

forgiveness

SLAYING THE

GIANTS

IN YOUR LIFE



GUARDING AGAINST GUILT

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

When we speak of giants we conjure up images of fairy tale characters like Jack & the Beanstalk, or stupid and violent monsters like Oscar on Bugs Bunny. In Greek mythology the *gigantes* were the children of the gods of Heaven & Earth. Eventually being defeated by the Olympian gods their bodies were buried under the earth and to this day their quivers cause the earth to tremble with earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Many giants in British folklore were noted for their stupidity. A giant who had quarreled with the Mayor of Shrewsbury went to bury the city with dirt; however, he met a shoemaker, carrying shoes to repair, and the shoemaker convinced the giant that he had worn out all the shoes coming from Shrewsbury, and so it was too far to travel. The giant gave up his journey in despair.

Aside from fairy-tales and folklore remains from giants have been found in America. Like:

- a decayed human skeleton claimed by eye-witnesses to be 10 feet 9 inches tall found in West Virginia in 1856
- a human skeleton measuring 12 feet tall found by soldiers in 1833 digging in a pit for a powder magazine in California
- a mining operation in Reno, Nevada unearthed several mummified remains of red-haired humans ranging from 6.5 feet to over 8 feet tall
- a 9 ft. 11 inch tall skeleton was unearthed in 1928 by a farmer digging a pit to bury trash in Louisiana
- and in our very own Indiana, in Brewersville, a 9' 8" skeleton was excavated from a mound in 1975

No giant can be more serious than real life giants. I believe that many of us have giants living and thriving in our lives...feeding them, making a home for them, and befriending them continually. It's time to unearth these giants and bring them out to light. It's time to face these giants and slay them. To make them unwelcome in the God-filled lives that we live. It's time to slay the giants!

Guilt is the [emotion](#) or belief that one has done something wrong. From a legal perspective it can also refer to the condition of having done something legally wrong, regardless of how one feels about it.

It is an affective state in which one experiences conflict at having done something one believes one should not have done (or, conversely, not having done something one believes one should have done). It gives rise to a feeling that does not go away easily, driven by [conscience](#).

(wikipedia.com)

1. FIGHTING YOUR GUILT

- Signs of guilt:

Psalm 32:3-4

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

1. Silence
2. Sorrow
3. Secrecy

- When you feel guilty look at it through God's eyes

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek ye the LORD, while He may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Psalm 86:7

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

2. FACING THE GIANT OF GUILT

- Remove the sin
I Kings 8:33-36 (Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple)
Proverbs 28:13-14
He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.
Psalm 51:2,9
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- Restore the joy
Isaiah 44:22-23
I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel.
Psalm 51:8,12
Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
- Renew the fellowship
II Cor. 5:18-19
And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses upon them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
Psalm 51:11
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
- Refocus on the future
Hebrews 10:14
For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
Psalm 51:12
uphold me with your generous Spirit.
Psalm 32:1-2
Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Questions:

1. Has the Lord brought to your mind something that is between you and Him?
2. Are you living today in full assurance of absolute forgiveness of your sins?
3. Can you say with David that you are blessed because your transgressions are forgiven?