

# A SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH

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- ◆ THE BARKING OF THE ENEMY
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- ◆ THE BREAKTHROUGH OF GOD

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**Text:** *“The Lord has broken forth as the breach of waters; therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim.” (v. 20)*

**Subject:** The “Breakthrough” Of The Lord

### INTRODUCTION

**Fact:** Hurdles are not to stop you, but to stretch you as you go over them.

**Fact:** Hurdles are not to scare you, but to assure you of God’s power soon to be revealed.

**Fact:** Hurdles are not to frustrate you, but to fortify you in your ministry.

**Question:** What is a hurdle?

**Answer:** Simply, something you go over on your way to the finish line!!!

- David had his hurdles to go over (and God “broke through” for David!)
- You will have your hurdles to go over (and God will “breakthrough” for you!)

### Background

In II Samuel 5, the tribes of Israel have come to Hebron to acknowledge David as king:

#### **(The three reasons for David’s crowning)**

**1. David was of their kindred.**

*“We are thy bone and thy flesh.” (v. 1)*

**2. David had served them in time of need.**

*“You were the one who led us and brought us out.” (v. 2)*

**3. David was God’s choice to lead.**

*“The Lord said thou shalt feed my people Israel.” (v. 2)*

***“They anointed David king over Israel.” (v. 3)***

#### **(Remember now)**

- David makes a league (covenant) with the elders. (v. 3)
- David begins to reign at the age of 30. (v. 4)
- David reigns a total of 40 years. (v. 5)
- David makes Jerusalem the capital of the nation. (v. 6,7)
- David is making progress (and so are you!)

#### **(But there is just one problem)**

The Philistines become restless and threatened. Why? Because David is making progress and is about to make even greater progress:

- The tribes are unified. The new location is established. The king has now been crowned.
- In chapter 6, David will gather 30,000 more men and restore the Ark as the center of worship! But in between the progress of Ch. 5 and even greater progress in Ch. 6.
- The enemy comes in like a flood and attempts to discourage David.
- The enemy tries to intimidate him and put fear in the leader.

**But God “breaks through” for David! And God will “break through” for you!**

## I. The “Barking” of the Enemy (v. 6)

*“The Jebusites said, except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither, thinking David cannot come in.” (v. 6)*

*“When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David...and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.” (v. 17, 18)*

**Fact:** The enemy Jebusites were defiant idol worshippers.

**Fact:** The enemy Jebusites were in darkness, in Jerusalem a place of light.

**Fact:** The enemy wanted to impede the progress of Israel in Jerusalem.

### **The enemy “barks” three lies to David (and you).**

Lie #1: **You cannot have your inheritance.**

*“You can’t come in hither”. (v. 6)*

(Or, you cannot come into Jerusalem, restore holy worship and see revival.)

Lie #2: **You cannot be strong in the Lord.**

*“For even the blind and the lame could impede and stop your progress.” (v. 6)*

(Or, you’ll never be able to withstand the enemy in the evil day of attack.)

Lie #3: **Your victory (or loss) is determined by what you visibly see.**

*“The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.” (v. 18)*

(Or in the land of the giants.)

Why? So David would see himself out-numbered and be afraid!

### **Satan’s three Lies To You**

1. “You cannot possess your inheritance where God has placed you!”
2. “You cannot live the spirit-filled life over the world, flesh and the devil.”
3. “Your victory (or defeat) is determined by what you visibly see.” (When in fact your success or failure is determined by what goes on in the invisible world.)

### **Has the enemy whispered to you?**

“You’ll never see revival in your church or victory over personal sin.”

“You’ll never recover the ark and see the glory and presence of God in your town.”

“You’ll never possess in the visible what God has promised you in secret prayer.”

**Question:** Why is the enemy of your soul fighting you tooth and nail?

**Answer:** 1. Because you are making progress!

2. Because the Lord is setting you up!

3. Because you are about to discover how God supernaturally “breaks through”

**Ask:** What do you do when the enemy “barks” at you (and warfare rages)?

## II. The “Bending” of the Christian (v. 17, 19)

*“When David heard of it, he went down to the hold (or cave Adullam).” (v. 17)*

*“And David inquired of the Lord.” (v. 19)*

**Fact:** The Philistines and Jebusites are threatened in their idol worship.

**Fact:** As long as David only ruled over a single tribe, he was of no threat to paganism.

**Fact:** Now the enemy comes up to remove David who threatened pagan darkness.

**Question:** What did David do when he heard the barking?

**Question:** What did David do when he saw the Philistines?

**Answer:** He went down to the cave and got alone with God in prayer!

David prayed these words: “*Shall I go up to the Philistines?*” “*Will you deliver them into my hand?*” (v. 19)

**David asks two things in prayer:**

1. Lord, what do you want me to do? (And)
2. Lord, what are you going to do?

**”And the Lord said unto David...” (v. 19)**

**“...Go up, for I will doubtless deliver.”**

“I will doubtless” means: Jesus never fails, victory in Jesus, blessed assurance, and how great Thou art.

**(In other words)**

The Lord responded when David went to prayer.

**See this truth:**

- If we are no threat to Satan’s kingdom, why would he bother us?
- If we are not pursuing revival (with holy worship and pure preaching) why would he bother us?

**All of scripture teaches us:**

- The greater your influence for God, the greater the increase of spiritual attack.
- So expect conflict, warfare, fiery darts and hurdles to get over in your pursuit of revival.

**And remember,**

When the enemy comes in like a flood, the secret to God’s intervention is clear:

**Example:** When the Assyrians attacked Jerusalem, Hezekiah went to prayer.

**Example:** When Sanballat mocked the Jews, Nehemiah went to prayer.

**Example:** When the Egyptians pursued Israel, Moses went to prayer.

**Example:** When the enemy withstood Persia, Daniel went to prayer.

**Example:** When Herod arrested Peter, the church went to prayer.

**Question:** How does God respond to the “bending” Christian?

### **III. The “Break’Through” of the Lord**

*“The Lord hath “broken forth” upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters; therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim (meaning “the Lord who breaks through”).*

**Fact:** This is David’s first victory as king of the new united kingdom.

**Fact:** David calls the place of victory “**Baalperazim**” which means “**the Lord who “breaks through.”**”

**Question:** What resulted from God breaking through?

**Answer:** “*The idols of Satan were burned to ashes.*” (v. 21) Why?

Because God can “breakthrough” anything and everything that keeps you from making progress today. (Repeat)

◆ **What kind of breakthrough?** “...as the breach of waters.” (v. 20)

**What is a “breach of waters”?**

1. It is like a dam bursting forth! (A gusher of hydro-power!)
2. It is like a sudden gushing of water out of the rock for Moses!
3. It is like a Holy Spirit outpouring upon his church.

**Why the “break-through”?**

- Because God responds when we go to prayer!
- Because God responds when we get in the valley!
- Because God responds when we face the giants!
- Because God responds when we inquire of Him!
- Because God’s power, authority and water is greater than every hindrance of the enemy in your soul, your life, your church and your community!

For months, David was on the run!

For months, David was facing the impossible!

For months, David was hearing the enemy “barking”!

**But God said you’ll hear “a sound in the mulberry trees.” (v. 24)**

Which means “*The Lord is going out before you.*” (v. 24)

Beloved, we are in line for a “breakthrough”!

It’s on the schedule of the Lord!

Listen for the sound of God speaking to you!

**Conclusion**

(People are in line for a spiritual “breakthrough”

1. A breakthrough in your your life.
2. A breakthrough in spiritual gifts.
3. A breakthrough in physical healing.
4. A breakthrough in your thought life.
5. A breakthrough in your anger and temper.
6. A breakthrough in your vision and passion.
7. A breakthrough in your loss of joy.
8. A breakthrough in corporate prayer meetings.
9. A breakthrough in seeing idols and sin destroyed.
10. A breakthrough of Pentecost in your assembly.

**Yes, the enemy is “barking”!**

**But yes, the Christian can be “bending”!**

**And yes, the Lord will “breakthrough”!**

P.S. Evan Roberts prayed for 13 years before the Welsh Revival broke out and God “broke through”. Over 100,000 people were converted during the awakening; it is recorded that for 13 years Evan Roberts never missed the prayer meeting. When God walked through Wales, he tripped over Evan Roberts.

Amen! Bill Kirk