

Psalm 14:1 ‘The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

As a young believer, this was one of the first scriptures that I ever memorized. The Holy Spirit deeply impressed upon my heart the significance of this verse in ways that I am still coming to understand. In days of uncertainty, this scripture is one of my anchors.

Early on, I thought it only pertained to atheists. Those who attempt to remove God from His very existence. The Hebrew word ‘nabal’ is here interpreted as a ‘fool.’ A person who lacks spiritual perception, one who looks but never really sees. They refuse to see things that are not hidden. They never find God for the same reason a thief never finds a cop.

Later, I thought of those who acknowledge there is a God but do not see the True God. To them, God is distant and detached. Thus, they live as though God is somewhere but not here. The Bible describes this condition as godlessness. They make their daily decisions as though there is no God and thus spend their lives looking for some meaning to life that only the True God can give.

Then finally, I began to see how this scripture applied to me. I am born again, a sinner redeemed by the blood of the lamb! My Savior is Immanuel, God with us. He is the One who holds me in His hand. The One who died for me and said He would never forsake me. That is who I am, and yet there are times when my actions declare to all around me, ‘there is no God.’ I plan my today as a godless believer.

Let me explain. Remember David and Goliath. Each day Goliath would issue a challenge to the people of God. Each day hung the question, ‘Who would face the foe and stand for the Lord?’

I always want to be like David. Brave, true and triumphant. Yet sadly, there are times, rather than facing my Goliath for God’s glory, I behave like King Saul and his soldiers who hid and by their actions declared, ‘there is no God.’

When circumstances come against us and fear tries to freeze our faith, then beware ‘distracted eyes.’ Soldiers looked at Goliath saying, ‘This guy is too big to hit.’ David, seeing the same giant said, ‘He is too big to miss.’ King Saul thought, ‘He is so much bigger than me.’ David thought, ‘look how much smaller Goliath is than God.’ When Goliath comes, where we fix our gaze determines our faith.

When ridiculed by others for his decision to face Goliath, David declared, ‘Is there not a cause.’ On that dark day, someone had to proclaim by action and faith that God is real and trustworthy. He did not just say God is somewhere but testified that God is here, now. The question before each believer is, ‘By my daily action, is my testimony like King Saul’s or David’s. Does Goliath before me overshadow my Lord?’

Prayer

Lord, there is always a Goliath standing before me. Keep my focus upon You. May my eyes not be distracted by the enormity of circumstances. Without Christ, I cannot win the battle. You have not given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of love, power and a sound mind. Forgive me from planning my tomorrow as though you don’t exist today. Help me O Lord to display ‘faith, hope and love’ for Your glory.

Action Point

Fear no darkness! Stand before your Goliath letting those around you know the Lord is a present help in time of trouble. Shine Bright for Christ and His Kingdom