



**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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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  
by Jon Cardwell

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(Episode 19)

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

So Incredulity, at Diabulous' command, began, and said, "Gentlemen, you've camped against us, as we've here seen; and by it you've disturbed our prince and molested the town of Mansoul: but from wherever you've come, we don't care to know; and whoever you are, we will not trust; and whatever you say, we will not believe. Indeed, you tell us in your terrible speech that you have this authority from Shaddai, but by what right He commands you to act, we have no idea what you're talking about. You have also, by the aforesaid authority, summoned this town to desert her lord, and, for protection, to yield up herself to the great Shaddai, your King; flatteringly telling her, that if she will do it, He will pass by and not charge her with her past offences. Further, to the terror of the town of Mansoul, you have also threatened with great and sore destructions to punish this corporation, if she does not consent to act according to your will.

"Now, captains," he continued, "from wherever you've come, and though your plans are ever so right, yet, you must know that neither my Lord Diabulous, nor I, his servant, Incredulity, nor our brave Mansoul, have any regard for either your persons, message, or the King you say has sent you. His power, His greatness, His vengeance, does not frighten us; nor will we yield at all to your summons.

"As for the war you threaten to make upon us, we must defend ourselves against it as well as we can; and know this, that we are not without wherewithal to defy you; and, in short, (for I will not be tedious,) I tell you, we see you as some vagabond, renegade crew. For all we know, you've shaken off all obedience to your King, have gotten together in riotous manner, and are wandering from place to place to see if, through the flatteries you are skilled to make on the one side, and threats you think to frighten us with on the other, to make some silly town, city, or country, desert their place, and leave it to you; but Mansoul is not one of them. To conclude: you don't frighten us, we're not afraid of you, nor will we obey your summons. Our gates, we will shut upon you. Our place, we will keep you out of. Neither will we allow you to sit down before us much longer. Our people must live in quiet; and your appearance disturbs them (Luke 11:21-22). Therefore, arise with bag and baggage, and be gone! or we will let fly from the walls against you."

This speech, made by old Incredulity, was seconded by desperate Willbewill, in words to this effect: "Gentlemen, we have heard your

demands, and the noise of your threats, and have heard the sound of your summons, but we do not fear your force; we've disregarded your threats, and will still live as you found us. And we command you, that in three days' time, you cease to appear in these parts, or you shall know what it is to dare offer to rouse the lion Diabulous when asleep in his town of Mansoul."

The Recorder, whose name was Forget-good, also added the following: "Gentlemen, my lords have answered your rough and angry speeches with mild and gentle words, as you can clearly see. They have, moreover, given you permission to quietly depart from us. I've heard it and there's no denying it. Therefore, take their kindness and be gone. We might have come out upon you with force, and have caused you to feel the strike of our swords; but as we love ease and quiet ourselves, so we do not love to hurt or molest others."

Then the town of Mansoul shouted for joy, as if Diabulous and his crew had gotten some great advantage over the captains. They also rang the bells, and made merry, and danced in the walkways upon the city walls. Diabulous also returned to the castle, while the Lord Mayor and Recorder returned to their places; but the Lord Willbewill took special care that the gates should be secured with double guards, double bolts, and double locks and bars; and that Ear-gate especially might the better be looked to, for that was the gate in at which the King's forces sought most to enter. The Lord Willbewill made one old Mr. Prejudice, an angry and ill-conditioned fellow, captain of the ward at that gate, and put under his power sixty men, called deaf men; men advantageous for that service, inasmuch as they regarded no words of the captains, nor of the soldiers.

Now when the captains saw the answer of the great ones, and that they could not get a hearing from the old natives of the town, and that Mansoul was resolved to give the King's army battle, they prepared themselves to receive them, and to try it out by the power of the arm. And, first, they made their force more formidable against Ear-gate; for they knew that, unless they could penetrate that, no good could be done upon the town. This done, they put the rest of their men in their places; after which, they gave out the word, which was, "You must be born again." Then they sounded the trumpet; then they in the town made them answer, with shout against shout, charge against charge, and so the battle began....

**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, from what truths in the Bible does Mr. Bunyan's allegorical story represent?

### Today's Episode:

The appearance of the four captains, as well as the soldiers under their charge, was disturbing to the town of Mansoul (3rd paragraph). Read Luke 11:21-22 to answer why Mansoul was disturbed. If it is still unclear, read Luke 11:14-23 to see if this helps your answer.

Remember, Incredulity means "disbelief" or "skepticism." He spoke at Diabulous' command in the first paragraph. His speech was followed by Lord Willbewill. Why do you suppose made a speech immediately following Incredulity? Read Psa 81:12 and Rom 1:20-22, 26. How do these verse help you understand the natural struggle of unbelief?

Look up the word "Prejudice" in the dictionary (be careful online, because the "woke" definition will come up first). Why would Mr. Prejudice be the best captain to guard Ear-gate?

In the last paragraph, Shaddai's armies "first made their force more formidable against Ear-gate;" because "they knew that, unless they could penetrate that, no good could be done upon the town." Why did they know this? Read Rom 10:17 to help inform your answer.