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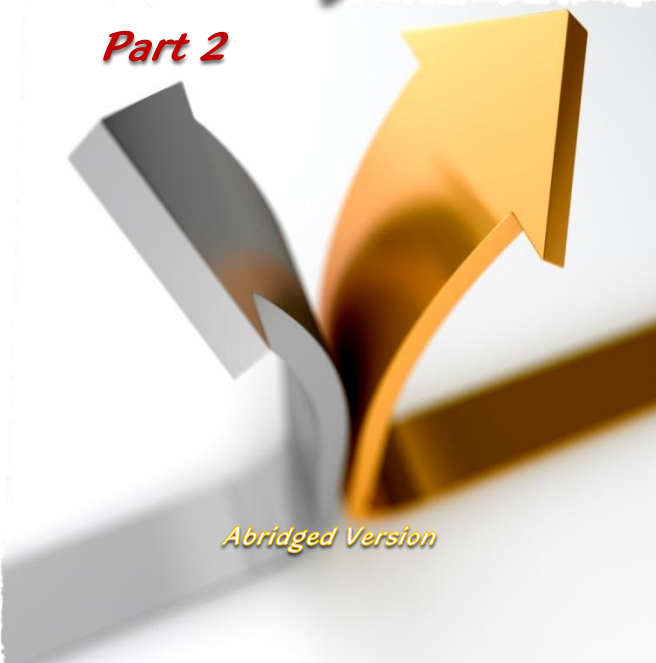
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I AM Distinguished

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I Am Distinguished

In our last F2F we talked about holiness or separation and how that distinguishes us from the rest of the world. Not so much the being different or weird but living our lives on a HIGHER level. Thinking, talking and acting like God. We are born of God and have been given His nature and His Word to reveal to us His ways and His thoughts (Is 55:8-11) and the way He does things in His kingdom. At Jesus instruction in Matt. 6:33 (Amp.) we are to seek first the King and the advancement of His Kingdom and His ways, the right way or doing things and then all these things will be added to us. This is being distinguished - *Separated from others by superior or extraordinary qualities and known by a mark of difference.* Then we ended with the question “what’s the big deal about being distinguished?”

With this question in mind lets go to 1 Samuel 17. David’s brothers have been in a battle supposedly fighting the Philistines for a couple of months. Jesse their Dad is sending him to the battle zone to gather some news to bring back home. There is no TV or internet providing a live broadcast of the war. So David arrives and begins to question where his brothers are so he can say hi and bring them some of mom’s home cooking. Right in the middle of this a Philistine giant by the name of Goliath began his daily dis of God and the Israeli people and daring King Saul to come fight him one on one. When David heard this it made him furious but the rest of the Israeli army was terrified and hid themselves. Let’s pick it up in verse 26

“And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

²⁷ *And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.*

²⁸ *And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? ...*

²⁹ *And David said, What have I now done? **Is there not a cause?***

The first thing I want to bring to your attention is his question to his older brother in verse 29 - Is there not a cause? Then he answers the question in verses 46 and 47

³⁰ *And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner...*

³² *And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine...*

⁴⁰ *And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine...*

⁴³ *And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods...*

⁴⁵ *Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.*

⁴⁶ *This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.***

⁴⁷ ***And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.***

Do you see the 2 fold cause or reason for killing the giant? One, in order that the earth may know that Israel serves the living God and two, that the assembly of scared covenant soldiers behind him needed to be reminded that the Lord still saves and fights their battles.

How does this apply to us? Our *Cause* is the same. So that all the earth may know that we serve the living God and that all this assembly or the body of Christ be reminded that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever - He is still the Saviour, Healer, Provider, Deliverer, Redeemer and so on.

This is the *Cause* for being distinguished. The *Cause* is why we are the righteousness of God and act righteously. Why we are healed and live in divine health. Enjoy being rich, wealthy and increasing in goods according to 1 Cor 8:9. Walk in freedom and live as lights, salt and ambassadors for Christ. The *Cause* is why we walk in love and faith and The Blessing and according to Genesis 1:28 be fruitful, multiply, increase, fill up the earth, subdue and have dominion - all for his glory. Why are we to be great Godly husbands, Dads, wives, Moms, brothers, sisters, bosses, employees, have awesome

marriages, be honourable and people of integrity, giving and joyful - it is for this *Cause* that all the earth would know that we serve the living God and that Jesus is still the same as He was in the Bible.

Being distinguished is not just about us but about our influence on others around us and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. People fuss over our preaching about healing and financial wealth as if it is just for our selfish purposes but it's not - it is about the *Cause* and that God in all things may be glorified.

I don't know about you but I am not interested in being normal, average or ordinary. I choose to be DESTINGUISHED for this *Cause* how about you?