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2 Samuel 5:17

“When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek out David; and when David heard of it, he went down to the stronghold.” 2 Samuel 5:17

Ever since Satan’s fall from his position as the “anointed cherub that covers” (Ezekiel 28:14), he has sought out the anointing. There is no other human experience like the experiencing of the glory of God! “For a day in Your court is better than a thousand elsewhere.” (Psalm 84:10)

Whether in an individual’s life, a localized community revival, or even on a national or international scale, wherever the anointing of God is breaking out to “relieve burdens and destroy yokes” (Isaiah 10:27), there will always be the “Philistines” going up to seek out the anointing of God. Like oil or honey drawing insects, so “the anointing draws flies.” Because the devil can no longer stand in the anointing that issues from the throne of God, he endeavors to touch it as it issues forth from human vessels. Whatever Satan touches is in danger of corruption. “Jesus said to Peter, “Get thee behind Me, Satan.” (Matthew 16:23).

As you experience the anointing of God to share the gospel or pray for the sick, at first sign of pride or envy, lust or greed, run to the stronghold! Secure your place of abiding in Christ by “humbling yourself, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” (1 Peter 5:6) Find your place of safety by “dwelling the secret place of the Most High.” (Psalm 91:1)

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