



**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 24)

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

But now, although the Lord Mayor and Diabulous had thus well agreed, yet his repulsive answer to the brave captains of King Shaddai put Mansoul into a mutiny. For while old Incredulity went into the castle to congratulate his lord with what had come to pass, the old Lord Mayor, the one who was mayor before Diabulous came to the town, that is, my Lord Understanding, and the old Recorder, Mr. Conscience, received intelligence of what had occurred at Ear-gate (for you must know that they were not allowed to be at that debate, for fear that they should then have mutinied before the captains; but, I say, they received intelligence of what had happened there, and were very concerned with what they heard). Therefore, having gotten some of the town together, they began to win them over with the reasonableness of the noble captains' demands, and also with the bad consequences that would follow upon the speech of old Incredulity, the Lord Mayor— to wit, how little reverence he showed in his speech, both to the captains and to their King; also, how he implicitly charged them with unfaithfulness and treachery. "For what less," said Mr. Understanding and Mr. Conscience, "could be made of his words, when he said he would not yield to their proposition? and added, moreover, a supposition that he would destroy us, when before he had sent us word that he would show us mercy!"

The multitude, being now under conviction of the evil old Incredulity had done, began to run together by companies in all places, and in every corner of the streets of Mansoul; and first they began to mutter, then to talk openly, and after that they ran to and fro, and cried as they ran, "Oh, the brave captains of Shaddai! We wish we were under the government of the captains, and of Shaddai their King!"

When the Lord Mayor received intelligence that Mansoul was in an uproar, down he came to appease the people, and thought he could quash their heat with the bigness and the show of his countenance; but when they saw him, they came running upon him, and would doubtless have done him a mischief, had he not moved himself into his house. However, they strongly assaulted the house where he was, attempting to pull it down around his ears; but the place was too strong, so they failed. So he, taking some courage, and standing at a window in the house, addressed the people in this manner:

"Gentlemen, what is the reason that there is here such an uproar today?"

Then answered my Lord Understanding, "It is even because you and your master have not rightly conveyed to the captains of Shaddai as you should; for in three things you are faulty. First, in that you would not let Mr. Conscience and myself be present to hear your discourse. Secondly, in that you propounded such terms of peace to the captains that by no means could be granted, unless they had intended that their Shaddai should have been only a prince by title only, and that Mansoul should still have had power by law to have lived in all lewdness and vanity before him; and so by consequence, Diabulous should still here be king in power, and the other only king in name. Thirdly, for that you did yourself, after the captains had shown us upon what conditions they would have received us with mercy, even confounded all again with your unsavory, unseasonable, and ungodly speech."

When old Incredulity heard this speech, he cried out, "Treason, treason! To arms, to your arms, all you trusty friends of Diabulous in Mansoul."

"Sir," replied Mr. Understanding, "you may put upon my words what meaning you please; but I am sure that the captains of such a high Lord as theirs is, deserves better treatment at your hands."

Then said old Incredulity, "This is but little better. But, Sir,' he continued, "what I said I spoke for my prince, for his government, and the quieting of the people, whom by your unlawful actions you have this day set to mutiny against us."

Then the old Recorder, whose name was Mr. Conscience, replied and said, "Sir, you should not respond like this to what my Lord Understanding has said. It is evident enough that he has spoken the truth, and that you are an enemy to Mansoul. Be convinced, then, of the evil of your saucy and disrespectful language, and of the grief you have put the captains to; yes, and of the damages you have done to Mansoul thereby. Had you accepted their conditions, the sound of the trumpet and the alarm of war would have now ceased against the town of Mansoul; but that dreadful sound abides, and your lack of wisdom in your speech has been the cause of it."

Then said old Incredulity, "Sir, if I live, I will take your message to Diabulous, and there you shall have an answer to your words. Meanwhile we will seek the good of the town, and not ask counsel of you."

**To Be Continued...**

## For Your Consideration

### Review:

What does the town of Mansoul represent?

Who is King Shaddai?

Who is the giant, Diabolous?

What is an allegory?

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

### Today's Episode:

While Mr. Understanding and Mr. Conscience were not allowed by Incredulity to be present at the debate of Mansoul's conditions, Captain Boanerges' response to their terms and conditions, or old Incredulity's response again to Captain Boanerges, how do you think Understanding and Conscience "received intelligence" of what took place? Read 1 Corinthians 2:14 to consider why Understanding was not present at the debate; then read 2 Timothy 2:7 to consider how Understanding heard what had occurred.

Remember, Incredulity basically means "unbelief" or "withholding or refusal to believe." Why did he think the words of Mr. Understanding "Treason!" and words of war?

What is the difference between Understanding and Conscience? How do you think they work together in the salvation of the soul?