly devastate and embarrass you and the church.*
2. *The church is alive when there are believers willing to stand up for and on behalf of those targeted by the enemy.*
3. *Failure of the church to rise in defence of believers*

- under attack is a reproach on the church.*
4. *If it moves you to tears, fear, discussion or indignation, it should move you to action...unless you are willing to see the kingdom reproached.*
 5. *Live at the place of the anointing and you will move when He moves; responding to evil comes naturally.*
 6. *The church has enough hands for the battle but not enough hearts; true fear of the Lord mobilizes.*
 7. *It moves you to act when it gets personal (your own family or property is under threat); those who fail to act otherwise, do not take kingdom business personal.*
 8. *You are ready to face your strong enemy when the brethren are ready to embrace their strength in God and fight.*
 9. *It is time to show the enemy a picture of unity and strength instead of an image of weakness marked by division and non-action.*
 10. *Victory is waiting to be won on the backs of resolve and willingness to engage.*
 11. *Your detractors may never accept you but they must accept your success and fear before you.*
 12. *Mercy attracts mercy so give mercy; the best torture for your detractors is your success not your vindictiveness.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the blood of Jesus Christ repel every evil attempt of the enemy to gain a foothold in the lives of believers, in the name of Jesus.
- Power of the living God, breathe fiery indignation into the hearts of believers that will compel them to rise and defend brethren, in the name of Jesus.
- Fire of God, consume every attempt of the enemy to bring reproach upon the church, in the name of Jesus.
- By the love for the Father, let a burning hatred for evil that compels action envelop the church today, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, let the church be strong and resilient against evil. Amen.

LEADERS, speak up, leaders, when your tenure is all done, can you call all men to testify to the deeds that you have done? Can you say, "Have I oppressed you? Or taken a bribe of any man? Have I taken donkey or oxen? Or by fraud have done you wrong?" When you see the rain and thunder, know that God is speaking too. Leaders, lead in righteousness, or else you and the nation will be consumed.

I SAMUEL 12

¹Samuel was their leader, and he gave his account to all Israel.

"I have listened to you in all you said, and have anointed a king over you.

²"Now here is the king, walking before you; and I am old and grey-headed and my sons are with you.

I have walked before you ever since I was a child.

³"Here I am. Witness against me before the

Lord and before the one He has anointed. Whose ox or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded?

Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I taken bribe to blind my eyes? Tell me and I will restore it to you."

⁴And they said, "You have always done well. You have not defrauded or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything that we can tell."

⁵"And he said, "The Lord is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have found nothing in my hand."

"He is witness," they all said.

⁶And Samuel said to the people, "It is the Lord who raised up Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers up out of Egypt.

⁷"Now therefore, stand still and let me reason with you before the Lord, of the righteous acts of the Lord which He did to you and to your fathers.

⁸"When Jacob had gone into Egypt, and to the Lord your fathers cried out there, then the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell here in this place.

⁹"And when they forgot the Lord their God, He sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab.

¹⁰"Then they cried to the Lord, and said, 'We have sinned, for we have forsaken the Lord and served the Baals and Ashtoreths; now please deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.'

¹¹"And the Lord sent Jerubbaal, Bedan, Jephthah and Samuel,

and delivered you out of the hand of the enemies on every side; and in safety you dwelt.

¹²"But when you saw Nahash king of the Ammonites come against you, you said to me, 'No, but over us a king should reign!'

When the Lord your God was your King and leader; *He made you to dwell here safe.*

¹³"Now, behold, the king you have chosen, O Israel, the one whom you have desired.

Take note, the Lord has set a king over you; he is here before your eyes.

¹⁴"If you will fear the Lord and serve Him and obey His voice to do His words, and you do not rebel against His commandments,

then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue before the Lord.

@Leaders, speak up, leaders, for your king must know this too:

¹⁵"If you do not obey the voice of the Lord, and rebel against His commands, His hand will speak up against you—

as His hand was against your fathers, against you also it shall be.

¹⁶"The Lord is about to do a great thing in your eyes; now stand back and see.

¹⁷"Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call the Lord and He will send thunder and rain,

that you may perceive and see this that your wickedness is great; this wickedness you have done before the Lord in asking for a king.”

¹⁸So Samuel called to the Lord, and they heard the mighty thundering—the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; *it was so unusual for that time of year;* and all the people feared the Lord and Samuel greatly.

¹⁹And the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to the Lord, that we may not die for our sins;

for we have added to all our sins, this evil of asking for a king.”

²⁰Then Samuel said to the people, “Do not fear.

Though you have done all this wickedness, *you are still in His care;*

do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve Him with all your heart.

²¹“And do not turn aside; for then you will be seeking vain things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are useless.

²²“For the Lord will not forsake His people for His great name’s sake; because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people.

²³“And, as for me, God forbid that I sin against Him in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the way that is good and right.

²⁴“Only fear the Lord and serve Him with all your heart in truth; for consider now the great things that the Lord has done for you.

²⁵“But if you still do wickedly, you shall be consumed, both you and your king!”

©Leaders, speak up, leaders; lead in righteousness and live.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Integrity is the only voice qualified to declare the legacy of a leader.
2. Your rights should only determine your choice if it does not violate your integrity or objectivity. Integrity is the only claimant to the privileges and access of your position.
3. Life will provide you with many opportunities to violate your standards and zero opportunity to regain your impeccable record.
4. You live your life before others; consistency will ensure that what you say about you agrees with what they say about you.
5. Be pure as your Father in heaven is pure and holy as He is; the devil will come looking but he must find nothing of and for him in you.
6. You cannot afford to live for yourself alone; they invalidate the God you represent if they are able to invalidate you.
7. It is a conflict to want the benefits of the kingdom without the governance of the kingdom; resolve your conflicts today.
8. It is easy to be like everyone else; it is privileged to be unique. Never reject God for the systems and confusion of this world.
9. You may be excused to establish self-governance

but it does not excuse you from accountability to God or exclude Him from holding you accountable.

10. Not because they reject you and God, relieves you of your responsibility to represent them in prayer; it intensifies it. Failure to intercede is counted as sin against you.
11. Intercession is the responsibility of believers; the less your spirit agrees with them is the more reasons for you to pray for them.

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, let my integrity speak for me in heaven and on earth, let it put to silence the voice of the accuser, in the name of Jesus.
- I will walk before you Father in integrity; I refuse every opportunity and privilege that causes me to compromise my relationship with You and my assignment here. Amen.
- By the power of the Holy Spirit, I will walk with purity of heart and with clean hands before God and man. Amen.
- Father God, I accept Your lordship and Your governance; You dignify me and distinguish me among men. Amen.
- I refuse to elevate the systems of this world above the laws of my God; lead me to life O God and abundance of life, in the name of Jesus.
- Father I love them, not because I agree with what they do but because I am like You and Your love is in me; I refuse to sin against You by failing to pray for sinners, in the name of Jesus.

**OH, no! The situation has turned!
We have stricken their garrison; now they come to us in swarms.
We have no sword nor spear for there is no blacksmith in the land;
but we serve the Lord, the God of Israel, and depend solely on His hand.
Israel is scattered! Where is Samuel? Is that the sacrifice that Saul burns?
Oh, praise the Lord, here is Samuel! Oh, no! The situation has turned!**

I SAMUEL 13

Behold; there is a king reigning in Israel. Saul reigned one year and all was going well.

¹Now when he had reigned two years over Israel,

²Saul chose for himself three thousand men: two thousand were with him in Michmash, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeath of Benjamin,

and he sent the rest of the people away, every man to his own tent.

³Oh, yes, a victory! Jonathan attacked and struck the garrison of the Philistines in Geba there; and the Philistines heard.

Then Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, “Let the Hebrews hear!”

⁴And it was told to all Israel how Saul had attacked a Philistine garrison, and that Israel had become an abomination to the Philistines.

And the people were called together to Saul at Gilgal.

⁵So the Philistines gathered together to fight Israel: thirty thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand on the seashore in strength.

And they came up and camped in Michmash, east of Beth-aven.

⁶When Israel saw that they were in a desperate situation,

(the situation turned and they were distressed), the people hid in caves, in thick bushes, in holes, in pits and in rocks.

⁷And some of the Hebrews crossed over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead.

But Saul remained in Gilgal; and all the people who followed him were trembling.

⁸According to the set time Samuel had appointed, Saul waited seven days.

But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and from Saul the people were scattered away.

⁹So Saul said, "Bring me a peace offering and a burnt offering."

And he offered the burnt offering that day.

Oh no, Saul, what are you doing?

¹⁰As soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel came;

and Saul went to meet and to greet him.

¹¹And Samuel said, "What have you done?"

@You fear the enemy but you had God! But now the situation has really turned.

Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days,

and that the Philistines are gathered at Michmash *I was moved by fear,*

¹²for I said, 'The Philistines will come down on me at Gilgal,

and I have not made supplication to the Lord! And so I forced myself and offered a burnt offering."

¹³Then Samuel firmly said to Saul,

"You have done foolishly and have not kept the commandment that the Lord has commanded you, for then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

¹⁴Now your kingdom shall not continue.

The Lord has sought for himself a man after His own heart,

and He has commanded him to be captain over His people,

because you have not kept what He has commanded you."

¹⁵Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal, to Gibeah of Benjamin.

And Saul numbered the people left with him, they were about six hundred men.

But the Lord was gone from him.

¹⁶In Gibeah of Benjamin, Saul, Jonathan his son, and the people present with him remained.

The Philistines were camped at Michmash,

¹⁷and from the Philistine camp raiders came. They came out in three companies: one turned onto the road to Ophrah, to the land of Shual, ¹⁸another company took the road to Beth-horon,

and another company turned to the road of the border overlooking the Valley of Zeboim, towards the wilderness.

¹⁹Now throughout all the land of Israel there was no blacksmith to be found, for the Philistines had said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords and spears."

@The Philistines had fought their battle, even before the war was on.

²⁰And all Israel would go down to the Philistines, every man, to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe and his sickle.

²¹The charge for sharpening was a pim, for the plowshares, the mattocks, the forks and the axes and to set the points of the goads.

@Israel was content to have no weapons; but now, oh, no, the situation changed.

Never permit the enemy to strip you of your weapons; with the daily Word you must be armed.

Be prepared in times of peace; you will need your sword in times of war.

²²So in the day of battle, there was neither sword nor spear to be found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan;

only with Saul and Jonathan his son alone.

²³And out to the passage of Michmash the garrison of the Philistines went.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. The enemy of God must be the enemy of the servants of God and they must know it.
2. The anointing stirring in you will stir you to stir up the enemy of the anointing; the anointing is powerful enough to settle its own quarrels.
3. You magnify the strength of your God when you stand confidently before your strong enemy; you magnify your weakness when you hide and run away trembling.
4. Be anxious for nothing, even in the most testing circumstances, for anxiety will override wisdom and judgment, and will magnify your problems.
5. Move with God rather than move against Him; never make a move in the flesh or it will move you from His grace.
6. When you are in a crisis find the peace where Christ is; it is a different picture when you fear and tremble before God instead of before your crisis.
7. Your worse day begins when you deal with your situation your best way; your breakthrough is at hand but will ride away on the back of your breakdown.
8. Your good excuse is a very bad excuse if it excuses God from the solution.
9. Build your kingdom your own way and you break the only power to sustain your kingdom. Replace God from the solution and God will replace you from the answer.
10. The enemy will always try to strip you of your sword, the word, to control you and make you

powerless against him.

11. *The wicked will build a business out of debilitating and incapacitating you; they will have you pay them to prey on you and steal your own initiatives.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, my love for You is unquestionable; I refuse to be friendly with any spirit that hates You, but I am ready to die for sinners as You were. Amen.
- Amazing God, let the spirit of Christ in me agitate sinners to the battlefield of love, and let love settle the matter, in the name of Jesus.
- Omnipotent Father, Your strength is unsearchable and Your commitment to me unquestionable; I refuse to be afraid before my strong enemies. Amen.
- I know who I am and I know whose I am; I shall not be afraid; You are the strength of my life; why should I be afraid? Amen.
- Prince of Peace, my strong shelter, I run to You. You are my peace, I shall not be moved. Amen.

HE can deliver by many; He can deliver by one;

But God will not deliver sin.

He will cause your enemies to tremble, cause them to fear,

And with their swords their own throats they will tear.

But if the one by whom He delivers, does a sinful thing,

God is not partial, and He will not deliver sin.

I SAMUEL 14

¹“Let us not wait until they come up; over to the Philistines’ garrison let us now go.”

It was the voice of Jonathan the son of Saul; to the young man who bore his armour he spoke, but he did not tell it to his father.

²Saul was sitting on the outskirts of Gibeah, under a pomegranate tree in Migron. Those who were with him were about six hundred men.

³Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, the son of Phinehas, son of Eli, priest of the Lord in Shiloh, was wearing an ephod. The people did not know that Jonathan had gone up.

⁴And there between the passages by which Jonathan sought to pass to go over to the Philistines’ garrison, there were sharp rocks on either side. The name of one was Bozez, and Seneh was the name of the other one.

⁵One faced northward opposite Michmash, and the other southward opposite Gibeah.

⁶And Jonathan said to his armorbearer, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised;

it may be that the Lord will work for us, for the Lord is not restrained by number; He can save by many or by few.”

⁷So his armorbearer said to him, “Do all that is in your heart; I am with you.”
⁸*He can deliver by one indeed, but He will not deliver sin.*

⁸Jonathan said, “Good, let us cross over to these men, and show ourselves to them.

⁹Through them the Lord will show us what to do; if they say to us, ‘Wait and we will come up to you!’; then we will remain in our place and not go up.

¹⁰But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up at that time, for the Lord has delivered them into our hands; this shall be our sign.”

¹¹So they both showed themselves to the Philistines’ garrison.

And the Philistines said, “Look, the Hebrews are coming out from the holes they have been hiding in.”

¹²Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armorbearer, saying, “Come up to us, and we will show you something.”

And Jonathan said to his armorbearer then, “Come up after me, for the Lord has delivered them into the hands of Israel.”

¹³And on his hands and knees, Jonathan climbed up to them;

and his armorbearer came up after him.

And before Jonathan the Philistines fell.

And as he went, his armorbearer killed after him.

¹⁴And the first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men in half an acre of space.

¹⁵And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people there.

The garrison and the raiders also trembled, and the earth quaked.

¹⁶And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah looked, and they saw the multitude melt away; and they were beating down each other.

¹⁷Then Saul said to the people with him that day,

“Take the roll and see who is gone out from us.”

And Jonathan and his armorbearer were not found with them.

¹⁸And Saul said to Ahijah, “Bring the ark of God here.” (For at that time the ark was with the children of Israel.)

¹⁹Now, while Saul talked to the priest, the noise in the Philistine camp continually increased;

so Saul said to the priest, “Withdraw your hand.”

²⁰Then Saul and all the people who were with him, assembled, and to the battle they came; and every man’s sword was against his fellow soldier, and the confusion was very great.

²¹And the Hebrews who were with the Philistines then, who from the surrounding country

had defected to them,
turned and joined the Israelites who were with
Saul and Jonathan.

²²Also, all the men of Israel who had hidden in
the mountains of Ephraim,
when they heard that the Philistines fled,
also followed hard after them in battle;
they had found renewed strength!

²³So the Lord saved Israel that day, and the
battle passed over Beth-aven.

²⁴And the people of Israel were distressed that
day, for Saul placed them under an oath, say-
ing,

“Cursed is the man who eats any food until
evening,
before I have taken vengeance on my en-
emies.”

So none of the people tasted any food.

²⁵And all the people of the land came to the
forest; and there was honey on the ground.

²⁶And when they looked, the honey was drip-
ping;

but no man put his hand to his mouth, for the
people feared the oath.

²⁷But Jonathan had not heard the oath his
father charged the people with,
therefore he stretched out the end of his rod
and dipped it in a honeycomb;
and put it to his mouth and his spirit bright-
ened.

²⁸Then one of the people said,
“Your father strictly charged the people with
an oath, saying,
‘Cursed is the man who eats food this day.’”
And God does not deliver sin.

And the people were very weak and faint.

²⁹But Jonathan said, “My father has troubled
the land.

See now, how my spirit is revived because I
tasted a little of the honey.

³⁰“How much more if the people ate freely of
the spoils of their enemies which they find!
Would there not have been a much greater
slaughter among the Philistines?”

³¹Now they had struck the Philistines from
Michmash to Aijalon. So the people were very
weak and faint.

³²And they converged on the spoil,
and took oxen, sheep and calves that day,
and they slaughtered them on the ground;
and they ate them there with the blood.

*Jonathan had first provoked them to victory;
now he provoked them to give it up.*

³³And they told Saul, saying, “The people are
sinning against the Lord, and with the blood
they also eat.”

And he said, “You have transgressed; now roll
a large stone to me.

³⁴Then Saul said, “Disperse among the people;
and say, ‘Every man bring his ox and his
sheep and slaughter them here,
and do not sin against God by eating blood.’”

So all the people brought his ox with him that
night, and slaughtered it there.

³⁵Then Saul built an altar to the Lord;
this was the first altar that he built to the
Lord.

³⁶And Saul said, “Let us go down after the
Philistines by night and plunder them until
the morning;

let us not leave a man of them.”

And they said, “Do whatever seems good to
you.”

Then the priest said, “Let us ask counsel of
God.”

³⁷So Saul asked counsel of God, “Should I go
down after the Philistines?

Will you deliver them into the hand of Israel?”
But the Lord did not answer him that day.

³⁸And Saul said, “Let all the chiefs of the peo-
ple come over here,

that this sin done today may be declared.

³⁹“For as the Lord lives who saves Israel,
even if it is in Jonathan my son, he shall
surely die.”

But none among the people answered him.

⁴⁰Then he said to all Israel, “You be on one
side

and Jonathan my son and I will be on the
other side.”

And the people said to Saul, “What seems
good to you, this do.”

⁴¹Then Saul said to the Lord God of Israel,
“Give me a perfect lot of the two.”

So Saul and Jonathan were taken, but the
people escaped.

⁴²And he said, “Cast lots between my son
Jonathan and myself.”

So Jonathan was taken.

⁴³Then Saul said to Jonathan,, “Tell me what
you have done.”

And Jonathan told him, saying, “I only tasted
a little honey with the end of the rod in my
hand. So now I must die!”

⁴⁴Saul responded, “God do so to me and more
also, for you shall surely die.”

*God is no respecter of persons; the payment for
every man's sin is required.*

⁴⁵But the people came to his rescue, saying,
“Shall Jonathan die, who has performed this
great deliverance in Israel?”

God forbid! As the Lord lives not one hair of
his head shall fall to the ground,
for he has worked with God this day in this
thing.”

So they rescued Jonathan.

⁴⁶And Saul went up from the Philistines.
For God does not deliver sin.

So the Philistines returned to their place.

⁴⁷Saul established his reign over Israel,
and fought against all his enemies on every
side,

against Moab, against Ammon, against Edom,
against the kings of Zobah, and against the
Philistines.

Wherever he turned he vexed them.

⁴⁸He gathered the army and defeated the
Amalekites,

and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.

⁴⁹The sons of Saul were: Jonathan, Jishui and Malchishua, his two daughters were Merab the firstborn, and the younger, Michal;

⁵⁰Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz was Saul's wife.

Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle; was captain of his army at that time.

⁵¹Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

⁵²There was fierce war with the Philistines all the days of Saul.

And when Saul saw any strong and valiant man, he took him for himself.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You have the answer to your dilemma when the Lord becomes your answer instead of your dilemma.*
2. *Two is not too few to exercise the faith for great breakthroughs; God can save by many or by few; He shows up in the midst of any two agreeing on anything concerning His kingdom.*
3. *Surround yourself with people who will surround you with support and confidence even when they are surrounded by a thousand reasons to question your soundness.*
4. *Your limitations run parallel with your vision of God; you are moving full speed with brakes on when you limit your God.*
5. *God will honor your initiative to honor His will if your heart is set to honor Him.*
6. *Your small ability and big heart is all God needs to exercise His big ability and give you a big turnaround.*
7. *Your small knock has the ability to cause an earthquake; keep knocking on heaven's door.*
8. *You have the power to make your enemy panic; the kingdom of darkness and its arms of flesh panics when God shows up for you or in you.*
9. *Fight on for the fearful and unbelieving; they will find confidence in your victories.*
10. *Never make a covenant or vow that is not within your power to keep, you will be held accountable; that includes your covenant to fast.*
11. *You are bound by the decrees of your King and government, whether you are aware of them, or acknowledge them or not.*
12. *Cannot deny that you are hungry; cannot deny it is tempting yet you must not deny your fast.*
13. *Even if your covenant of fast makes you so faint that raw meat becomes inviting, hold fast, exercise restraint.*
14. *No one is above the rule of law even if they are your hero; ignorance of the law is no excuse; arrogance to the law is your downfall.*
15. *You will never have complete victory until you have complete obedience, even to your own vows and laws.*
16. *People may defend sin because of popularity but God will never deliver sin.*
17. *You may fight the enemy of God and win, but ensure you do not become an enemy of God in the process; His greatest enemy is sin; never entertain or harbor it.*
18. *Jonathan, the natural heir to the throne of Israel, died to this heritage and lost his rights by his own violation.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy and Righteous God, I will come to You in holiness covered in the blood of Jesus; I will not foolishly aggravate You with my sins. Amen.
- Eternal Father, Your strength on our side makes us an insuperable force and we know it. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I call forth the strength that will stand with me in my impossible situations and will stay with me when faith is my only probability. Amen.
- God Most High, You are a big God, a very big God; be increasingly magnified in my eyes. Amen.
- Lord of the harvest, give me innovative strategies and astounding outcome on this field of souls. Amen.
- Omnipotent Father, change my desperate situation today, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

If you hear the voice of crying, a wailing in the night,

It may just be the prophets; over the leaders they cry:

Who will follow God in measure until their lust gives them away;

Who must be told God honors sacrifice but it is better to obey;

Who must be told that rebellion and witchcraft are as one,

And in awe must watch the jealous anger of a righteous man.

I SAMUEL 15

¹And Samuel said to Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you king

over His people, over Israel; now therefore heed the words of the Lord, listen to Him.

²Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him in the way when up from Egypt he came.

³Now go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have; kill man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey, do not spare any of them."

⁴So Saul gathered all the people together and in Telaim he numbered them.

There were two thousand foot soldiers, and from Judah, ten thousand men.

⁵And Saul came to a city of Amalek and laid an ambush in the valley.

⁶Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Depart and go your way;

get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them,

for when we came up out of Egypt, you showed kindness to the children of Israel."

So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

⁷And Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt.

⁸He took Agag, king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the sword.

⁹But Saul and the people spared Agag and the

best of the oxen, the fatlings, the sheep, the lambs and all that was good; they were unwilling to destroy them utterly.

“The people followed their lust and forsook the Lord’s commands.

They destroyed the rejects only, just the things they did not want.

“If you do not follow the Lord’s word completely, then His word will follow you.

10The word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying,

11*“I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments.”*

And it grieved Samuel, and the prophet cried out to the Lord all night.

“If you hear the voice of crying, a wailing in the night,

it may be the voice of the prophets crying out for their leaders, interceding.

12When in the morning early Samuel rose up to meet with Saul,

he was told that Saul went to Carmel, he set up a monument for himself; and he has passed by, and gone down to Gilgal.

13Then Samuel came to Saul and Saul said to him, “You are blessed of the Lord!

All the Lord has commanded, I have performed.”

14And Samuel said, “Then what is the meaning of this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”

15And Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen—

we did not take it for ourselves; it is to sacrifice to the Lord your God—and everything else we have utterly destroyed.”

16And Samuel said to Saul, “Be silent, and I will tell you what the Lord said to me last night.”

And Saul said, “Speak on.”

17So Samuel said, “Were you not head of all the tribes of Israel, when you were little in your own eyes?

And did not the Lord anoint you Israel’s king?”

18“Now the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go and utterly destroy Amalek, for their sins,

and fight them until they are consumed.’

19“Why then did you not obey the Lord’s voice?

Why did you converge on the spoil and do evil in the Lord’s sight?”

20And Saul said to Samuel, “Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord.

I have gone on the mission the Lord sent me, and brought back Agag, king of Amalek; and the Amalekites I have utterly destroyed.

21“But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, and the best of the things which they should have utterly destroyed,

to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

22And Samuel replied,

“Does the Lord delight as much in burnt offering and sacrifices

as in obedience to His voice?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

23“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness and idolatry are just as one.”

“If you hear the voice of crying, a wailing in the night,

it just may be the prophets; over the leaders they now cry:

who will follow God in measure until their lust gives them away,

who must be told God honors sacrifice but it is better to obey,

who must be told that to listen is honored more than the fat of rams,

and be told that rebellion and the sin of witchcraft are just as one.

Samuel said, “Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,

He has also rejected you as king!”

“Only then Saul conceded and acknowledged that he had sinned,

24Saul said to Samuel then, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the Lord’s commandment and your words likewise,

because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

25“Now therefore, pardon my sin, I beg you, and return with me that I may worship the Lord.”

26But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you,

for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as Israel’s king.”

27And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul held on to the edge of his mantle, he tore it.

28And Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to one of your neighbors, who is better than you.

29“Also the Strength of Israel will not lie or relent,

for He is not a man that He should change His mind.”

“But Saul still sought honor before the elders of his people and Israel.

30So Saul begged Samuel, saying, “I have sinned, yet honor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before all Israel; and return with me that I may worship the Lord your God.”

31So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshipped the Lord then.

It was just a show, to please the people, and not the God of Israel.

32And Samuel said, “Bring me Agag, king of the Amalekites.”

And Agag came to him cautiously, saying,

“Surely, the bitterness of death is past.”

³³But Samuel said, “As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.”

And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

“And they all watched the jealous anger of a righteous man!”

³⁴And Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went to Gibeah of Saul, to his house.

³⁵And until the day of his death, Samuel went to see Saul no more.

“But if you hear the voice of mourning, it may be the voice of Samuel.”

He mourned for Saul, and the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king of Israel.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Who you are to God will put into focus what the wicked did to you and what they are doing to you; work on your relationship and God will work on them.
2. Follow the Lord with all your heart rather than follow your heart and seek to have the Lord follow and endorse you.
3. If you make your bed with sinners in love you will make your grave with them in the time of wrath; do not wait until judgment to part company.
4. The thin line between the Lord being pleased with you and Him regretting His mandate on your life is found in His instructions to you; build a wall on the line to keep disobedience out.
5. Conceit establishes self-monuments on the fence of disobedience; it seeks justification rather than righteousness.
6. Make the Lord's opinion of you more monumental to you than people's opinion.
7. Spiritual deafness is the inability to hear the bleating of your rebellion and the beating of the heart of God; spiritual blindness is the inability to see God's instructions above your greed.
8. Ability and divine selection create greatness; humility sustains greatness. God makes you great in the sight of others but expects you to remain small in your own eyes.
9. Excuse your good excuse before it excuses you from God's presence. Presents can only be offered in Presence.
10. Rebellion and stubbornness are attitudes of the heart opposing and resisting God; they are attributes of witchcraft and idolatry.
11. Dishonesty and deception seek to justify sin; repentance forsakes it.
12. Your leadership is compromised if the voice of the people you should lead, leads you instead of the voice of God you should heed. A leader who follows the sheep naturally surrenders leadership.
13. Relationship and sacrifice become ritual if you reject God in the process.
14. The righteous mourn for corrupt leadership every day but will never come into agreement with them.

PRAYER POINTS

- All knowing God, I take comfort in knowing I am Yours and You will strongly defend Your own. Amen.
- I refuse to lead You Father; help me to hear Your

heartbeat from a distance and pursue You. Amen.

- Let the Christ in me that brings conviction be magnified among sinners; I refuse to be comfortable being sociable with sin. Amen.
- Omnipresent God, I will steadfastly follow You. Amen.
- Father God, I refuse to be satisfied in any place, position, state, or condition You hate, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

It was not because of stature, for Saul would still be king; Or of David's countenance and beauty, or the Lord would not choose him. But when others see appearance and all the outward parts, The Lord reaches deep within you, and He inspects the heart.

I SAMUEL 16

“Indeed the Lord God is inspecting.”

¹The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel?”

Fill your horn with oil, and go;

I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for from among his sons, I have provided Me a king.”

²And Samuel said, “How can I go, if Saul hears this, he will kill me.”

But the Lord replied, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”

³“Invite Jesse to the sacrifice too; and I will show you what you shall do, anoint for me the one I name to you.”

⁴So Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and to Bethlehem he went.

And the elders of the town trembled at his presence, and said,

“Do you come to us in peace?”

⁵And he said “I have come peacefully to sacrifice to the Lord.

Sanctify yourself, and come to the sacrifice with me.”

Then he invited Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice after he had consecrated them.

⁶When they came, Samuel set his eyes on Eliab, and said, “Surely, this is the Lord's anointed.”

⁷But the Lord spoke clearly to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance, or at the height or stature, for Eliab, I have refused. For the Lord does not see as men sees.

“While men look on height and beauty, and they look on the outward part; the Lord looks deep within, and checks for beauty of the heart.”

⁸So Jesse called Abinadab, and before Samuel he made him pass.

And he said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.”

⁹Then Jesse brought Shammah, but he was not chosen by the Lord.

¹⁰One by one they came to Samuel;

they all came to Samuel one by one: seven sons of Jesse, but the Lord selected none.

¹¹And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?"

Then he said, "There is still the youngest, he is keeping sheep."

In a field toiling, *forgotten*,
the youngest son worked night and day.

*©In these times of great importance,
he was left out and kept away.*

*To the lonely sounds of bleating,
the Lord will send to fetch His man.*

Know the anointing will catch up with you;
Samuel said, "Send and get him.

We will not sit down until he comes."

¹²He sent and brought him.

He was ruddy, and good looking.
And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; this is the one!"

God has seen well beyond the natural choice of man.

¹³In the midst of his brothers the oil was poured.

Samuel took the horn and anointed him, and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day onwards.

So Samuel returned to Ramah.

*©When the Spirit of the Lord is on you,
you will shine forth as the day;*

*But when His Spirit has departed,
it will be chaos, misery and dismay.*

*You can seek reconciliation;
you can get the priest to pray,*

or try preoccupation and get someone to play.

¹⁴The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and on him a distressing spirit from the Lord came.

¹⁵And Saul's servants said to him, "Certainly, a distressing spirit from the Lord troubles you this day.

¹⁶"Let our master command your servants to seek a young man who plays the harp skillfully.

He will play it when the evil spirit from the Lord is upon you, and you will be well."

¹⁷And Saul said to his servant, "Go find me such a man and bring him to me."

*©From the sheepfold to the palace,
to be taught in kingdom ways.*

Your gift creates room for you.

Oh, how cunningly David plays.

¹⁸ Then one of Saul's servants said to him, "I know the right man;

he is one of the sons of Jesse the Bethlehemite,

very skillful in playing, and also mighty, and valiant, and a man of war.

He is very prudent and handsome, and, ah yes, the Lord is with him; that is the best part of it all."

¹⁹So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, saying "Send me your son David who is with the sheep."

²⁰And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a bottle of wine and a goat kid, and he sent them to Saul with David his son.

²¹And David came to Saul and stood before him.

And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer.

²²Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let him stay; let him stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight."

²³And so, when the evil spirit was upon Saul, David played the harp with his hand.

And Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distress would leave him.

©For with his hand and with the anointing, David played the harp.

In the presence of anointed worship, evil spirits must depart.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Remain faithful in your low places, the Lord is holding conversations about you in high places.
2. When you soak yourselves in the presence of the Lord, your presence inspires God-consciousness and fear among others.
3. Your appearance creates perception but keep your heart ready for inspection; God is always examining. The appearance of your heart is His only perception of you.
4. Present your presents to the Lord, but it is best to have perception to know where the presence of the Lord is.
5. See your giving from God's point of view and your giving will always be on point.
6. Keep the attention of the Lord in your place of oblivion and He will step over others and promote you to His place of promotion.
7. God makes no mistake; His voice has already determined, "This is the one." The word will not rest until it finds you; His Spirit will not rest until it rests on you.
8. The departure of the anointing distresses; be careful not to play with your anointing or you will seek a player to bring relief when it releases you.
9. Skill comes with practice; valor comes with spirit; speech comes with background and exposure; beauty comes with birth; the greatest of all qualities is to have the Lord with you; it comes with hunger.
10. Create the atmosphere for your own victories: burdens are lifted, distresses and depression flee in the presence of anointed worship.

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Father, I will make myself a candidate for divine promotion today and every day of my life. Amen.
- O God most High; my heart and my soul cries out for You; I will be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. Amen.
- Jesus my Savior and Lord, I refuse to deceive myself by magnifying my personal appearance above the beauty of my heart. Amen.
- Holy Father, I refuse to place my gifts above my worship; I refuse to seek Your presence my own way. Amen.
- Father God, I give You free access to everything I own; I will withhold nothing from You. Amen.

**THERE is a champion with the enemy,
and he causes the men of God to fear;
Go tell it to the servant of God, who slew a
lion and a bear.**

**Sinners defy the army of God; yes, speak
up though you are not called,
For with God's people there is one answer,
"Is there not a cause?"**

**Do not clothe him with your armor, all he
uses is a sling;**

**The Philistine is garbed for battle, but he
takes the Lord with him.**

**You will know true strength in battle when
in God's name you have come,**

**And you will rejoice in victory when their
champion is on the ground.**

I SAMUEL 17

¹The Philistines gathered their armies to battle; they camped at Sochoh of Judah; in Ephes Dammim between Sochoh and Azekah.

²Saul and the men of Israel gathered; they camped in the Valley of Elah, and arrayed themselves for battle against the Philistines.

³The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side;

there was a valley between them.

⁴There was a champion with the enemy; he was big, mighty and strong!

His name was Goliath of Gath; his height was six cubits and a span.

⁵He had a helmet of bronze on his head; he was armed with a bronze coat of mail, weighing five thousand shekels of bronze.

⁶He had greaves of bronze on his legs, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulders.

⁷The staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam;

his spearhead weighed six hundred shekels of iron and before him one bore a shield.

⁸*His attire alone was made to scare men; he was the champion of the Philistines.*

⁹He stood and cried out to the armies of Israel and all the army trembled; terror filled their ear.

He said, "Why have you come out to battle? Am I not a Philistine and you are servants to Saul?"

Choose you a man; let him come down and fight me. I defy you all!

⁹If he is able to fight me and he kills me, we will be your servants without fail; but you shall be our servants if I fight him and prevail."

¹⁰"I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight each other," the Philistine said.

¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard the words of the Philistine, they were distressed and very afraid.

¹²*Somewhere in the distance God was preparing him a man:*

¹²David the son of an Ephrathite, Jesse, of Bethlehem-judah; he was the youngest of Jesse's eight sons.

In the days of Saul, Jesse was very old.

¹³The three eldest sons of Jesse were with Saul's army at the battle.

Their names were: Eliab the firstborn, Abinadab the second, and Shammah the third.

¹⁴David was the youngest, and the three oldest were with Saul.

¹⁵David occasionally went to Saul and returned to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

¹⁶Forty days and nights Goliath presented himself,

morning and evening, *taunting, testing, and driving fear into the hearts of all Israel.*

¹⁷Then Jesse said to David his son, "Be a champion to your brothers; bring them an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves of bread; hurry to them to the camp."

¹⁸*When Jesse said this he did not know that David would be a champion for all Israel.*

¹⁸"And take these ten cheeses for their captain of their thousands,

and see how your brothers are doing, and come back and tell me of them."

¹⁹Saul and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting the Philistines there.

²⁰So early the next day David rose, left the sheep with the keeper, took the things and went as Jesse had charged him.

He came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and the clash of battle.

²¹For the army of Israel and the army of the Philistines had arrayed against each other in battle.

²²And David left his carriage there with the supply keeper.

His heart was with his people and finally he had come;

after he secured his carriage, he went into the army on the run; and he greeted his brothers.

²³As he talked with his brothers, Goliath, the Philistine champion of Gath came up from the army of the Philistines.

He spoke his usual words, so David heard them then.

²⁴When the men of Israel saw him, they fled from him there.

They were dreadfully afraid.

²⁵"Have you seen this man?" the men of Israel said.

"He has come up to defy Israel.

The king will give great riches, and his daughter, and will give tax exemption to the father's house of the man who strikes him dead."

²⁶*Filled with indignation,* David began to speak to the men who stood by him,

"What shall be done to the man who kills this Philistine and takes this reproach away from Israel?"

For who is this uncircumcised Philistine to defy the armies of the living God?"

²⁷And the people answered him, "So shall be

done for the man who kills Goliath.”

28And Eliab his oldest brother heard David speak to the men, and he was very angry with David.

He said, “What is the reason you came here? And with whom have you left the few sheep in the wilderness?”

I know your pride and insolence of heart, and I know, it is to see the battle you have come. Why have you left the sheepfold, you prideful, naughty man?”

But if a brother dissuades you to kill the passion in your heart, turn from that brother and fix your vision on the Lord.

29And David said, “What have I done now? Is there not a cause?”

30And David turned from him to another and once more David asked, and they answered him as the others had. *So convincing was his interest and his confidence of heart,*

31that they told the words that he spoke to Saul.

There is someone to speak confidence with words that champions the hearts.

So Saul sent for him.

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

33And Saul said to David, “You are not able,” *he concluded then, based on his sight.*

“You are not able to fight the Philistine; he is a man of war from his youth; you are a youth.”

But how can the fearful and the trembling discern the extent of the truth?

David was about to tell them a tale to prick the ear of everyone;

34“I used to keep my father’s sheep, and when a lion, and a bear came and took one of my lambs.

35I went after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth.

I caught it by the beard and killed it; with my hands I struck it down.”

His resume was solid; the right man for the job had come.

36“Your servant killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be just as one,

for he has defied the armies of the living God.”

37And David concluded, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.”

And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

38So Saul garbed David with his armor, and put a bronze helmet on his head, and put on him a coat of mail.

39David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not yet tested them.

“I cannot walk in these, I have never used them,” David said to Saul. So David took them

off.

With them Saul had won his battles, but they were not to be David’s strength.

The Lord was his sword and shield; yes, the Lord was his defence.

40David took up his staff in his hand; and from the brook he chose five smooth stones.

This is a battle, youthful David; leave the shepherd bag at home.

These were David’s armory, and he would do war with them alone.

He placed the five stones in his shepherd’s bag, in a pouch he had.

Then he drew near to the Philistine with his sling in his hand.

41So the Philistine came and began to draw near to David,

and his shield-bearer went before him.

42When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him;

for he was a youth, handsome and fair.

43So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog that you should come to me with sticks?”

And he cursed David by his gods.

44And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, I will give your flesh to the birds and the beasts of the field!”

But David came a shepherd with sling and stone in hand,

once more to deliver his Father’s flocks, and in his mouth a song:

Be magnified, O Lord, You are highly exalted

And there is nothing You can’t do;

O Lord, all eyes are on You.”

45He said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear and javelin, but the Lord be magnified,

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 off your head.

And I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds and the wild beasts for food;

that all the earth may know that in Israel there is a God.

In the eyes of all the earth the Lord will be magnified.

47“Then all the assembly shall know: the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give it to us.

The battle, Lord, is Yours.”

48*The Philistine lost the war of words;* he arose and drew near to David then,

but was surprised for this young ruddy youth was charging with a run.

49Then David reached his hand into the shepherd’s bag and he took from it a stone;

he slung and... oh!

Run, for it is an earthquake. Oh, what is this? My lord!

It is just the sound the earth makes when mighty

giants fall.

The one who made you tremble, the one who brought disgrace, the one who defied Israel had fallen on his face.

For the stone sank into his forehead and he fell to the earth.

Forty days he defied the Lord's host, now this was what his words were worth.

⁵⁰So David prevailed over the Philistine and killed him, but he had no sword in his hand.

⁵¹Then David ran and stood over the Philistine, and drew the giant's sword; with this he severed the head of the Philistine; he prevailed and not only just with words. When the Philistines saw their lifeless champion, they all fled.

⁵²And Israel shouted, "Victory!" They could now see beyond his head.

They saw the God of Israel made big before their eyes.

They pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron, for God was magnified.

The wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, as far as Gath and Ekron.

⁵³And from chasing the Philistines, Israel returned and plundered their tents.

⁵⁴And David took Goliath's head and brought it to Jerusalem, but he placed Goliath's armor in his own tent.

⁵⁵When Saul saw David go out to fight against the Philistine, to Abner the captain of his army, he said, "Whose son is this young man?" But indeed Abner could not tell.

@*"And what heart he has within him! For while others quake he's bold."*

⁵⁶And the king said to Abner, "Abner, go and find this out."

⁵⁷And David returned from the slaughter of the Philistines with Goliath's head in hand. And Abner took him and brought him before Saul then.

⁵⁸And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?"

And David answered, *but there was more to him than this all;*

"I am a Bethlehemite of Judah, son of Jesse."
Yes, also, he was a man after God's own heart.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. For impressive to be impressive it must make an impression on God not just on man; you may scare people but you will be taught to fear God.
2. If you know whose you are and who you are in Him, you will not be concerned about who they are; you know they must get at you through Him.
3. The enemy will torment you with fear but will not attack you until you fully believe you are defeated.
4. Your heart is with the Lord's battle; your body is with your regular duty; your faithfulness will open the door for you to follow your heart.

5. You know you are in the place of destiny when your heart begins to leap and your feet to dance and run to the noise of engagement.
6. You make your situation bigger than your God when you ignore your God and run and tremble before the situation; you put the situation in its true perspective when others ask you, "Have you seen it?" (You are not behaving like them.)
7. The reward is just the bonus if you already settle in your heart what shall be done to anything that defies God in the earth.
8. Familiarity will always attempt to define boundaries that personal relationship with God and hunger have long since blown away.
9. Turn away from detractors who question your call; set your heart to the cause. They know your history but your presence, your present, and your future is their mystery.
10. Don't wait for a call when you have a pressing cause; waiting to be called is an inexcusable excuse ignoring the direct command to go.
11. Your experiences and prowess on the secret fields will become your confidence and your resume for the big stage.
12. Never allow men to define your boundaries by their limitations of you; never let them clothe you with their strength if they themselves have no confidence in it.
13. Let your confidence in God settle every war of words and it will unsettle your strong enemies.
14. If you understand who owns the battle, you will never be anxious about the players.
15. You will run at what people run from if you live in the presence.
16. Never repeat what your enemies are saying or you will fall for their fear-trap; declare what the word says and your enemy will fall in the faith-trap.
17. Skill and divine precision will make the unconventional celebrated.
18. The heady enemy will lose their heads and their hearts before the tender-hearted who make God their head.

PRAYER POINTS

- Awesome and amazing God, I see myself through Your eyes only; I want You to be impressed with this lump of Your creation. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, I am confident in my relationship with You with an assurance that cannot be shaken. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I refuse to be afraid; by the fire of the Holy Ghost I will not be intimidated. Amen.
- Most High God, You have placed destiny in my heart; my hands will be faithful in everything I put it to while my heart remains set on You. Amen.
- Let the joy in knowing I am on the battlefield of destiny enter my heart today and unleash divine energy, in the name of Jesus.

**I HEARD it; it is the saying:
'He has killed ten thousands'; it is everywhere,
And deep within his wisdom is causing me to fear.
Say, while he remains your servant,
are not the ten thousand your very own?
Would you have slain ten thousand
if you struck your faithful servant down?**

**You have heard it; go and do it;
You can still the enemy's lies
If despite the javelins thrown at you,
your behavior remains wise.**

I SAMUEL 18

*@Right attitude and behavior
will bring you strong allies.*

¹When David had finished speaking to Saul, with his soul, the soul of Jonathan was tied. Jonathan loved him as his own soul, it was a heart-knitting bond.

²And Saul took him that day and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore.

³And Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own self.

⁴And Jonathan took off the robe he had on, and gave it to David, with his armour; even to his sword, his belt, and his bow.

And David was a real servant at heart.

⁵He went out wherever he was sent by Saul. He behaved himself wisely and Saul set him over his men of war.

He was accepted by all the people, and in the sight of all the servants of Saul.

@He humbled himself and he enjoyed the favor of the Lord.

⁶And it was, as they were coming home, while David was returning from striking the Philistines,

from all the cities of Israel the women came, singing and dancing to meet King Saul, with tambourines, and music instruments, and with joyful celebrations.

⁷And the women sang as they danced, saying, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands!"

⁸And this saying displeased Saul, and made him very angry.

And he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands,

but to me they have only ascribed thousands. What can he have more but the kingdom?"

⁹And he eyed David from that day.

@But Saul, the kingdom belongs to you, including the ten thousands David has slain.

¹⁰On the next day the spirit of misery from the Lord came upon Saul,

and in the midst of his house he prophesied. And as David played for him as at other times; he had a javelin in his hands.

¹¹And Saul cast the javelin, saying, "With it I will strike David to the wall."

Twice David escaped with his life from the presence of Saul.

¹²And Saul was afraid of David, for the Lord was with David, but from Saul He had departed.

¹³So Saul removed David from his presence and made him captain over a thousand; and before the people he went out and came in.

¹⁴And David behaved himself wisely in all his

ways, and the Lord was with him.

¹⁵He removed himself from the king's presence after escaping death twice,
@yet he remained as harmless as a dove, and his behavior very wise.

When Saul saw how wisely David behaved, he was afraid of him.

¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David, for before them he went out and came in.

¹⁷And Saul said to David, "I will give my older daughter, Merab to be your wife.

Only be valiant for me and fight the Lord's battles."

For Saul said in his heart,

"Let it not be my hand that takes him, let the Philistines take his life in war."

¹⁸So David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family, that I should be the king's son-in-law?"

¹⁹But when Merab, Saul's daughter should be given to David,

she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as his wife.

²⁰And Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David.

They told it to Saul's ear.

And this thing pleased him;

²¹for Saul said, "I will give her to him, that to him she may be a snare.

And he will have the hands of the Philistines against him."

So Saul said to David a second time, "You shall be my son-in-law this day in one of the two."

²²And Saul commanded his servants saying, "Speak to David secretly, and say,

"The king delights in you and all his servants love you.

Why don't you become the king's son-in-law?"

And David said, "Does this seem a simple

thing to do?"

²³So the servants of Saul spoke these words to David.

And David said, "Does it appear to you to be a small thing to be the king's son-in-law,

seeing I am a poor man and I am also lightly esteemed?"

²⁴And the servants of Saul reported to Saul that this is what David speaks.

²⁵Then Saul said, "Say to David: The king does not desire dowry but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on his enemies."

But Saul's evil intention was to see David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

²⁶When the servants told David these words, David was very pleased to become the king's son-in-law.

Now before the days expired,

²⁷David rose up with his men and went, and he killed two hundred men of the Philistines.

And David brought their foreskins, and gave them all to the king.

It was double the required price to be the king's son-in-law.

So Saul gave him Michal, his daughter, as his wife.

²⁸And Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David, and that Michal his daughter, loved him; ²⁹and Saul became much more afraid of David.

So Saul became David's enemy continually. ³⁰And the princes of the Philistines went out to war.

And whenever they went out, David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so his name was esteemed more highly than them all.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Courage understands courage and connects with it; wisdom understands anointing and makes generous sacrifices to give into it.*
2. *Be faithful in your place of servitude for it just may be your training and preparation for your promotion to lordship.*
3. *Do it as unto the Lord and you can adjust easily from servant to king without the need for a change in attitude; be subject always to the Lord and you will not be moved by whatever comes at you.*
4. *Your mighty big victory should never translate to a big almighty attitude or you will miss your mighty big promotion.*
5. *Humility commands its students to behave wisely at all times even in the midst of public recognition and stardom.*
6. *Never sit-up at the praise of men, it is a set-up for you to fall on the sword of man. You may never be able to get them to shut-up but you may shut down your desire to gobble their praise down.*
7. *If you know more than your boss never let him know you are aware of it; if you have achieved more than your employer be silent about it.*
8. *Your good performance may elevate you to the position of target practice for those you expected would appreciate you most.*
9. *Demons eyeing your destiny through unconsecrated hearts will turn them viciously against you. Their ferocity is a snapshot of your velocity.*
10. *They fight you because they fear you; they fear you because they cannot stop your progress.*
11. *They will break their promise to you, but they must never break your spirit.*
12. *The wicked will keep you fighting for the prize you already won in past battles (with Goliath and beyond) keep fighting; God is your reward.*
13. *Their intent is to trap you but let it trigger the excellence in you; they seek to wear you out but they will only wake up the valor in you.*
14. *Go over and above their requirements of you at all times; give the extra effort; go the extra mile and you go over their heads to God.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I speak divine connections to the body of Christ that will manifest to the strengthening of missions and destinies, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Righteous Father, let humility undergird the display of Your mighty power in my life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

- Merciful God, deliver me from my close and powerful enemies. Amen.
- Father God, I play for Your eyes only; I refuse to be distracted by the positive or negative response of men. Amen.
- Power to excel in the face of deceit and hatred, be mine today by the blood of Jesus. Amen.

**O KING, mighty in beauty,
In pride you are now clothed.
Do you come to kill God's servant,
to strip off all his robes?
Those robes were won in battle fighting for
your troops;
If you will not listen to reason, will you listen
then to you?
"Is Saul among the prophets?"
Speak up now if you know.
He prophesies in Ramah, and is stripping
off his prideful clothes.**

I SAMUEL 19

¹Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, to kill David, but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted very much in David.

²So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father, the king, seeks to take your life, be very careful until the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide.

³"I will go out and stand by my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to him about you. And I will tell you what I observe and hear when I speak with my father Saul."

⁴And Jonathan spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him, "Let not the king sin against David, his servant, because against you he has not sinned, and his works toward you have been very good.

⁵"For he has placed his life in his hands, and he killed the Philistines and the Lord performed a great deliverance for all Israel.

You saw it and rejoiced. Why then sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause? *@The glory he is robed in was gained selflessly fighting for your cause."*

⁶And Saul gave heed to the plea of Jonathan, and swore,

"As the Lord lives, he shall not be killed."

⁷Then Jonathan called David and told him all these things.

So Jonathan brought David to Saul, and as in times past, he was in the presence of the king. ⁸And there was war again with the Philistines, and David went out and fought the Philistines; and he struck them with a great slaughter that day, and they fled from him.

@And again Saul warred with pride, for once more David earned the king's envy, for faithfully laying down his life.

⁹And on Saul the spirit of misery from the Lord came once again;

he was sitting in his house with his javelin in his hand, and for him David played.

¹⁰Then Saul attempted to murder David with the javelin by pinning him to the wall, but from Saul's presence David slipped away. The javelin pierced the wall and David fled and escaped.

@O king, clothed in glory, why does pride blind your eyes?

Let reason return to your heart and put off your clothes of pride.

¹¹Driven by envy, Saul sent messengers to David's house, to watch him and to kill him at morning light.

And Michal, David's wife, said to him, "You will be killed tomorrow if you do not save yourself tonight."

¹²So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped in the night.

They must not realize he is gone.

¹³So Michal laid an image in his bed, put a pillow of goat's hair for his head, and covered it with clothes.

¹⁴When Saul sent his messengers to take David, she told them, "He is sick."

@The robes of envy will distress you, and you will not accept this.

¹⁵Saul sent his messengers again to see David, saying, "Bring him to me in his bed that I may kill him."

¹⁶When the messengers arrived, they found the image in the bed, with a cover of goat's hair for his head.

¹⁷And Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me in this way; sending my enemy away and causing him to escape?"

Michal said to Saul, "He said to me, 'Why should I kill you? Let me go!'"

¹⁸So David fled and escaped to Samuel at Ramah, and he told him all that Saul had done.

And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

¹⁹And Saul was told, "David is at Naioth in Ramah!"

@The enemy will pursue when they listen to lies, for the fear of the Lord is removed from their eyes. They will approach the holy, to satisfy their soul, for God is blotted out by their prideful clothes.

²⁰And Saul sent messengers to take David. And the messengers saw the company of prophets prophesying, and Samuel their leader with them, the Spirit of God came upon them, and they prophesied themselves.

²¹When Saul heard he sent other messengers, again and they prophesied likewise.

It was clear that the fight was with the Lord when the third set of messengers also prophesied.

@Saul was full of pride, inside and out; he felt God would respect his person,

²²so to Ramah as the others, he went also.

He came to the great well in Sechu.

He asked, "Where is Samuel and David?" And someone said, "They are at Naioth in Ramah."

²³So Saul went to Naioth in Ramah.

@O king, mighty in beauty, in pride you are now clothed.

You have come to slay God's servant, and to strip him of his battle robes;

robes he won in battle, fighting your foes;

if you won't listen to reason, will you listen then to you?

God is no respecter of persons, but is impartial in His ways.

As Saul went he prophesied, *a divine experience all along the way,*

yet he still pursued his evil intent, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

At the feet of the prophet at Naioth see the mighty fall and lie.

²⁴He also stripped off his clothes and before Samuel in like manner he prophesied.

And he lay there naked all that day and all that night.

"Is Saul also among the prophets?" This was the saying at that time.

@Or just a conceited king, who could not fight God's Spirit, though with all his pomp he tried?

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The enemy has arrows released to destroy you, but the Lord's shadow will deliver and hide you.*
2. *Intercede on behalf of others, for the Lord has faithful people in the right places to intercede and intervene on your behalf.*
3. *You may never know if the life you stood up for will be the next evangelist, president or king, but you know they are precious in God's sight.*
4. *Envy is the greatest enemy of excellence; unless it is cast out it will not just blow out.*
5. *Make your life precious in the sight of the Lord and He will thwart the crafty plans of your strong enemy.*
6. *The spirit of envy does not need a reason to get militant; it may be delayed but it will not be deterred; escape while you have the opportunity.*
7. *Envy deploys demonic resilience; the only real refuge from envy is the presence of the Lord.*
8. *The power in the presence turns murderers into prophets but cannot turn envy away.*
9. *Fear the Lord and resist or make yourself a fool and resist, still opposing Him.*
10. *The Lord who robed you with glory will disrobe you if you seek to elevate your glory above His.*
11. *You are never too mighty to fall on your face before God; let your encounter change your focus and pursuit.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Rock of Ages, I hide in You; let the fiery darts of the enemy be turned back, in the name of Jesus.
- O God my Father, let the person that will speak up for me in high places receive divine compulsion today. Amen.
- Spirit of an intercessor, envelop my life today. I will speak up in defence of the afflicted and the underprivileged and in contention for the souls

of men. Amen.

- Spirit of envy in the body of Christ, your time is up; dissipate by the fire of the Holy Spirit and the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- I will live a life that dignifies the word and accumulate great value in heaven. Amen. Father, I will make You well pleased with me. Amen.

OH, friend, tell me who wants to harm you?

Why don't you lean upon my arms?

You can depend on me; I will shield you from all harm.

Oh, friend, he tried to kill me!

They wept and they embraced;

A tearful, fearful, parting,

"Will I ever be seeing you again? O, friend!"

I SAMUEL 20

@This is what a friend is for, someone to turn to when you are down.

This is what friends are for, when you are hurting you make it known.

¹So David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and he went to Jonathan, and said,

"O friend, your father seeks to kill me.

What have I done?

What is my iniquity and my sin before him; where did I go wrong?"

²So Jonathan said to him, "O friend, God forbids! You shall not die!

My father will not do anything great or small unless he first tells me, my friend.

Then why would my father hide this thing from me? It is not so!"

³Then David replied, "Your father knows that you love me;

and he has said, 'Do not tell Jonathan, lest he be grieved.'

But as the Lord lives and your soul lives, oh friend, just one more step...!

There is just one more step between your friend and death."

⁴And Jonathan said to David, "I will do whatever you desire; I will do it for you."

⁵And David said to Jonathan, "Tomorrow is the New Moon, and I am required to sit and eat with the king;

but let me go, and I will hide in the field until the third day at evening.

⁶"If your father misses me, say, 'David earnestly asked me permission to run to his city Bethlehem,

for there is a yearly sacrifice of his family there, so he is gone to be with them.'

⁷"If he says, 'It is well,' then it is good, I will be safe then.

But if he becomes very angry, then know, evil is determined for me, oh, friend.

⁸"O friend, you brought me into a covenant of the Lord with you; therefore treat your servant with kindness.

However, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself;

for why should you bring me to your father, O

friend?"

⁹Jonathan said, "Let this be far from your thoughts and from your mind!

For if I knew for certain that my father determined evil against you, would I not tell you likewise?"

¹⁰Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will come and tell me?

Or what if your father answers you roughly?"

¹¹And Jonathan said to David, "Come let us go now before the Lord into the field."

@At the time you need assurance, you may know you have a friend.

So they went into the field, both of them.

¹²And Jonathan said to David, "The Lord God of Israel is witness!

When I have investigated this matter with my father sometime tomorrow, or the third day, if there is good towards David and I do not send to let you know,

¹³"let the Lord do so to Jonathan and much more,

but if it pleases my father to do you evil, then I will report it and send you away safely.

The Lord be with you as He had been with my father, my friend.

¹⁴"And you shall not only show me the kindness of the Lord while I live, that you spare my life,

¹⁵"but you shall show your kindness to my house also forever,

when the Lord cut off the enemies of David, everyone, from the face of the earth."

¹⁶So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying,

"Let the Lord require it at the hand of David's enemies."

¹⁷And Jonathan caused David to vow, for he loved him so;

oh, how he loved him! He loved him as he loved his very own soul; *O friend.*

¹⁸Then Jonathan said to David, "Tomorrow is the New Moon; your seat will be empty and you will be missed.

¹⁹"When you have stayed three days, go quickly and come to the place you hid; and by the stone Ezel remain.

²⁰"And I will shoot three arrows to the side as though I shot at a mark;

²¹"and I will send a boy to find the arrows; now you shall listen as I talk.

If I say to the boy, 'Look, the arrows are on this side of you, get them and come'—then, as the Lord lives you are safe, there is no harm.

²²"But if I say to the young man, 'Look, the arrows are beyond you,'—the Lord has sent you away, depart and go.

²³"As for the matter we have spoken of, the Lord be between you and me forevermore, my friend."

²⁴So David hid in the field. And when the New Moon had come, the king sat down with them all to eat.

²⁵The king sat on his seat by the wall as at

other times;
and Jonathan arose, and Abner the captain of the army sat by Saul's side;
but David's place was empty.

²⁶And Saul said nothing that day, for he thought,
"Something has happened to him; surely he must be unclean."

²⁷But he was absent the next day, the second day of the month, his place was still empty. And Saul said to Jonathan, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the table yesterday and today?"

²⁸So Jonathan replied to Saul, "David earnestly asked permission of me to go to Bethlehem."

²⁹He said, "Please let me go, for my family has an annual sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to be there.

Now if I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away and see my brothers,' so he is not present at the king's table."

@O friend! I see the anger; his appearance was disfigured as his bitter heart broke free.

Now I understand what you were saying; these are the words he said to me:

³⁰"You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own confusion and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

³¹"For neither you, nor your kingdom shall be established as long as the son of Jesse lives. Now then, send and bring him to me that I may kill him, he shall surely die."

@His eyes were raging red and all I could think was, 'O friend!'

³²And Jonathan asked Saul his father, "Why shall he be killed? What has he done?"

³³*He shook in disbelief.* Saul cast a spear at him to kill him.

And Jonathan knew his father was determined to kill David.

³⁴So Jonathan rose up from his father in fierce anger, and ate no food on the second day of the month;

for he was grieved for David, for his father had treated him shamefully.

³⁵And so, in the morning, Jonathan went out into the field at the time agreed with David, and he had a little boy with him.

³⁶Then he said to the boy, "Run, find the arrow which I shoot."

And as the boy ran, he shot the arrow beyond him.

³⁷When the boy arrived at the place where the arrow he shot was, Jonathan cried out after him, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"

³⁸And Jonathan cried out, "With speed, hurry, do not stay."

So the boy collected the arrows and brought them to his master.

³⁹But the boy did not know anything about the matter, only Jonathan and David.

@It was a time of heart-rending sorrow shared

only by very close friends.

⁴⁰Jonathan gave the boy the weapons and said, "Carry them to the city; go."

It was the beginning of an end shared by two grief-stricken souls.

⁴¹As soon as the boy was gone, David rose out of his place towards the south;

he fell on his face and three times he bowed. A moment of bitter emotions as they kissed each other and wept; David crying more.

@For in that moment none could tell when they would see each other next.

It was a time David exceeded; it was too much for him to bear.

@It was a time that could have brought one great embarrassment should you have been standing there.

⁴²Jonathan said, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the Lord's name, saying, 'May the Lord be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.'"

So David rose up and departed and Jonathan returned into the city.

@But as they tearfully parted company, there was nothing one could say, but, O friend!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The strength of a genuine friend is perfectly known in your times of great weakness and so is the pretense of the non-genuine.*
2. *Evil does not need an excuse or justification for its ruthlessness; ruthlessness exemplifies and personifies evil.*
3. *Let your commitment to doing right be the only contention against you and explanation of what you have done wrong for you to be targeted.*
4. *Evil hides behind the disguise of amity until it strikes or is exposed.*
5. *The right words at the right moment plays the right tune to a distressed soul; a friend sticks closer than a brother.*
6. *Words of confidence in your destiny, and divine destiny-connections are needed when you lose confidence in the moment.*
7. *When your future hangs in a balance ensure your present is in safe and trusted hands.*
8. *Your silence will cause the enemy to speak up and reveal their evil thoughts; your absence is the greatest torment of your enemy.*
9. *Kingdom reliance prefers others to themselves and places God's word above self-interest; kingdom defiance fights the word of God to preserve itself.*
10. *Your defence of truth may make you the target of those who hate truth, even close family members. Be willing to be speared with words and weapons.*
11. *Bad news hits like an arrow and overwhelms with sorrow, but the good news is that you have a friend.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every pretentious spirit assigned against me be exposed and disgraced now, in the name of Jesus, and let the genuine manifest. Amen.
- Evil powers releasing ruthlessness on this generation, lose your hold and die, in the name of

Jesus.

- Holy Father, I am committed to live a life to ensure the only contention the envious will find against me is my love and relentless pursuit of You, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Let every wicked person secretly plotting evil for my life be exposed and disgraced today, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, Comforter, comfort the afflicted in the body of Christ, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**CALL me mad but it is survival;
Call me sick but I am sane.
My head is good; I am just running;
For my life some things are feigned.
See me eat the holy showbread,
See the saliva on my beard;
For the madness from which I am running
Is needed now to keep me safe.**

I SAMUEL 21

¹To Nob, to Ahimelech who was priest, David, the fugitive came.

Ahimelech asked him, "Why are you alone? Why is there no man here with you?"

For when he met David, he was afraid.

@David knew that he could not tell his business for this was about his life.

²So David said to Ahimelech, "The king sent me on a special mission, and he told me, 'Tell no one about this business to which you are assigned.' And I have directed my young men to this and that place.

³"Now therefore, what do you have at hand here?

Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find."

⁴And the priest answered David, saying, "I have no common bread at hand; but there is holy bread; if your men have at least kept themselves from women."

⁵David answered him, and said, "Certainly, women have been kept from us since I left out, about three days.

And the vessels of the young men are holy; and the bread is really common in a way, even though it was consecrated in the vessel this day."

@A fugitive and I am still running; I am not mad, I need supplies.

⁶So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no other bread there, but the showbread which had been taken from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

From the madness he must keep on running;

⁷Now a certain man of Saul's servant was there that day.

His name was Doeg, Saul's chief herdsman; before the Lord he was detained.

⁸He heard David ask Ahimelech, "Do you have here at hand any sword or spear?"

For I have neither my sword nor weapons

with me, for this business of the king required haste."

⁹So the priest said, "I have here the sword of Goliath the Philistine, who you killed in the valley of Elah.

If you will have it, David, take it. It is behind the ephod wrapped in a cloth.

For there is none except it here."

And David said, "There is none like it, give it to me."

@A reminder of great battles he had fought.

"When a giant loomed, the Lord was with me.

When Goliath's madness caused all Israel to fear; in the deepest gloom, the Lord was my victory."

A silent smile, "I am in His care."

@But this madness kept him running;

¹⁰David rose up and fled that day from before Saul;

to the land of the Philistines; he came to Achish the king of Gath.

But the servants of Achish said, "Is not this David?"

@And he knew he ran from danger into the line of fire.

¹¹"Is he not the king of the land?"

Did they not sing of him to each other in dances and with rhymes,

saying: "Saul has killed his thousands, but David his ten thousands?"

¹²David took these words seriously, he pondered them in his heart, and he was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

¹³So he changed his behavior before them, and pretended to be mad.

He scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down his beard.

He looked genuinely crazy, but it was all an act.

¹⁴Then Achish said to his servants,

"Look, this man is insane, can't you see?"

It is obvious he is a madman.

Why then have you brought him to me?

¹⁵"Do I have need of madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence?"

Shall this fellow come into my house?"

The very thought was repulsive to him.

@Call me mad but it's survival;

call me sick but I am sane.

My head is good I am just running,

and my madness act is feigned.

Life or death this was a battle.

He was running from his king.

And the madness from which he was running, really never did get hold of him.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Survival may necessitate losing your persona but you must never lose your character or your God in the process.*
2. *The greatest madness of any believer is to lie and to accept the devil's DNA. God defends truth. He is truth.*
3. *Let the house of the Lord be your first resort in*

trouble; let the bread of life sustain you in your lowest moments.

4. Understand the laws that govern holy things and align yourself; understand the heart of God who dictates holy things and resign yourself to Him.
5. The enemy has assignees in the house of God watching for opportunities to trap ministers and thwart the work of God.
6. When you cannot even trust the walls, they have ears, commit yourself to the Rock, He has heart.
7. The symbol of your greatest victory is the best tool to have in the place of your greatest trial. Let the sword of your confidence be the word of God.
8. Your reputation will go ahead of you to prepare your reception; but it may not be positive if you are running to the enemy you gained the reputation against.
9. The madness you put on display may be your most sober performance; if it saves your life and the lives of others it will be remembered as your wisdom on display.
10. You are only mad when you allow the madness of this world chasing you to get into you and change your character or cause you to retaliate.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the wisdom necessary to preserve missionaries on hostile mission-fields envelop them right now, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, You are my fortress and my strong resort in times of trouble; I will run to You for safety. Amen.
- Father God, help me never to violate my relationship with You by presumption, but to understand and follow Your loving heart. Amen.
- Let every evil eye assigned against the body of Christ receive blindness, in the name of Jesus.
- O God, my shield and my strong defence, I commit my safety to You; surround me with Your strength even as the mountains surround Jerusalem. Amen.

**COMMONSENSE or lack of sense,
Or do you call it senselessness?
Do you kill God's priest and family
Because he helped someone who is
blessed?**

**Commonsense is what we call it!
Among his servants there were none
Who would fall upon the priesthood
And do the senseless act Doeg has done.
Saul demonstrated lack of sense,
When he turned against the Lord;
Despised the fear of God in anger,
And placed his hope in his own sword.**

I SAMUEL 22

¹The cave Adullam his refuge be. It became a place for refuge. It was there that David escaped, and all his father's house with him when they heard.

²Oh, cave Adullam, your dusty contours is where those in debt and distress came to hide.

It was there David captained the hopeless, and the discontented leaned on your side. There were about four hundred men with him.

³And David's heart was filled with love and care; he went to Mizpah of Moab, and to the king he said, "Please let my father and mother stay with you here, until I know what God will do for me."
⁴So he brought them to the king of Moab, and with him they dwelt all the time that David dwelt in hideouts.
⁵The prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in this hideout anymore; depart and go to Judah."

So David left and went into the forest of Hereth.

⁶When Saul heard that David and the men with him were discovered—at that time Saul was staying in Ramah, under a tree, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants gathered around him.—

@Then Saul looked at his servants and started the most senseless speech,

⁷"Hear me you Benjaminites! Can the son of Jesse give each of you fields and vineyards, and make you captains of thousands and captains of hundreds?"

⁸"You have all conspired against me, and none of you reveal to me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Jesse; none of you is sorry for me, or has revealed to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait as it is this day."

⁹Then Doeg the Edomite, who was over Saul's servants responded.

"I saw the son of Jesse go to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub."

In Saul's senselessness he too was caught up.

¹⁰He said, "I saw him inquire of the Lord for him, and he gave him provisions, and the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

Commonsense should have restrained him.

¹¹The king sent and called Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub to him, and all his father's house, the priests, who lived at Nob. And they came to the king.

¹²Saul said, "Here now, son of Ahitub!" And he answered, "I am here, my lord."

¹³Then Saul said, "Tell me the reason for your conspiracy against me, with the son of Jesse, in that you gave him bread and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait as today it is."

¹⁴So Ahimelech answered the king and said, "Who is more faithful among your servants than David, your son-in-law, who goes out and comes in at your bidding? None as honorable in your house at all."

He first spoke to Saul some reason, then he spoke up for himself:

¹⁵"Did I begin to seek God's counsel for him? Let not the king blame his servant or impute

wrongdoing to any of his father's house, for your servant did not know anything of all this, whether little or much."

16And the king said, "You shall die, Ahimelech, you and your father's house!"

It was as God told Eli by Samuel's mouth!

@Common sense is what we call it; among his servants it was shown.

17None of them would follow Saul's commands, when he said, "Turn and kill the priests of the Lord, for their hand also is with David, and they knew when he fled and did not report it at all."

@But senselessness controlled Doeg, and insensitivity for he was an Edomite.

18The king said to him, "You attack and kill the priests!"

So Doeg the Edomite attacked and struck the priests, and killed eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod that day.

@Commonsense can you restrain Saul?

Is it lack of sense, or were his senses numb?

19He struck Nob, the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, killing both men, women, children, infants, oxen, donkeys and sheep in all.

@O Saul! Get David if he has wronged you; why don't you leave God's priests alone?

20One of Ahimelech's son, Abiathar, escaped and fled to David.

21And with grief beyond expression he told David what Saul had done to the Lord's priests.

22And David said to Abiathar, "I knew that day, when I saw Doeg the Edomite there, he would surely tell Saul.

I blame myself for the death of your father's household.

23"Do not fear, but with me you shall stay, for he who seeks my life, seeks your life, but with me you are safe."

@The senselessness that seeks to kill you, is pursuing and slowly, daily, killing me.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Be a resort for the discontented and distressed and a nesting place for destinies, but be no resting or nesting place for their discontent and distress.
2. There is greatness and might in the people around you; if you can see their potential you will be patient with their problems.
3. Not because the pitiful comes to join your party means you must have a pity-party; make them an army of enviable warriors.
4. If your enemy cannot get you they will target your relatives and offspring; cover them constantly like Job did.
5. If you value the voice of God and seek Him in all your way, He will certainly direct your path.
6. Manipulation works the fields of sympathy and fear; never allow it to move you to evil.
7. The anger targeting the righteous will not spare the church or its ministers; intercede constantly.
8. Satanic madness cannot be reasoned with or reasoned away. The quest to gain or retain

power knows no restraint; appeal to the court of heaven.

9. Never position yourself to be used by the devil in pursuit of His evil rage against the house and the people of God.

10. 'You are running' does not mean you cannot be a refuge for those who are; it means you may have something to offer no one else has.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the power to remove yokes and to restore hope rest upon my ministry, in the name of Jesus.
- God of David, let the power to see greatness in people and to help them to realize it, be my portion, in the name of Jesus.
- I declare by the grace of the Lord Jesus that I shall live to invest in people, not in their problems; my environment will make them better and not bitter. Amen.
- Let every power targeting my children because it is unable to get me, be disgraced and brought down suddenly to the pit, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of the living God, be the compass of my life and the voice that commands my way; You be first and final in all my decisions. Amen.
- Omnipotent God, let every madness that rages against the church in this evil age and exalts itself against the knowledge of You, crash disastrously and dissipate, by the blood of Jesus Amen.

THE Philistines and I have got to fight;
Hear the heart's cry of the Israelite.
Though I only have with me one small band,
I have got to strengthen Israel's hand.
To have the strength of Israel's hand,
Come out against your one small band.
The Philistines and they have got to fight;
"Saul, get up and leave the Israelite."

I SAMUEL 23

1"The Philistines and I have got to fight."

David was told of Keilah's plight, how the Philistines are fighting them, and how they rob their threshing floors.

His heart replied, "Enough! No more."

2So David sought the Lord's counsel, saying, "Shall I go attack these Philistines?"

And the Lord said to David, "Go attack the Philistines, and save Keilah from them."

3But David's men responded, "We cannot do this thing.

We are afraid here in Judah, how much more if we go to Keilah against the Philistine armies?"

He heard his men but his heart still chimed.

4So he asked counsel of the Lord a second time.

"Against the Philistines, Lord, should I go and fight?"

Should I go and help the Israelites?"

And the Lord answered David, saying, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand."

⁵So David and his men went to Keilah that day, and fought and struck the Philistines with a great slaughter; and they took away their livestock; and so David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

⁶And when Abiathar, Ahimelech's son fled to David at Keilah for fear, in his hand he brought an ephod with him there.

⁷And Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah.

So Saul said, "God has delivered him into my hand now.

For he has shut himself in by entering a town with gates and bars."

⁸So Saul called all the people together for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

@O Saul, see the Philistines! Why not go up and fight?

⁹When David knew that Saul planned mischief against him, he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here to me."

¹⁰Then David said, "O Lord God of Israel. I have heard that Saul is planning to come to destroy the city for my sake.

¹¹"Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand?

Will Saul come down as I have heard? Please tell Your servant."

And the Lord said, "He will come down."

¹²And David said, "Lord, tell me once more. I delivered Keilah from the Philistines,

but, Lord, will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into Saul's hand?"

And the Lord said, "Yes, they will deliver you."

¹³So David and his six hundred men arose; they departed from Keilah and went wherever they could go.

Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah so he no longer went up.

¹⁴So David stayed in strongholds in the wilderness,

and he remained in the mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph.

He was a fugitive, sought by Saul every day but he enjoyed the safety of God's protective care.

¹⁵David saw that Saul had come to seek his life.

He was in a forest in the Wilderness of Ziph at that time.

¹⁶He was very glad to see his good friend, Jonathan, Saul's son.

He went to David in the woods to strengthen his hand in God.

¹⁷He was refreshed by his words of encouragement, as he said,

"Do not be afraid, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you.

You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you;

even my father, Saul, surely knows this too."

@The enemy knows the will of God, yet he fights it to establish his.

¹⁸So the two men made a covenant before the Lord there, and to David it felt right to get this support from another Israelite.

David stayed in the wood and Jonathan returned to his house.

¹⁹Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, they brought him word, saying,

"Isn't David hiding with us in strongholds in the woods,

in the hill of Hachilah, south of Jeshimon?"

²⁰"Therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to come;

as for our part, we will deliver him into your hand."

²¹"You are blessed of the Lord," or so says Saul,

"for you have compassion on me; you know my heart."

²²"Go and spy, and find out for sure; see where his hideout is and who has seen him there also,

for I am told he is slippery and subtle.

²³"Therefore see and take knowledge of his lurking places, where he hides,

and come back to me, and certainly I will go with you at that time.

And indeed, if he is in the land, I will search for him throughout all the thousands of Judah."

²⁴So they arose and went to Ziph ahead of Saul.

But David and his men were in the Wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

²⁵Saul and his men went to seek him and David was told,

therefore he went down to a rock, and stayed in the Wilderness of Maon.

When Saul heard it, he pursued David in the Wilderness of Maon.

²⁶Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other.

And for fear of Saul, David made haste to escape,

for Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men.

²⁷Then a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Make haste and come now for the Philistines have invaded the land.

@The Philistines and you have got to fight; Get up and leave the Israelite.

Why fight against a faithful servant, while the enemy, the Philistines invade your land?"

Why not chase them instead with your resources? Can't you yet discern who the real enemy is?

Why preoccupy yourself constantly with David, instead of your real enemy, the Philistines?

²⁸So Saul returned from pursuing David and went against the Philistines then.

Therefore they called the place the Rock of Escape.

²⁹And David went from there to Engedi and dwelt there in strongholds.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Brethren in trouble deserve a response from the church and from true believers, even if they have their own pressing problems.
2. When the call of duty places danger in the balance, place God in the mix and allow Him to tip the scale; make it His call.
3. Let the word from the Lord resolve the issues of your heart and rewrite your assessment of the situation, so all that matters is His word.
4. The fields of duty should never find you missing and those who wield envy and jealousy should not keep you absent.
5. You fight the wrong battles where you fight against those who fight the battles you are anointed to fight, and assigned to.
6. Never assume your victory is your guarantee of safety; never be too confident to seek the Lord; be led by the Spirit at all times.
7. You delivered them from trouble does not mean they will not deliver you to trouble under pressure; be practical and know when to move on.
8. Friendly words that speak to your destiny is refreshing when your present speaks trouble and you run for survival.
9. It takes courage and humility to put the word of God above your own security and legacy, and to yield your throne to God's designate, especially when they are struggling in life.
10. The people you seek refuge from may be the very first to betray you; resort to them but take refuge in God.
11. You may never know who is secretly observing you to entrap you but you can be assured of who will break the snares and make you escape.
12. When your difficult situation becomes impossible the Rock of your escape will intervene on your behalf.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ fan away every excuse of the brethren to respond to the needs of believers and of other churches, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I trust You completely to direct my battles. Amen.
- Let every spirit assigned to cause jealousy and infighting be fanned away from the body of Christ by the precious blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, Comforter, let those who will speak life and confidence into the hearts of believers, locate them now in their wilderness, in the name of Jesus.
- Faithful Father, thank You for opportunities to be a blessing, but my confidence remains in You and not in the rewards or the gratitude of man. Amen.
- Righteous Father, I defy personal danger and threats to my life to mark my name present on the battlefield of hope, in the name of Jesus.

WICKEDNESS comes from the wicked; Do not reach out your hand to touch. Would you have your heart be smitten? Let the Lord become their judge. They know you will be established;

They know that you are blessed. Be as dead, oh, they can't harm you Though they feed you wickedness.

I SAMUEL 24

¹Saul returned from doing what he should, from fighting the Philistines that day, while David's pay for doing good was a wilderness hideaway.

Saul was told, "David is in the Wilderness of Engedi."

²So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

³From doing right he turned to pursuing wickedness once again.

Wickedness belongs to the wicked, and this all men will know, when you catch your enemy, literally 'with their pants down'.

³So Saul came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave, to attend to the call of nature he went in; (David and his men were staying there in the sides.)

⁴His men said to him, "Indeed it had been prophesied, now the day has come, that the Lord said to you, 'I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as to you it may seem good.'"

⁴But wickedness is for the wicked.

David could not do as the wicked would.

He stealthily arose and cut off a piece at the end of Saul's robe.

⁵And it happened that his heart restrained him immediately after doing so; he felt terrible for cutting Saul's robe.

⁵To Saul what seemed so small, was a weighty matter for a righteous person, to delve in wickedness.

⁶Wickedness comes from the wicked.

David restrained his servants, and said, "God forbid I do this thing to my master; the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him; I must respect the anointing."

⁶To the Spirit he was tender; he was very sensitive to God.

⁷David restrained his servants with these words,

and he did not allow them to rise up against Saul.

So Saul rose up and went out of the cave with his evil intent;

⁷blind and completely oblivious to what had been hanging over his head.

⁸Saul heard a voice and knew it;

he looked back the way he had come.

He saw a figure stooping in a respectful bow. For David arose afterward, and went out of the cave,

"My lord and my king!" he called out to Saul

and said.

⁹“Why do you listen to the men who tell you, ‘David seeks your harm?’

¹⁰“Your eyes have seen that today the Lord has delivered you into my hand in the cave, and some prompted me to kill you.

But my eye has no evil, and so your life was spared.

For I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord’s anointed.’

¹¹“Moreover, my father, so that you believe, see the edge of your robe in my hand!

For in that I cut the corner of your robe and did not kill you, know that in my hand there is no wickedness or rebellion.

If I have not sinned against you, why do you hunt my life to take it?

¹²Let the Lord judge between you and me, and let the Lord avenge because of you, but my hand shall not be against you.

¹³“As the proverb of the elders say, ‘Wickedness comes from the wicked!’

¹⁴“Who is it that the king of Israel seeks? Who is it that you pursue?

A dead dog? A flea? *Am I a threat to you?*

¹⁵“Therefore the Lord, the God of justice, shall today be our judge.

He shall judge between us, and plead my case; and deliver me out of your hand.”

@His voice trailed off; it left a piercing truth in the conscience of the king.

¹⁶Saul said, when David had finished speaking,

“Is this you, my son David?” And he lifted up his voice and wept.

¹⁷Then he said to David, “You are more righteous than I, for though I did you evil, you rewarded me with good.

¹⁸“And today you have shown me how you have done me well; for when the Lord delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me.

¹⁹“Tell me who shall find his enemy, and let him get safely away?

May the Lord repay you with good for your righteousness to me this day.”

@They know well you shall be king; know well you are blessed by God.

²⁰Saul said to David, “Now I know, all Israel shall be established in your hands.”

@Yet wickedness comes from the wicked.

But when they fight against your Source and try to block your blessing, they will only end up cursed.

²¹And Saul asked for David’s favor, “Swear to me by the Lord, that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that my name from my father’s house you will not destroy.”

²²So David swore to Saul. And Saul went home.

But David and his men went up to the stronghold.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It may break your heart to be chastened and chastised for doing good, but be assured it breaks God’s heart also and He is working all things out for your good.*
2. *Demonic agitation that creates resilient determination to destroy you is not about your present but all about your destiny; the enemy is afraid.*
3. *When the enemy rushes to your hangout in fury with their swords out but walk into your hideout in weakness with their pants down, you know your Strength is working.*
4. *Not because they are in your hands means they are to be punished by your hands; let God have the final say.*
5. *So close and yet so far; the God who protects and delivers you has the right to restrain you.*
6. *Do not take the anointing of God lightly; fear God and step away. Never a good opportunity to stretch a hand against a father; just a diabolic temptation.*
7. *The voice of truth will speak to you what the voice of your conscience has been saying all along; it will confront you with the question of your motives.*
8. *The act of wickedness is proof of the fact of wickedness; nothing can come out of your heart that is not inside.*
9. *Nothing bowls you over as when your enemy comes with a soft ball; nothing sets your head on fire as when your enemy attacks with love and mercy.*
10. *They will know without question your God-given unstoppable destiny by your God-driven response of mercy, and they will be forced to openly acknowledge that their fight is with God not you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I no longer seek an answer for the way I am mistreated, I seek You to be the answer and to justify me. Amen.
- Demonic agitation stirring up people against me wrongfully, dissipate now and be embarrassed, by the blood of the Lamb. Amen.
- God of awesome wonders, deliver my strong enemies into my hand, so I may show them love. Amen.
- Most righteous Father, let Your word and Your righteousness direct and restrain me. Amen.
- Let every voice speaking rashly against anointed ministers of God be put to silence, and every person militating against them be brought low, in the name of Jesus.
- Wisdom to heap coals of fire on the head of their enemy and to trouble their conscience, rest in the hearts of believers now, in the name of Jesus.

WAIT my friend, wait; wait upon the Lord.

To Him belongs judgment, and justice is His sword.

Men will treat you wickedly, though you have done them good.

With your strength you can repay them, but then tell me why you should?

Give heed! God restrains you to keep you from the lies

that would have you mar your record,

**though anger fills your eye.
He adds to you a woman to help you to be wise,
And with His strength He undergirds you
and propels you to the skies.**

I SAMUEL 25

¹Samuel died, and all of Israel gathered together and mourned for him.
At his home at Ramah they buried him.
It was a great loss for David; he arose and to the Wilderness of Paran he went.
²There was a man in Maon whose possession was in Carmel and who had much wealth.
He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel.
³Indeed his name was Nabal, and his wife was Abigail.
She was a woman of good understanding, charming and good looking.
But he was a harsh individual, and evil in all his doings.
He was of Caleb's house.
⁴When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep,
⁵David sent ten young men; and to them he said, "Go to Nabal at Carmel, and greet him in my name."
⁶"Say to this man who lives in prosperity, 'Peace be to you, and to your house and to all that you have this day.'
⁷Now I have heard that you have shearers. We did not hurt your shepherds all the time they were with us;
nor did they miss anything for the entire time they were in Carmel.
⁸Ask your young men, they will confirm this. Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we are here on a feast day.
Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David."
⁹So David's young men went and spoke to Nabal as they were instructed in the name of David;
then they waited, *expectation in every word,*
@happy, they did him no evil; now their reward was sure.
¹⁰*Their expectation was deflated,* as Nabal answered David's servants, and said,
"Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse that I should?"
@They hung their heads as he railed on; they could not look into his face.
"Many servants break away these days from their masters.
¹¹"Shall I take my bread and water and the meat I have killed for my shearers, and give it to some rover whom I do not recognize?"
¹²So David's men turned and went back and came and told him all these lines.
@Shamed, vengeful, angry, were the moods of all of them that day,
¹³David said to his men, "Every man put on

your sword."

So David and his men girded on their swords. About four hundred men went with David and two hundred men remained to protect the camp.

¹⁴But one of the young men went and told it to Nabal's wife, Abigail saying, "David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master and he reviled them.

¹⁵"The men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything, as long as we were with them while we were in the fields.

¹⁶"They were a wall to us day and night while we were with them keeping the sheep.

¹⁷"Now consider what you should do, and do so speedily;
for evil is determined against our master and all of his household;
for he is such a rascal that no man can speak to him at all."

¹⁸So Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep dressed and ready, roasted grain, a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs; and she placed them on donkeys.

¹⁹And she said to her servant, "Go before me; I am coming after you."

But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

²⁰And as she rode on the donkey, she went down hidden by a hill;

and she saw David and his men, coming down towards her, and she met them.

²¹David had said, "Indeed, it was in vain to protect this man's property in the wilderness so he lost nothing.

For my good he has repaid me evil!

²²"May the Lord do so and more also to David's enemies,

if I leave a male of anything that belongs to him by morning."

@David was blinded by anger; perhaps in that moment reason could not get through to him.

When an ugly moment needed beauty, she alighted from her donkey then.

*Only wisdom in that moment could turn his heart around,
and she was paying him obeisance and bowing to the ground.*

²³When Abigail saw David she quickly came down from her donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed to the ground.

@This beauty was so different; she had both heart and head (wisdom).

²⁴He listened and reflected on all the words she said,

"Let this iniquity be on me, my lord!

Please let your handmaid speak to you.

²⁵"Please do not give any regard to this rascal, Nabal.

For Nabal is just as his name is, and folly is with him.

But I did not see the young men you sent.

²⁶Now therefore, my lord, since the Lord has kept you back from bloodshed, and from using your own hand to avenge yourself;

²⁷now let this present I have brought to you, my lord,

be given to the young men who follow you."

²⁸She said, "Please forgive my trespass," and he knew she had said enough.

But as she prophesied, he was very touched.

She said, "The Lord will certainly make for my lord a sure house,

for you fight the Lord's battles and no evil is found in you throughout your days.

²⁹Yet a man rises to pursue you to seek your life,

but your life shall be bound with the Lord our God in the bundle of the living.

But the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, from the middle of a sling.

Precious memories coming from her mouth.

³⁰And it shall be, when the Lord has done for you all the good He has spoken of, and has appointed you ruler over Israel,

³¹"this will not come back to haunt you, or grieve your heart,

that my lord has avenged himself, or that you have shed blood without a cause.

But when the Lord has done to you as He promised, please remember me."

@No he would not forget her; this wisdom must be treasured in memory.

³²Then David said to Abigail:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel who sent you to meet me this day!

³³"And blessed is your advice, and you are blessed,

for you have kept me back today from bloodshed and from avenging myself.

³⁴"For as the Lord God lives, who has kept me from hurting you,

if you had not hurried to meet me, no male would have been left of Nabal by morning!"

³⁵So David accepted the present she had brought him,

and he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your wisdom."

³⁶And so Abigail came to Nabal, and he was there, having a feast in his house, like the feast of a king.

And he was very drunk, his heart was merry within him.

So she did not tell him anything, until the morning light.

@How could he know the real treasure of a woman he had, who literally saved his life?

³⁷And so, in the morning, when from Nabal the wine had gone,

his wife told him these things, and his heart of stone died inside him, and he became like a stone.

³⁸And about ten days after this, the Lord

struck Nabal, and he died.

@All his pleasure slipped from his hand; and he was about to lose his real treasure—his wife—to a better man.

³⁹When David heard of Nabal's death, he said,

"Blessed be the Lord who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from Nabal's hand,

and from evil has kept His servant!

For the Lord had rewarded Nabal's wickedness on his own head."

And David sent to commune with Abigail, to take her to be his wife.

@Beauty filled with wisdom is how he remembered her that day.

⁴⁰When the servants of David came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying,

"David sent us to you, to ask you to be his wife."

⁴¹And she arose, and bowed her face to the earth, and said,

"Let your maidservant be a servant to wash the feet of my lord's servants."

⁴²So Abigail arose in haste and rode on a donkey, with five of her maidens attending to her, and she returned with the messengers of David and became his wife.

⁴³And David took Ahinoam of Jezreel also, so both of them were his wives.

⁴⁴But Saul had given Michal his daughter, the wife of David, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Represent the Lord well and your legacy will never be erased; you will be missed.
2. Work to stamp your uniqueness on history and time will always celebrate your journey.
3. Not everyone you do good to will do you good; not everyone you wish long life wants to see you alive; not everyone you speak prosperity to desires your prosperity.
4. Your name means a lot to you but may have no value to the people you use it to defend.
5. What do you do when you give everything in their defence but instead of gratitude you get an attitude?
6. A selfish and a mean spirit is a hidden sword waiting to take away everything you value.
7. Wisdom is found in a woman who understands the situation affecting her household and acts decisively and appropriately.
8. Beauty with wisdom and discretion, who understands your past and speaks into your destiny, and who hears the heart of God, is irresistible.
9. You have been wronged does not give you the rights to act in anger or take matters into your own hands.
10. Your wife should be able to speak life into your vision even when you are low and nothing consistent seems to be happening.
11. If you fail to use your heart, your heart will fail; if you refuse to give compassion your heart will have convulsions and failure.
12. Be assured, the Lord your God will intervene on your behalf; vengeance belongs to Him.
13. You will never be a widow or single for life if you position yourself with wisdom, word and humility; your king will find you ready.

PRAYER POINTS

- Power to lead a distinguished life and to make an impact on my generation like Samuel, rest upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I shall not die uncelebrated or unmissed. Amen.
- Father God, I commit myself to Your faithfulness and not to the evil heart of man; I will continue to do good as You demonstrated by the cross. Amen.
- King of glory, teach me humility; remove every spirit of selfishness and callousness from my heart, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, let the woman who will bring balance and wisdom to men of destiny locate them today; for those who are married, let that woman be discovered in daily demonstration. Amen.
- Let every spirit assigned to cause disaffection in marriages because of the mandate of the Lord, be brought down with a terrible crash; and let the spirit of support and unity of vision spring up like fresh blooms. Amen.

In the midst of troubled moments,
In the quiet of the night,
You find the enemy sleeping,
Though he comes to you to fight;
Do you set your hand against him
And strike him with the sword;
Or give regard and honor
To the anointing of the Lord?

I SAMUEL 26

*Though he comes to kill you,
Just leave it to the Lord.
Though he does not regard you,
Just leave it to the Lord.
He knows you could have killed him,
Water and spear is yours;
but your fight is the Lord's battle,
so leave it to the Lord.*

¹The Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, and they said to Saul,

“David is hiding in the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon; come and pay David a call.”

²So Saul rose up and took three thousand chosen men of Israel, and went to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

³And in the hill of Hachilah Saul camped, by the road opposite Jeshimon.

David dwelt in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came there after him.

⁴And David sent spies out to confirm that Saul himself had really come.

⁵David came down to the place Saul had camped.

He saw the place that Saul lay down, and Abner the son of Ner, his captain.

Saul lay in a trench in the camp, with the people camped all around him.

⁶So David said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, “Who will go down with me to Saul's camp?” And Abishai said, “I will go down with you.”

*“In the quiet of the moment,
as the stars lit the skies above
and the insects broke the silence,
David and Abishai went down.”*

⁷Saul was sleeping in the trench, there in the camp, with his spear stuck by his head in the ground.

Abner and the people lay all around him, but none was conscious of a sound.

⁸And Abishai said to David, “God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Please let me strike him once with the spear, right to the earth, and I will not have to strike him again.”

⁹But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?”

¹⁰“As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go to battle and perish.

¹¹“The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the one He anoints.

But please, take the spear and the pouch of water that is by his head, and let us go.”

¹²So David took the spear and the water, and they slipped away and no man knew.

None of them awoke for they were all asleep; for they had fallen into a deep sleep from the Lord.

¹³And David went over the other side, and stood on the top of a hill far off, with a great distance between them.

¹⁴And David cried out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner,

saying, “Abner, why don't you answer?”

Then Abner answered, saying, “Who are you who cries out to the king?”

¹⁵And David said to Abner, “Are you not a valiant man, Abner? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not protected your lord the king, for someone came in to destroy him.

¹⁶“This is not a good thing you have done.

As the Lord lives, you deserve to die, for you have not protected your master the Lord's anointed.

Now see where the king's spear and the pouch of water which was by his head lie.”

¹⁷Then Saul knew the voice of David, and he said,

“Is this your voice my son, David?”

David said, “My lord, O king, it is my voice.”

¹⁸And he said, “Why does my lord pursue his servant?

What evil is in me? What have I done?”

¹⁹“Now therefore, please, let my lord the king hear his servant's words.

If the Lord has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering.

But if it is the children of men, may they be cursed before the Lord,

for they have driven me out this day, from living in the Lord's inheritance, saying, ‘Go serve

other gods.’

20“Now then, do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord. For the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts for partridge in the mountains.”

21And Saul responded, “I have sinned. Return my son David. For I will do you harm no more, for my life was precious in your eyes this day. Truly, I have played the fool and erred exceedingly.”

22And David answered, saying, “Here is the king’s spear. Let one of the young men come and retrieve it. *But know I have left it all to the Lord.*

23“The Lord repays every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness. For the Lord delivered you into my hand this day, but against the Lord’s anointed, my hand I will not stretch.

24“As your life was precious in my eyes this day, let my life be precious in the eyes of the Lord, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation. *To Him I leave it all.*”

25And Saul said to David then, “You are blessed, my son David. You shall do great things and shall prevail.” So David went his way and Saul returned to his place.

@The night engulfed them as they went their separate ways.

David knew that trusting the Lord to fight his battles always returns a better pay.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Not everyone who is by your side is on your side; not everyone is comfortable with you around; not because they smile with you means they are with you.
2. Your most sacred secrets will be sold for favor, fame and fortune by those who can be bought.
3. The heart of a lion runs towards the threat it should be running from; the heart of a lion sees an opportunity for a treat in every threat.
4. The definition of an opportunity is not in what is presented but how God is represented.
5. Easy does not equate to cheap; action should be weighed in the vision of God’s eyes and the consequences.
6. The anointing or the anointed of the Lord should never be taken lightly even if the anointed person is walking contrary to the anointing. God personally defends His anointing.
7. Deep sleep will cause the wicked to pursue the righteous, but deep sleep will also deliver them into the hand of the righteous and deliver the righteous from their hands.
8. Your greatest victory is in your act of restraint and mercy; your biggest battle is on the fields of compassion.
9. You engage the Lord when you engage the heart rather than the strength of the hands.
10. The aura of the moment will drive sinners to their knees, their stubbornness will drive them

on when the moment is passed.

11. *They will be forced to acknowledge your wisdom for destiny fulfilling triumph, but they may never be brought to accept it.*

PRAYER POINTS

- All-knowing God, let every spirit in my environment working against me, be exposed and be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the consuming fire of the awesome God burn up every spirit of mammon programmed to sell-out believers, and to cause them to falter and fail. Amen.
- All powerful God, with You by my side I can run through a troop; today I declare that my threats shall become my great opportunities for breakthrough success. Amen.
- My Father, my God, I will represent You at all times; give me the wisdom to know when to go, how far to go, and when to retreat, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, let all my enemies fall into the deep sleep that will cause them to surrender their advantage today, in the name of Jesus.

A MAN who is bound to purpose, To purpose he is bound. Though fugitive from his people, And the enemy gives him home. All the land that God has given, That man will trod upon. While the enemy sleeps not knowing That a war is going on.

I SAMUEL 27

@A man who is bound to purpose, the hapless cannot stop, but to end the daily fighting, it is best just to get up.

They will not stop fighting you while you are with them still; but when you leave and join the enemy, they will lose the will.

1So David said, “Saul will kill me someday. It is best for me to escape to the land of the Philistines.

Then Saul will despair to seek me anymore in any part of Israel, and from his hand I will escape.”

2Then David rose up and went over with his six hundred men to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath.

3So David dwelt there at Gath with Achish, he and his men, each man with his family. With David were his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, widow of Nabal.

4When Saul heard that David fled to Gath, he sought for him no more.

This was a chance to smite the enemy, but his fervor was not the same as before.

@A man who is bound to purpose cannot be shut up;

5David came and said to Achish, “This royal city is too much.

Why should I dwell with you in this royal city here?

If I have found favor with you, give me a little place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there."

⁶So Achish gave Ziklag to David that day.

@A simple gift from a friendly enemy, was a victory for all Judah's kings.

Ziklag belonged to the kings of Judah to this day.

⁷One year and four months David dwelt there, in the country of the Philistines, but purpose never died.

⁸David and his men went and invaded the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites. For these nations were the inhabitants of the land of old,

as you go to Shur as far as Egypt.

⁹Whenever David attacked them, he left neither man nor woman alive, but he took away their sheep, oxen, donkeys, camels and garments, and he returned and came to Achish.

¹⁰And Achish would say, "Where have you raided today?"

And David would reply, "Against the southern side of Judah,

or against the southern parts of the Jerahmeelites, or against the southern parts of the Kenites."

¹¹But David would leave neither man nor woman alive to tell:

@that a man who is bound to purpose would be purpose bound as well;

lest they would report on David, saying, "This is what David did."

So this was how he behaved all the time he lived with the Philistines.

¹²And Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his people Israel to utterly hate him;

therefore he shall forever be my servant."

@Sleep and rest my lord king.

Dream and think I make you strong,

But I put God's purpose above your favor, for a war is going on.

Help me, but my life is hid in God.

Shield me, but I will work His plan.

He alone gives me direction, and a war is going on.

It is best that you do not know it,

but if you knew me you would understand;

As long as David lives,

he will battle on for God.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. It must never be that a believer must resort to the world to escape the persecution from within the body.
2. Resort to the arms of the Lord even if man provides the accommodation. Acknowledge God and His favor above the instruments of His provision.
3. Never be so comfortable with sinners that you cannot fight the Lord's battle or represent His kingdom to them.

4. Never let the goodness of others to you block God's expression through you.

5. Bow at the feet of wisdom or die at the feet of arrogance.

6. The opportunity gained from secrecy is lost in over-confidence; the enemy must never know what is hitting them or you will lose your secure advantage.

7. They think they have you but you belong solely to God; they think they know you but will know the truth when they understand and know God.

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every contention within the body of Christ be settled by the blood of Jesus; let the spirit of offense among believers dissipate and die. Amen.
- Most Holy God, I acknowledge and give honor to Your instruments of provision in my life, but my heart is fixed on You. Amen.
- Let every spirit of fear, pride, greed or relationship that seeks to steal my focus and distract my mission, scatter to desolation, in the name of Jesus.
- Loving, kind and compassionate God, it amazes me how You come through for me time and again; you even use my enemies to bless me. Amen.
- Wisdom that distinguishes me in every field and keeps my ears in tune to the Holy Spirit, envelop my life now, in the name of Jesus.

WHAT can calm a troubled soul, or purge it of its sin?

What can replace the peace God gives, or satisfy within?

Wealth? Wizard? Position? Friend?

No, these can never fill the void.

Yet some would dare to raise the dead, just to hear God's voice.

I SAMUEL 28

¹It happened in those days that the Philistine army gathered to fight with Israel.

And Achish said to David, "You shall surely go with me to battle, you and your men."

²And David said, "Surely, today you will know, Achish, what your servant can do."

And Achish said, "Therefore, you shall be my chief protector forever, this I will do to you."

³Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him, in his own city which he lived.

And Saul had put all the wizards and spiritists out of Israel.

@Indeed he knew they could not satisfy his soul, for he had been searching from long before.

⁴The Philistines gathered together and camped in Shunem.

So Saul gathered Israel, and they camped in Gilboa.

⁵When Saul saw the army of Philistines, he was afraid.

His heart was trembling; the trembling was great.

⁶Saul inquired of the Lord; *in moments like these men turn to Him;*

but by dreams, Urim or prophets, the Lord

was not answering.

@Have you ever had a moment when nothing could satisfy?

No friendship, love or money could fill the void inside?

You turn to things you turned from; things you speak out against.

Are you still seeking rescue, from weak things you had put away?

⁷Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that to inquire of her I may go."

@There is a trembling deep within me, and I can take the silence no more.

"There is such a woman in Endor," his servants replied.

⁸So he put on other clothes and went down in disguise.

He had two men with him and they came by night, to the one whom he despised.

And he said "Perform your act, and bring up for me the one I name to you from the dead."

@There is a right and a wrong way for man to reach to God;

Saul, why is it, you always choose the wrong?

⁹The woman said to him, "You know well what Saul has done,

how he has cut off the wizards and spiritists from the land.

Why do you lay a snare for my life then, to cause me to be killed by him?"

¹⁰And Saul swore to her by the Lord, and said, "As the Lord lives, you shall not be punished for this."

¹¹Then she said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?"

And he said, "Bring up Samuel to me."

@My soul had no rest when he was alive.

Maybe it will now find rest with him, dead or revived.

¹²When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out aloud,

and to Saul she spoke, saying, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!"

She was afraid before the king.

¹³And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid, woman, tell me the vision you see."

"I saw gods ascending out of the earth," she said fearfully.

¹⁴So Saul asked her, "Of what form is he? What does he look like?"

She replied, "He is an old man covered with a mantle."

And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, so he bowed down with his face to the ground.

@Once before he tore Samuel's mantle and was told the kingdom from him was torn;

¹⁵Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why are you disturbing me by bringing me up from the dead?"

Saul said, "The Philistines war against me and I am very distressed;

and God has departed from me and He does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor dreams.

I have called you, therefore, that you may tell me what I shall do."

¹⁶And Samuel said, "Why have you called me, seeing the Lord has departed from you; and since He has become your enemy?"

¹⁷"As the Lord spoke by me, from Himself this He has done.

For He has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given your neighbor David the kingdom.

¹⁸"For you did not obey the Lord's voice, nor did you execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing this day.

¹⁹"Moreover, the Lord will also deliver Israel with you into the hands of the Philistines.

Now you have raised me from the dead;

Tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me."

@There are people who are searching, but cannot live with what they have found because they have searched by the wrong methods.

It is best to look above and not around.

²⁰Saul fell to the earth immediately; he was so much more afraid because of what Samuel said.

All his strength departed from him, for he had eaten no food all night and all day.

²¹And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was very troubled,

and she said to him, "I have put my life into your hands, having obeyed your words.

²²"Now therefore, please heed the words of your maidservant,

and let me set a piece of bread before you to eat;

and eat that you may have strength when you go on your way."

²³But he refused; his heart was weak. He said, "I will not eat."

So his servants and the woman persuaded him, and he gave heed to their words.

Then he arose from the ground and sat on the bed.

²⁴And the woman had a fatted calf at the house, and she made haste to kill it.

And she took the flour and kneaded it, and with it she baked unleavened bread.

²⁵So she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate.

Then they rose up that night and went on their way,

@with a void so much greater; it could not be filled just any way.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. When you can't speak your heart, speak in parables; they will get it eventually.
2. Never allow your mouth to be filled with commitments you have no power, desire or heart to fulfill; let your silence keep the conversation balanced.
3. When you consult your insult, or are compelled by what you expelled you are confused.
4. Never let fear drive you to accept, embrace or resort

to repulsive sin you put away.

5. Never search the pits to get an answer from the throne; never seek an abomination to find the heart of the holy God; never push God away in an attempt to bring Him close.
6. Do not fool yourself; even if Samuel is brought up from the grave or you receive your healing, it is demonic, it is not God.
7. There is never a time or occasion where wrong is right and darkness is light.
8. The darkness you reached out for is reaching out for you; the darkness you embraced is calling out your name perpetually waiting to embrace you.
9. Your evil arts will only serve to seal for you the fate your evil heart has procured.
10. Never wait until tomorrow to get it right today, since tomorrow may never favor you or give you today's opportunity.
11. The kingdom of darkness has power but it owns all the rights and royalties along with everyone who practices and seeks it.
12. The news you seek will drain you if the news you create has not restrained you.
13. You will not have to go searching for answers if you follow the Word, the Way and the Answer.
14. They may be able to satisfy your flesh but they will never be able to satisfy your spirit; they may be able to satisfy the moment but they may never be able to satisfy your destiny.

PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, let the spirit of wisdom to order my words carefully in difficult situations be my portion today, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of integrity that keeps my conversation honest in pressing situations, envelop my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every spirit that bows to circumstances in the body of Christ, be fanned away by the righteous blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Spirit of witchcraft and demonic consultation among believers, somersault and die now; be replaced with ardent and uncompromising faith, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of the living God, shine Your light in every dark area in the church and in the life of believers; expose and dispel every evil spirit given permit residence among us, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**I KNOW whom they are fighting and I cannot go;
But it may cost my life if I should tell them no.
I will go to their army; I will give to them no doubt;
But I know this is not God's battle and I will be filtered out.**

I SAMUEL 29

¹The Philistines gathered all their armies at Aphek and Israel camped by a fountain in Jezreel.

My heart is with them there by the fountain; I do not like the way this feels.

²Then the lords of the Philistines passed to inspect by hundreds and by thousands, but David and his men were with Achish at

the rear of the army.

David must have prayed, "Lord, I am Your servant David, waiting for You to filter me out."

Ah, yes, now it is happening!

³The princes of the Philistines came, and said, "Why are these Hebrews here?"

And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, "Is this not David Saul's servant, who has been with me these days and years?"

And to this day, ever since he has defected to me, I have found in him no fault."

At this David smiled in reflection;

"Thank God! I have not been caught."

⁴The Philistines were angry with him, and David felt assured.

They said to him, "Make this fellow return..."

This is good! Say on, say more!

"Let him go back to the place you have appointed for him,

do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the heat of battle..."

You said it, David would turn.

"How best to reconcile with his master?"

Shall it not be with our heads?"

Wrong this time, but yes, speak on;

David smiled, go right ahead.

⁵"Is this not David of whom they sang to each other in dances, saying,

"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?"

What is this he is doing?

How can he be sending me away?

⁶Achish called David and said to him, "Surely as the Lord lives, all your days with me you have been upright.

Your going out and coming in with me in the army is good in my sight.

I found no evil in you since the day you came to me.

However the lords do not favor you.

⁷"Return now therefore, so you do not displease them.

In peace you must now go."

I must show my disappointment:

⁸David said to Achish, "But what have I done?"

Though I know it is God's appointment.

"To this day, ever since I have been with you, have you ever found in me any wrong, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord, the king?"

⁹Achish made good his defence;

"I know, you have been good in my sight as one of God's angels, but David, it is not I, the princes of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to battle.'

¹⁰"Therefore rise early in the morning with your master's servants with you, and at the light of dawn return."

¹¹So in the morning David and his men rose early to return.

Yet his mind never held a doubt.

This was never the Lord's battle, and he would have been filtered out.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If your uncompromising heart finds itself in an uncomfortable and compromising situation, trust the heart of God to honor your integrity and get you out.*
2. *It is best to eliminate the threat from within than to be guarded and suspicious about your backs when you do battle.*
3. *You cannot go to battle if you do not know who your enemies are; uncertainty about your friends and allies is self-defeating.*
4. *There should be no question that your loyalty is completely to God, nor does it need reconciliation since being distanced by man never distances God from a great relationship with you.*
5. *They may be wrong about your motive but completely right about your loyalty; it lies with God.*
6. *The Lord who enlisted you to fight for Him will filter you out of battles that are not His, or engagements that do not glorify Him.*
7. *God will wrong side your enemy to place you on the right side of His battle.*
8. *Put God on display; be happy to be known as the giant killer, the greatest reminder of the enemy's humiliation before your God who is their fear in battle.*
9. *Let them know they are a hundred percent right about you; the enemy of God will always be your enemy; your God is free to command you anytime, anywhere against anyone.*
10. *Never plead with sin to hold you bound; it may change its mind.*
11. *The reason why they hate to lose you is the reason why God must excuse you; they can find no fault in you.*
12. *The fault they cannot find is hidden on covert battlefields expressing your zeal for the Almighty and releasing favor from above to hide you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Merciful Father, deliver me from every trap of duty conflicting with Your will for my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, let every unfaithful spirit operating among believers to weaken their hands be exposed and decisively dealt with, in the name of Jesus.
- Omnipotent Father, I am not ashamed of the gospel of Your Son Jesus Christ; I will be consistent in all forums so people will have no question or be confused about me. Amen.
- My Father, my God, filter me out of every war and away from every business or job engagement that does not glorify You. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I refuse to be fighting on the wrong side of the battle for souls. Merciful Father, let nothing that I do result in the death of a soul, in the name of Jesus.
- Distinguishing faith that will make me a song of taunt to Your enemy manifest in my life now, in the name of Jesus.

HE was fighting for his city;
He was fighting for his life.
He was fighting for his servants;
He was fighting for his wives.
If your own should turn against you,
Do not lose your head!

**Turn your eyes up to glory,
 And see the Lord instead.
 He will not leave you nor forsake you;
 You shall recover all.
 For when your spoils go out to Hebron,
 They will find you standing tall.**

I SAMUEL 30

¹David and his men returned to Ziklag, on the third day, just to find that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, and they burnt Ziklag with fire.

²*“The Amalekites were known to prey on, and to plunder the weak; so while the men were gone to battle they came.”*

³They took the women captive, and everyone left there, small and great.

They did not kill anyone, but they carried them all away.

⁴So David and his men came to the city, and it was there, burnt and empty.

Their wives, their sons, and their daughters were all taken captive.

⁵Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept.

They wept so bitterly until they had no power or strength left.

⁶And David's two wives Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's widow were taken captive.

⁷And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him,

for the souls of all the people were grieved, every man for his daughters and sons.

Why are you cast down, O my soul?

David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

⁸Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son,

“Bring the ephod to me please.”

And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

⁹And David inquired of the Lord, saying,

“Shall I pursue this troop?

Shall I overtake them?” And the Lord answered him, “Pursue;

you shall surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.”

¹⁰So David and his six hundred men set out, encouraged by the Lord.

They came to the Brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed.

¹¹And with the four hundred men David pursued; for two hundred were left; they could not cross the Brook Besor, they were too weak.

¹²And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David.

And David gave him bread to eat and water to drink.

¹³And they gave him a piece of cake of figs and raisins, and when he had eaten his strength revived,

for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.

¹⁴Then David said to him, “Who are you? Where are you from?”

And he said, "I am a young man from Egypt, servant to an Amalekite.

My master left me behind three days ago, because I fell sick.

¹⁴"We made an invasion on southern Chere-thites, in the country which belongs to Judah, and on southern Caleb; and we burnt Ziklag with fire."

¹⁵And David said to him, "Can you bring me to this company?"

And he said, "Swear to me by God that when I take you, you will not kill me nor deliver me into my master's hands."

¹⁶And when he brought him down, he found them spread out all over the place, eating, drinking and dancing, because the spoils they had taken from the land of the Philistines and Judah was very great.

¹⁷And David struck them from twilight until the evening of the next day.

Except for four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled, not a man of them escaped.

¹⁸So David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and he rescued his two wives.

¹⁹Nothing that belonged to them, great or small, was lacking,

neither son nor daughter, spoil nor anything they had taken from them; David recovered all.

²⁰David also took all the flocks and herds which they had driven before the other livestock,

and he said, "This is David's spoil."

²¹And David returned to the two hundred men who were so weary they could not go with David and the others; the men they had made to stay at the Brook Besor.

They came out to meet David and the men who were with him. And David came near and greeted them.

²²But the wicked men who were with David, said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoils we have recovered,

except for their own wives and children, that they may take them and go."

²³But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do this with what is given us by the Lord. It is He who has delivered this company who came against us into our hands and has prospered our cause.

²⁴"For who will heed you in this matter?

He who went to battle shall have a similar share to him who stayed behind and guarded the supplies."

²⁵And so it was, from that day forward, he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

@When your life is in shambles and your past is all burnt, perhaps the Lord is moving you forward; things are about to turn.

He gives you wealth to create bridges, spoils of the enemies of the Lord;

for when your spoils go out to Judah, they will find you standing tall.

²⁶When David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the spoils to Judah, to the elders, his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the Lord's enemies."

²⁷To those who were in Bethel, and in Ramoth of the South, and those in Jattir,

²⁸to those who were in Aeroer, and in Siphmoth and in Eshtemoa,

²⁹to those who were in Racal, and those in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and in the cities of the Kenites,

³⁰to those who were in Hormah, and those in Chorashan, and in Athach,

³¹and to those who were in Hebron.

@It was a gift of attitude, displaying the victories of the Lord.

It was a gift of gratitude, for all these places that were the former hiding places for David and his men.

It was a gift of latitude to set his future path.

For when your gift goes out to Hebron, they will find you standing tall.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your strength is weak when you target the weak to build your strength. You are hapless when you seek to gain glory from the helpless.*
2. *Not because you carry God's promises means you will not shoulder personal problems; it means, however, that you have a shoulder to put them on.*
3. *Your strongest support in good times may be your greatest opposition in bad times.*
4. *The weight of leadership is defined as follows: not because you carry the burdens of the people means they are willing to carry yours; they may grievously add theirs to yours.*
5. *In your times of greatest weakness and distress when your own strength cannot stand, draw from your Source; find strength in the Lord.*
6. *Times of distress may cause you to lose your strength but it must never cause you to lose your fight; be prepared to fight your way out.*
7. *When you are confused about the next move, look to the Door for an opening; seek the Lord; a word from the Lord in times of crisis opens the door to hope and great comfort.*
8. *The Lord will give you assurance and confidence, but you may never have to invest exertion and energy; be prepared to go; be prepared to pursue; be prepared to travail; be prepared to fight.*
9. *Keep going even when it gets strenuous, even when a part of you gives out; easy may not always be reconcilable with victory.*
10. *You may never know the kingdom treasures that you will find deposited in those cast down and forsaken if you are willing to invest in them.*
11. *Complacency is foreplay for defeat; be on your guard, you may never know what seed you planted that is coming back for you.*
12. *It is your right and responsibility to plunder the enemy and take back everything that belongs to you with interest.*
13. *Teamwork includes everyone in the victory and*

excludes no one from the spoils.

14. *True success is the ability to be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to you.*
15. *Your gift opens doors to your future; it makes room for you before relevant people.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let every Amalekite spirit that seeks to plagiarize the weak in the body of Christ, somersault and die, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, thank You for Your shoulder to cast my cares upon, and Your ears to hear my cry of grace; give me defining turnaround. Amen.
- I speak grace into the hearts of the leaders in the body of Christ to lead selflessly, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, let the hands of the weak and distressed leaders in the body of Christ be strengthened now. Amen.
- Let every spirit attacking leaders from within dissipate and die, in the name of Jesus. Let the strength of ministers be renewed like the eagles today. Amen.
- Let the word that will bring comfort and direction to the ministers in the body of Christ reach their ears now, in Jesus' name.

HOW have the mighty fallen? Why do the mighty flee?

If you do not fight sin in your lifetime, Sin will catch up with you, certainly. Your own sword shall be your solace, and not another man's, For the anointing is respected; even in death, there is the fear of God.

I SAMUEL 31

¹The Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and fell down slain in Mount Gilboa.

²And the Philistines ardently pursued Saul and his sons.

Then they killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.

³The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him and severely wounded him.

How are the mighty fallen!

⁴Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword and kill me with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me." But the armorbearer would not, for he feared the anointing.

Therefore, Saul took a sword and fell on it.

⁵When the armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell on his own sword also, and died with him then.

⁶So Saul, his three sons, his armorbearer, and all his men died together that same day.

⁷And when the men of Israel on the other side of the valley, and those on the other side of Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled; and when they saw that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities and fled, and in them the Philistines dwelt.

⁸And it came to pass on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

⁹And they cut off his head and stripped him of his armor, and sent the news throughout the land of the Philistines, to publish it in the house of their idols and among the people.

¹⁰And they put his armor in the house of the Ashtoreths, and fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.

¹¹When the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul,

¹²all the valiant men rose up and came by night; and took the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall of Bethshan

and they came to Jabesh and burnt them there.

¹³Then they took the bones and buried them under the tamarisk at Jabesh and fasted seven days; *for even in death respect for the anointing lived on.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The Lord is the difference between a mighty victory and a mystifying defeat.*
2. *Never do battle without the Lord; fight for the word daily and the Word will fight your battles for you.*
3. *You never know when you will need Him, means there is never a time that you should lose Him and never a moment to live without Him.*
4. *You fall on your own sword when you fail to fall on the sword of the Spirit and to follow it without compromise.*
5. *The enemy wants to disgrace you, to display you before the world and its gods, to reproach you and your God.*
6. *You mortify yourself when you marginalize the things of God; you strengthen yourself when you magnify the word and mortify your flesh to this world.*
7. *If you run with the word of God you will never run away from your enemy.*
8. *If you give room to the enemy, he will occupy the room, take the house, possess all your territory and enslave you.*
9. *Honor is a commitment that expresses itself beyond self-preservation and selfish ambitions.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I reject the folly of trying to fight my battles without You. I stubbornly refuse to embrace death. Amen.
- Spirit of obedience to the things of God envelop my life today, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Father, I will live before You a holy and consistent life in pursuit of Your word. Amen.
- I soak my study and devotional hours in the blood of Jesus; I refuse to be distracted from reading and memorizing the word. Amen.
- I declare that I fully belong to the Lord; I am intoxicated with the Spirit, full of the word, immersed in prayer, and I have no room for the devil. Amen.