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**Topic: Is there not a Cause?**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 17:1-31

1. When Israel was challenged by Goliath, the giant Philistines, they fled and were greatly afraid and in dismay. The reasons were the people were only seeking their own cause, caring for their own welfare, and they cannot see the cause to stand up for God. They became immobilized to the task.
2. God had prepared David as a young shepherd boy in helping him to fight against the bears and lions which attacked his sheep. When David heard the words of Goliath in defying the armies of Israel, he saw the cause to stand up for God. He responded to Goliath's words by saying, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistines to defy the armies of the living God?"
3. David put on the eyes of faith to trust in God and then took action to volunteer to fight against Goliath. Israel was supposed to be a national witness for God to the Gentile world but it is now hiding in fear and shame. David wanted God's name to be exalted and glorified.
4. David's elder brother Eliab was angry with David for his words to want to fight Goliath and falsely accused David for seeking his own glory. There will always be oppositions when we want to stand for Christ. Others may not follow our stand. However, David was not discouraged and continued to stand for the cause of God.
5. When we fight the battle for the Lord, we must first see there is a cause to it. Then we will be mobilised for the battle and stand firm to the end for the Lord.