

THE NAME OF THE LORD LI JEHOVAH TSABAOTH

Circumcision – God’s Intimate Approach

¹⁰ Who [is] among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh [in] darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. ¹¹ Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass [yourselves] about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks [that] ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

Isaiah 50:10,11 KJV

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalms 20:7 NIV

¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner--those who are not your offspring. ¹³ Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant.

Genesis 17:10-13 NIV

- I. Circumcision – God’s intimate approach.
 - A. Circumcision is God’s unique mark of ownership.
 - B. Circumcision removes all that seems “natural” to our fallen nature.
 - * All “I was born this way” arguments.
 - C. In circumcision, God reveals that there is no more recourse to privacy.
 - D. In circumcision, God touches Abram at the core of his true Identity.
 - * God will only anoint your “true self,” never a “false self”
 - * Your public and private self should be the same.
 - * Satan’s greatest attack is always to sow doubt as to your true identity.
 - E. In circumcision, God marks Abram at the very fount of his creative activity.
 - F. In circumcision, God cuts away all fleshly things that deaden your sensitivity
 - * Your sensitivities to hear God’s voice and feel His presence.
 - G. In circumcision, God is removing all people, places, or things that can cause spiritual bacteria to grow.
 - H. Circumcision is a sign that identifies you and sets you apart for ridicule.
 - * What God and his friends understand his enemies do not.

- * Don't ever try to make people like you.
- * God is not cutting off the organ, just all non-essential coverings!

II. Goliath's Achilles' heel.

²⁶ “... *Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?*” ... ³¹ *What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him. ...* ³⁶ *Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.* (1 Samuel 17:26, 31, 36 NIV)

- A. Goliath was approximately 9'6" tall.
- B. Goliath's armor totaled 700 pounds.
- C. Goliath was from a race of giants, born after the flood of Noah. (The Rephaim)
- D. Goliath's spear was 14 feet long, 2 inches thick, and had a 15-pound spear tip.
- E. Other giants are mentioned along with Goliath in the Bible. (II Samuel 21:15-22; I Chronicles 20:4-8)
- F. Goliath had one Achilles heel; he was “uncircumcised.” This is the point for which David mocked him.
- G. David knew that he had a unique covenant relationship with the true and living God.
- H. This covenant guaranteed that any circumcised, anointed warrior of God would have been able to kill Goliath instantly because he had a covenant with God through circumcision. David knew a five-year-old, a 10-year-old, a

20-year-old circumcised young man could've easily killed Goliath.

- I. Your blood covenant relationship with Jesus Christ assures you absolute power over all your demonic foes.
- J. As a born again, image bearer of God, you hold absolute authority over all the hordes of Hell.
- K. Hasten towards your Goliath, as David did, “In the mighty name of Jehovah Tsabaoth.” (The Lord of heaven’s armies)