LEARNING FROM THE LEADER

1 Sam. 17:58 – 18:1-7

Here we have David telling King Saul whose son he is and getting to who he was; after he had killed Goliath the huge Philistine and caused Israel to win the battle that day. This was eight years after David was anointed king over Israel. It is said that David was fifteen when he was anointed king; so, he was twenty-three at this time. And King Saul’s son, Jonathan, and David became great friends. It says that their souls were knit together, and that they loved one another. The perverse people say that it was as they do. But it was not that kind of love here with them; the Hebrew word ahab: #’s 157 and 158 and means; have affections for, in good or bad sense, as for dad, mom, brother, sister, and friend. For them it was the good as friends, like brothers, as a father and son all in the good! Then there is the love of our Creator and mankind, and the love of a husband and wife. Different loves, but godly, pure loves as the wisdom and knowledge that is from above. James3:17 The sinners in this world have it all perverted in their sins as their word for love is lust. Isa. 5:20 Jonathan and David made a covenant in this. A covenant is always with blood. So, they cut palms or wrists and put them together as blood brothers as we Natives do.

King Saul took David that day and did not let him go home anymore. David went wherever the king sent him and he did wisely in all things. He was set over the men of war and was accepted in the sight of all the people. Because David was a leader! He had always been a leader! When he was leading and caring for the sheep, he always led them to safe places, and when a lion and a bear came against them, he took care of them. He trusted Elohim in all these things. So, it was no big thing with Goliath for him. He was ready to do it!

One day as they were coming back into town from a battle with the Philistines, that the women came out meeting them, singing, and dancing with joy and music. And they sang; “Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousand.” Because David was a great leader!! He did not hesitate or think twice about going out after this giant of a man.1 Sam. 17:33-57

Saul had said to David; “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight, for you are just a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth.” But David said to Saul; “I keep my father’s sheep, and a bear and a lion took a lamb at two different times, and I went after them, struck them and delivered the lambs from them. When they rose against me, I struck and killed them. And this uncircumcised Philistine will be as them, as he has defied the armies of the living Elohim! “Yahweh Elohim who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And David took off. Goliath got mad and said, “Am I a dog that you send a boy at me with sticks!” “Come to me and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beast of the field!” And he cursed David by his gods.

Then David said, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of Yahweh of hosts, Elohim of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” “This day Yahweh will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth know that Elohim is in Israel!” “The battle is Elohim’s, and He will give you into our hands.” David prevailed over Goliath with a sling and a stone and cut his head off with his own sword. Then Israel ran and killed the Philistines all the way back to their land. Then as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistines, Abner took him to King Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hands! What a leader!! What a warrior!! What a man of Elohim!

2 Sam. 23:8-39, 1 Chro.11:10-47 Here we have the lists of David’s mighty men and some of the great things in battle and out of battle that they did. They learned from their great leader and warrior. All the time that David had to flee and escape from Saul and his armies, there were men that joined him and fought with him. 1 Sam. 22:1-2

So, David escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and family heard, they went down there to him. And everyone that was in distress, in debt, discontented, and were outcasts gathered to him. David became captain, or leader over them; about four hundred men. And all these men of war learned from David, their leader. They watched their leader fight and saw when not to fight. They saw their leader not touch King Saul, Elohim’s anointed, when he was standing right by him. They all learned from David, their leader. They were called, David’s Mighty Men.

2 Sam. 21:15-22 When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David, and his men with him fought, and David grew weak. Ishbi-Benob, a son of the giant, whose spear of brass weighted three hundred shekels, about seven and a half pounds, and had a new sword, thought he could kill David. But Abishai came to his aid and killed the Philistine. His men swore to him; “You shall not go out with us to battle, less you quench the lamp of Israel.”

Another battle at Gob, David’s warrior Sibbechai killed Saph, one of the sons of the giant. Then another battle Elhanan killed the brother of Goliath, whose spear shaft was like a weaver’s beam. A battle at Gath, a giant who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot defied Israel, and Jonathan the son of David’s brother killed him. These four born to the giant of Gath, fell by the hand of David and his mighty men.

2 Sam. 23:8-10 Josheb-Basshebeth, who was called, Sharp Spear; because he had killed eight hundred men at one time; and was the chief among the captains. And after him was Eleazar, one of the three mighty men with David in battle, and Israel retreated. He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The warriors returned and had a great victory that day. And after him was Shammah. The philistines had gathered in a troop, a large number, where there was a piece of ground full of lentils as the people fled. But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defending it, and killed the Philistines. These were the three mighty men of David who had learned from their leader.

These three went through enemy lines and brought David a drink of water from the well at Bethlehem. Just great things all of David’s mighty men did in battle and out of battle because they had learned from their great leader. Abishai, the brother of Joab lifted his spear against three hundred men killing them.

Benaiah, who had done many great feats, killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. He also killed a goodly Egyptian man, as he took his own spear from him and killed him with his own spear. These Mighty Men of David had learned well from him, as he was a great leader, and a great warrior. Also, a great man of Elohim, as he was recognized as the lamp of Israel. 2 Sam. 21:17 And Elohim said that he was a man after His own heart.

There have been great leaders and warriors of Elohim’s people all through time. As Moses, Yehoshua, Gideon, Samson, Peter, Paul, and John. And many others after the Bible was written. (I am referring to natural and spiritual.) There has always been natural warfare and spiritual warfare. And Elohim’s people have always taken part in both, as we are in both.

But the greatest leader and warrior of all, that has ever lived is Adonai Yeshua our Massiah!! He was the best and greatest of all in natural warfare and spiritual warfare! In the spiritual or in the flesh He overcame the flesh, the world, and the Devil. In His flesh He overcame sin and its temptation to sin!! In His flesh He kept the law to the letter, and fulfilled the Torah, the Prophets, and the Psalms concerning Him. Matt.5:17-18, Luke 24:44 which none of mankind could do! For Messiah is the end of the law (by the letter) for righteousness to everyone who believes. Rom. 10:4 That is; He kept and fulfilled the law to the letter, in His flesh, as He said He would. Matt. 5:17-18 So now we have been delivered from the (letter) of the law, having died to what we were held by, (sin) so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. Rom. 7:6 And we have such trust through Messiah toward Elohim, not that we are able of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our ability is from Elohim, who also made us able as ministers of the renewed covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. 2 Cor. 3:4-6 His law in the Torah led us to Messiah and His stake, where His Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit gave us power to keep all His laws and instructions and live in His abundant life to eternal life!! John 10:10 Our great leader has given to all who will believe and receive Him and His word; trust and obey Him and His word; that we can see and do any of the great works that He asks of us. Our great leader, who is also our Creator wants us, His creation, to know and understand Him. Jer. 9:24

He wants us to know and understand Him, so that we can be learning from the leader! He has told us in His word; to love one another, for love is of Elohim; and everyone who loves is born of Elohim and knows Elohim! He who does not love does not know Elohim, for Elohim is love. And we know and believe the love Elohim has for us. Elohim is love, and he who abides in love abides in Elohim, and Elohim in him. Love has been perfected in us that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. Our leader wants us to be as He is in this world; so, we need to be learning from our leader! We love Him because He first loved us! John 4:7-8, 16-17, 19

For Elohim so loved the world; and the world was full of sinners! Our great leader told us to love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. Our leader taught us to pray often, daily, which is asking, listening, and being quick to obey Him. And to know how to bind and loosen in this earth. Matt. 16:19

Our great leader said, “Father forgive them for they do not know what they do.” Then He told us to forgive, or else He would not forgive us. Matt. 6:15,18:35, Mark 11:26 So I ask; “Are you learning from the Leader?” He wants His followers to be as He is in this world! 1 John 417 How close are you with all His ways and words?? Yeshua wants mighty warriors, men, and women in His kingdom! All that will learn from the leader; and obey the leader will be great and mighty in His kingdom!! All that know and understand our great leader will be strong and do great things! He told us; “All that believes in me, and the works that I do, they will do also; and greater works they will do, because I go to My Father.” So, we can know that these last days are by far worse and more evil than at the time of the flood and at Sodom and Gomorrah!! John 14:12

When our leader went to His Father bodily; then He was able to come and be in all His followers spiritually! The Holy Ghost / Holy Spirit are the one and same Spirit of our great leader! Look at his words. 1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy, argument, great is the mystery of Godliness: Elohim was manifested in the flesh. Holy Spirit was revealed, shown plainly in the flesh. John 1:1, 14 The Word, who was Elohim, became flesh and dwelt among us. John 14:21-23 This same One Who was manifested in flesh, said that he was going to manifest himself again. He said, “If anyone loves me and keeps my Word; my Father will love him and we, WE will come to him and make our home, abode with him. The Father and the Son! Rom. 8:9 Paul is telling us how to live more in the Spirit than in the flesh, said; “But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Messiah, he is none of His. Father Who is Spirit, is Holy Spirit. Yeshua Who was flesh, is Holy Ghost. Ghost means the memory, or essence of the departed one. Holy Spirit / Holy Ghost are the one and same Spirit of Yahweh Elohim. There are different gifts, but the one and same Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:1-13 What a great and mighty leader we have! He is Creator of all! He is Master of all! He is Savior of all! He is Healer of all! He is the only true and living Elohim of all!

We are made in His image and likeness! We are partners with Him in all His great creation! We were given all dominion and authority in our beginning! Then after mankind lost his authority; our great leader came and got it back from Satan, and gave it and His power to us, after He paid the full price of our sins!! Glory! What a great leader and warrior we have! With His power that He gave us we can be as He is in this world! 1 John 4:17

No, we will never be the very same as He is. But his word tells us to do the same great works, as He is in us and we in Him. So, where are you in obeying His word, His commandments? Come and repent and start doing your best to be like our great leader. Be all you can be in Yeshua!! Amen!

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