

Lasting Results – Part 13: Knowledge and Understanding (Reading, Studying, and Applying)

Reviewing Part 12 with Fresh Insight

We learned from David's victory over Goliath that **David drew near to his enemy**.

Why could David draw near to Goliath?

- Because David **was not afraid**.
- Why? Because he had **knowledge and understanding of the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel**.

"You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." – 1 Samuel 17:45 (NKJV)

Likewise, as believers, we must grow in **knowledge and understanding** about **the name of Jesus**.

What About Goliath?

Goliath also drew near to David.

Why?

- Because he also **was not afraid**.
- Why? Because he had **knowledge and understanding** of what **he believed in – his gods**.

The Spiritual Picture

“The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.” – 1 Samuel 17:3

This is a prophetic image:

- **Kingdom of darkness** on one side
 - **Kingdom of God** on the other
 - **The valley** is where the battle happens (*Thought life*)
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Two Key Insights

1. The Battle Happens in the Valley

David slew Goliath **in the valley**.

- **Valleys are where faith is tested.**
- On the mountaintop, things are easy. But in the **valley**—in the tough times—**our true strength is revealed.**

“Choose a man... let him come down to me.” – 1 Samuel 17:8

“Now Saul and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting...” – 1 Samuel 17:19

Spiritual application:

“Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various valleys (trials)...” – James 1:2–4 (paraphrased)

We must learn to **confront the enemy, face him like David did**, not avoid the valley.

2. The Enemy Comes “With...”

The Power of Knowledge and Understanding

David’s confidence came from **knowing God and understanding His name**.
Likewise, our victory depends on:

- **Knowing God's Word**
- **Studying it**
- **Applying it**

“Study and be eager... rightly dividing the Word of Truth.” – 2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP)

Just **reading** the Word is like gathering surface gold.
But **studying** it? That’s where you get the **deep nuggets** of truth.

“Ezra had set his heart to study... to do... and to teach...” – Ezra 7:10

Illustration: “You come to me **with... but I come to you **in**...”**

- **Personal:** Dread of evil → *But I come in Jesus’ name*
- **Spouse:** “What if?” (doubt) → *But I come with faith in God’s promises*
- **Family member:** “But...” (fear, hesitation)
- **Home:** “Now what?”
- **Grandchildren:** “Are you sure?”
- **Friends:** Gossip, fear
- **Church:** “Can we?”
- **Workplace:** “What will I do now?”
- **World:** “What will happen?”

“Our citizenship is in heaven...” – Philippians 3:20

“Do this in remembrance of Me...” – 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

We need to **remember who we are** and what we have been given.

Knowledge and Understanding of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (BIHS) with Tongues

Many are afraid of the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** with **speaking in tongues**—but only because of **a lack of knowledge**.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” – Hosea 4:6

They’ve heard opinions, seen abuse, or gotten second-hand misinformation. They’ve **treated it like a Goliath**—something to fear—when it’s actually **a gift**.

This gift is:

- From our Heavenly Father
- A powerful weapon and tool
- Misunderstood due to fear and misuse
- Often rejected because people **dip, skip, or overlook** key Scriptures

Valley Insight

“When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.” – 1 Samuel 17:11

People **see and hear**, then fear.
But we must choose **faith** over **sight**: (Over all the senses)

“We walk by faith, not by sight.” – 2 Corinthians 5:7

We must **study**, not just pray.
Why? So, we can pray with knowledge and understanding, which keeps us **on target**.

Closing Thoughts

- Read for width, but study for **depth**
- Apply the Word to disarm fear
- Know what you're coming “with”
- Don’t fear the gift (BIHS), embrace it with understanding

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