



**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  
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(Episode 27)

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

The captains, therefore, gathered themselves together to have free conference among themselves, to know what must be done to gain the town, and to deliver it from the tyranny of Diabulous; and one said after this manner, and another after that.

Then the right noble Captain Conviction stood up and said, “My brethren, my opinion is this: *first*, that we continually play our slings and arrows into the town, and keep it in a state of constant alarm, assaulting them day and night. By doing this, we shall stop the growth of their rampant spirit; for a lion may be tamed by continual annoyance.

“*Second*, this done, I advise that, in the next place, and with one consent, we draw up a petition to our Lord, Shaddai; by which, after we have shown our King the condition of Mansoul and of affairs here, and have begged His pardon for our failures, we will earnestly implore His Majesty’s help that He would please send us more force and power; and some gallant and well-spoken commander to lead them; so that His Majesty might not lose the benefit of His good beginnings, but may complete His conquest upon the town of Mansoul.”

They all consented with one mind to this speech of the noble Captain Conviction; and agreed that a petition should be immediately drawn up, and sent by a fit man away to Shaddai with speed. The contents of the petition were this:—

“Most gracious and glorious King, the Lord of the best world, and the Builder of the town of Mansoul: we have, dread Sovereign, at Your commandment, put our lives in jeopardy, and at Your bidding made war upon the famous town of Mansoul. When we went up against it, according to our commission, we first offered conditions of peace unto it. But they, great King, treated our counsel lightly, and would receive none of our reproof (Matt 22:5; Prov 1:25-30; Zech 10:11-12). They shut their gates to keep us out of the town. They also mounted their guns and fired upon us to hurt us as much as they could; but we pursued them with alarm upon alarm, retaliating with such justice as was appropriate, and have executed such upon the town.

“Diabulous, Incredulity, and Willbewill are the great doers against us; now we are in our winter quarters, but even so, as that we do yet with a high hand, assault and distress the town.

“Once, as we think, if we had only one substantial friend in the town, such as would have merely seconded the sound of our summons as they

ought, the people might have yielded themselves to us; but there were only enemies there, neither any to speak on behalf of our Lord to the town. Therefore, though we have done as we could, Mansoul still abides in a state of rebellion against You.

“Now, King of kings, please pardon the failures of Your servants, who have been unsuccessful in so desirable a work as the conquering of Mansoul is. Send, O Lord, as we now desire, more forces to Mansoul, that it may be subdued; and a man to lead them, that the town may both love and fear.

“We do not speak like this because we are willing to surrender (for we are willing to lay our bones down against the place), but that the town of Mansoul may be won for Your Majesty. We also pray, Your Majesty, for this matter to be expedited, that, after their conquest, we may be at liberty to be sent to serve in other gracious plans of Yours. Amen.”

The petition, thus drawn up, was sent away with haste to the King by the hand of that good man, Mr. Love-to-Mansoul.

When this petition had come to the palace of the King, it was delivered to none other than the King’s Son. So He took it and read it, and because the contents of it pleased Him well, He commended its contents, and also added some things to the petition Himself. So, after He had made such amendments and additions as He thought convenient, with His own hand, He carried it in to the King; to whom, when He had with obeisance delivered it, He put on authority, and spoke of it Himself.

Now the King, seeing the petition, was glad; but how much more do you think, when it was seconded by His Son! It pleased Him also to hear that His servants, who camped against Mansoul, were so hearty in the work, were so steadfast in their resolves, and that they had already gained some ground upon the famous town of Mansoul. Therefore, the King called to Himself, Emmanuel, His Son, who said, “Here I am, My Father.”

The King then said, “You know, as I do Myself, the condition of the town of Mansoul, and what We have purposed, and what You have done to redeem it. 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...

**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:

The Bible tells us the Holy Spirit, "*will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.*" (John 16:8). Why was Captain Conviction's plan to send a message to King Shaddai for help? Read John 16:9-11 and John 16:13-14 to assist you in answering (for more assistance, look also at the first sentence of the last paragraph from today's episode, and the last two words in that sentence especially).

In the body of the captains' petition to King Shaddai, they specifically noted that the townsfolk of Mansoul "treated our counsel lightly, and would receive none of our reproof." What did this mean? Read the references Mr. Bunyan provided in the allegory for this statement—Matthew 22:5, Proverbs 1:25-30, and Zechariah 10:11-12 and discuss with your parents the impact of these verses and their application to sinful men.

When the captains' petition arrived at King Shaddai's palace, "it was delivered to none other than the King's Son." Why did the King's Son receive the petition first? To assist you in answering, read 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 7:25, and 1 John 2:1. In these 3 verses, what 2 names are given to the Lord Jesus to describe why He receives our petitions and requests first?