

**'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart;  
he will do everything I want him to do.' (Acts 13 :22)**

Goliath was a very dangerous enemy. In challenging God's people, he was defying the authority of the Lord to lead his people forward. His statement and his aggression were a defilement of everything the Lord stood for –

**"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me."**

The army he was facing was the Lord's army led by the Lord's man. They should have been fully aware of the purity of the Lord and the need to stand by his name and his ways.

But they did not. They allowed the enemy not only to defile but to continue the defilement. Not one person was found who would see the corruption of this failure and stand against it at any price.

#### **A similar situation has developed in Ghana.**

The Lord had a great promise for the nation - Ghana was to be the land through which his spirit would flow into all West Africa. God's people had to do was to stay humble, keep the cross at the front, and serve him as a servant people.

But the church did not do that. it went another way – this is from "The way of the cross."

*The strong man appeared again, now clothed in light. He stood over the land and called to the people - "Come and take all you want." From all over the land, people rushed towards him, and he pointed to the palace of the King. "Come" he said "and take all you want!" People came with cars, trucks and barrows. They ran into the King's palace. Everywhere they looked, they saw jewels, precious stones, money and goods beyond their wildest dreams. They loaded up their trucks, cars and barrows with as much as they could carry. They stuffed precious jewels into their pockets and into their dresses. They could hardly walk, yet still they took more. Their greed knew no limit. "Thank you" they called to the man clothed in light. "This is what we needed. Now we can live in security and peace. Our land is safe."*

God's people in Ghana walked in this path. Slowly a religion developed which was built on self, on personal need and satisfaction, on financial and physical gain.

A Fiesta praise developed to satisfy the needs of those that did it rather than honour the Lord. slowly the spiritual health of the nation declined. The great national sins of Ghana began to show themselves.

*The sin which the church must face up to is that it has not cared for the nation and consequently the nation has gone its own way. The church went after comfort and ease, prosperity and success, and the nation has made this its goals. The central focus of the Lord, his cross and a passionate love for the nation he created has been lost. The size of this sin can only be understood when spiritual history is understood.*

### **Only hope**

**“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”**

(Psalm 85:6)

Such a revival will not be the comfortable Fiesta clapping experience which so many expect. It will penetrate to the very depths of sin and expose the hearts of many - and that will include the hearts of many leaders. Personal sinfulness and unholiness, the focus on self-success, the hidden sins which fill the church - these have given the enemy a hold over the nation. These will have to be exposed if the revival fire is to fall. Revival is a deeply uncomfortable and frightening experience, revealing the heart as it truly is.

**Do you want to be one? Do you want to see the nation of Ghana rising up the power the spirit? then there has to be a new Pentecost, and you outpouring of the spirit on the church.**

**This can only come with a conviction of sin and a public repentance. This will release the children of the revival – you. To become the leaders of communities, businesses, families, schools, hospitals, business and politics. Carrying the flame of revival into all these areas of the national life and changing them.**

When Nehemiah saw the sinfulness of the people, which had brought them into exile, he did this –

**I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. (Nehemiah 1:6)**

You must do the same. Take the sin of the church – and your own sin - into your heart and confess it before the Lord. Then perhaps Pentecost will come again on the people of God - on you.