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SUNDAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S READING

The HOLY WAR

Made by Shaddai Upon Diabulous for the
Regaining of the Metropolis of the World
or

The Losing and Taking Again of the
Town of Mansoul

by John Bunyan

Retold in Modern English
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(Episode 28)

"I have given symbols..." Hosea 12:10

The King said, “Come now, therefore, My Son, and prepare Yourself for the war, for You will go to My camp at Mansoul. You shall also prosper there and prevail, and conquer the town of Mansoul.”

Then the King’s Son said, *“I delight to do Your will; Your law is within my heart (Psa 40:8; Heb 10:1-18).* This is the day that I have longed for, and the work I have waited for all this while. In Your wisdom, therefore, grant Me what force You think appropriate and I will go to deliver from Diabulous, and from his power, Your perishing town of Mansoul. My heart has been often pained within me for the miserable town of Mansoul; but now it rejoices, for now it is glad.” And with that, He leaped over the mountains for joy, saying, “I have not, in My heart, thought anything too dear for Mansoul: the day of vengeance is in My heart for you, My Mansoul: and I’m glad You, My Father, have made Me the Founder of their salvation (Heb 2:10). And I will now begin to plague all those that have been a plague to My town of Mansoul, and will deliver it from their hand.”

When the King’s Son said this to His Father, it immediately flew like lightning around at court. Yes, it became the only talk there of what Emmanuel was to do for the famous town of Mansoul. But you cannot think how the courtiers, too, were taken with this plan of the Prince. Yes, they were so affected by this work, and with the just and reasonable logic of the war, that the highest lord and greatest peer of the kingdom coveted to have commissions under Emmanuel, to go to help to recover again for Shaddai the miserable town of Mansoul.

The court came to the conclusion that some should go and carry tidings to the camp— that Emmanuel was to come to regain Mansoul, and that He would bring along with Him such a mighty, invincible force, that He could not be resisted. But, oh! how ready were the high ones at court to run like messengers to carry these tidings to the camp outside of Mansoul. Now, when the captains perceived that the King would send Emmanuel, His Son, and that it also delighted the Son to be sent on this errand by the great Shaddai, His Father, to show how they were pleased at the thoughts of His coming, they also gave a shout that made the earth tremble at the sound of it. Yes, the mountains answered again by echo, and it caused Diabulous himself to totter and shake.

For you must know, that though the town of Mansoul itself had little concern for this project, if any at all— and what a pity for them, as they

were so sadly obsessed, for they mainly regarded their pleasure and their lusts— yet, Diabulous their governor was quite concerned; for he had his spies continually abroad, who brought him intelligence of all things, and they told him what was happening at court against him, and that Emmanuel would soon certainly come with a power to invade him. Nor was there any man at court, nor peer of the kingdom, that Diabulous so feared as he feared this Prince. For, if you remember, I showed you before that Diabulous had felt the weight of His hand already. So that, since it was He who was to come, this made him the more afraid.

Well, you see how I have told you that the King's Son was engaged to come from the court to save Mansoul, and that his Father had made Him the Captain of the forces. The time, therefore, of His setting forth had come, and He readied Himself for His march, and took with Him for His power, five noble captains and their forces.

The first was that famous captain, the noble Captain Belief. His colors were red, and Mr. Promise bore them; and for a shield he had the holy lamb and golden shield (John 1:29; Eph 6:16); and he had ten thousand men at his feet.

The second was that famous captain, the Captain Good-Hope. His colors were blue, and his standard-bearer was Mr. Expectation. For his shield, he had the three golden anchors (Heb 6:19); and he had ten thousand men at his feet.

The third was that valiant captain, the Captain Love. His standard-bearer was Mr. Compassion. His colors were green, and for his shield, he had three naked orphans embraced in the bosom (1 Cor 13); and he had ten thousand men at his feet.

The fourth was that gallant commander, the Captain Innocent. His standard-bearer was Mr. Harmless. His colors were white, and for his shield, he had the three golden doves (Heb 10:16).

The fifth was the truly loyal and well-beloved captain, the Captain Patience. His standard-bearer was Mr. Suffer-long. His colors were black, and for a shield, he had three arrows through the golden heart (Heb 6:12).

These were Emmanuel's captains; these their standard-bearers, their colors, and their shields; and these, the men under their command.

To Be Continued...

For Your Consideration:

Review:

What does the town of Mansoul represent?

Who is King Shaddai?

Who is the giant, Diabulous?

What is an allegory?

From the first few episodes, what truths in the Bible does Mr. Bunyan's allegorical story represent?

Thoughts to Ponder from Today's Episode:

Jesus is fully God, the second Person of the Trinity. He was also perfect, sinless Man when He was born to the virgin, Mary. In the 2nd paragraph, Emmanuel quotes Psalm 40:8. It's obvious why he delights to do God's will, why should it also be our delight if we are saved by God's grace? Do you always delight in God's will? Read Galatians 5:17 and discuss with your parents one of our hindering influences to doing God's will. Read Ephesians 6:10-18 and Philippians 2:13. How does this allow you to be empowered to delight in God's will and to carry it out?

In the 3rd paragraph, the highest lords and greatest peers of Emmanuel's kingdom desired to be commissioned in His army under Him. What does this tell you about the changed life in Christ when once one is saved by God's grace. Read Luke 10:17-20. What was the reaction of the 70 in v17, commissioned by the Lord? How did Jesus respond to them in v20? After reading this, how should we view service in Christ's kingdom?