



Breakthrough Victories

2 SAMUEL 5:17-25

¹⁷ When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸ Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; ¹⁹ so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you." ²⁰ So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a **breakthrough** of water.." So that place was called Baal Perazim. ²¹ The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

²² Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; ²³ so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the balsam trees. ²⁴ As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the **balsam** trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." ²⁵ So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

We have spiritual assignments

▲ We've been positioned

¹⁷ When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel,

▲ We've been provisioned

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▲ We've been publicized

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We have strong adversaries

▲ Our enemies are purposed against us

¹⁷ When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold.

▲ Our enemies are poised against us

¹⁸ Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;

▲ Our enemies are persevering against us

²² Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;

We have supernatural assistance

▲ We have the support of the LORD

¹⁹ so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you." — ²³ so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the balsam trees. ²⁴ As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army."

- ▶ advising us
- ▶ assuring us
- ▶ advancing ahead of us

▲ We hail the strength of the LORD

²⁰ So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "As waters break out, the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me. "So that place was called Baal Perazim. ²¹ The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off. — ²⁴ ... the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." ²⁵ So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

- ▶ breaking out and breaking through
- ▶ striking out and striking down
- ▶ driving out and driving off

▲ We hear the sound of the LORD

²⁴ As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army."

- ▶ hear the sound of the marching soldiers
- ▶ hear the sound of the mighty Scriptures
- ▶ hear the sound of the moving Spirit

1. LOOK to the LORD
2. LISTEN for the LORD
3. LAUNCH out with the LORD
4. LIFT up the LORD