

2 Samuel

Chapter 1

21 Upon the mountains of Gilboa no dew and no rain and field offerings for there the shield of the mighty was defiled as though Saul was not anointed with oil¹.

¹ Saul fell in battle that day because he had lost his place as the one that God had anointed. David laments by the Spirit of God that Saul had fallen as one who had not been anointed. As long as the anointing was upon anyone's life it was a shield and a defense. The anointing represents the glory and presence of God that surrounds those who have been anointed (Deuteronomy 33:29; 2 Samuel 22:36; Psalms 5:12; 28:7; 35:2; 84:9; 115:9-11). The use of the Hebrew word 'magen' (shield) may signify Saul's protector who was God or the defensive weapon in His hand. It was there in the battle at Gilboa that it became plain for all to see that Saul no longer had the protective presence of God that he received when the Spirit of God had rushed upon him and anointed him with the special abilities to be king over Israel.

Today the Lord has anointed us and surrounded us with His presence as a defense and a fortress against all of the powers of darkness and of men. Because of His glory no evil thing can come near our dwelling. He has given us His sword and shield; the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God and the shield of faith. It is the presence of the Almighty who has come to dwell on the inside of us who wields the sword and raises the shield to protect us from every device of the wicked one. Satan cannot touch us as long as the mighty presence of God upon us for His glory is impregnable (1 John 5:18; Job 1:10; Psalms 34:7). The glorious One, the greater One who lives on the inside of us has conquered all and has made us conquerors to (1 John 2:13-14; 4:4; 5:4-5). The anointing that we have received from Him teaches us to abide in Him (1 John 2:27).