

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What “Goliaths” stand in our way and how can we stand up to them and defeat them?
2. Did David learn through experience to trust in God? (vs. 37)
3. Why did David choose not to use the armor given to him by Saul? What would be the application today?
4. Why did David take five stones instead of one?
5. Have we ever needed a “David” to go ahead of us into battle, so that our faith can be strengthened?

SUMMARY:

It took the obedience of a young man armed only with a shepherd’s sling to bring the great giant Goliath to defeat and to inspire the children of Israel to do what they should have done in the first place. It took a young man who believed that nothing was too hard for God and had learned from the experience of a close walk with God that God was pleased with such faith and obedience. In replacing King Saul, Samuel was led to tell Saul that God had sought out a man after His own heart.

It is this sort of heart that God would like to find in all His people. It is this sort of faith that God wants to honor. It is a certain thing that more skeptics and more who trust in their own strength—as did the Midianites in the early parts of that day so long ago again—would be humbled before God if His people were to truly trust Him.

NOTES:

[SoF:6] We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

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Third Quarter

DAVID AND GOLIATH

LESSON TEXT: *1 Samuel 17:1-58; Psalm 2:1-12*

LESSON SETTING: David was taking food to his brothers who were in the Israelite army fighting the Philistines.

TIME: Approximately 1063 B.C.

I. THE ENEMY'S DEFIANCE. 1 Samuel 17:1-37

- A. Trust in Physical Strength (vs. 4-7)
2 Chronicles 32:8; Height - 11'4", Coat - 200 lbs., Spear - 24 lbs.
- B. Boasters (vs. 9-10) Psalm 10:3; Daniel 3:15; 2 Peter 2:18
- C. Contempt (vs. 10, 43) Nehemiah 2:19; John 9:34

II. THE ENEMY'S DEFEAT. 1 Samuel 17:38-58

- A. Goliath's Trust- Vain Weapons (vs. 45) Hosea 1:7; Haggai 2:22
- B. David's Trust- The Name of the Lord (vs. 45) 2 Corinthians 10:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- C. A God of Battles (vs. 47) Exodus 14:14; 2 Chronicles 20:29; 32:8; Revelation 17:14

III. A PSALM OF VICTORY. Psalm 2:1-12

- A. God's Contempt for Sin. [SoF:6] (vs. 4) Psalm 5:4; Psalm 11:5; Proverbs 6:16-19; Luke 16:15
- B. Proud Humbled (vs. 9) Isaiah 2:12; Malachi 4:1; Luke 1:52
- C. Refuge in Christ (vs. 12) 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 34:7; 46:1; Proverbs 18:10; John 16:33

GOLDEN TEXT: THE LORD SAVETH NOT WITH SWORD AND SPEAR; FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S. 1 Samuel 17:47

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Samuel 18:1-16; Psalm 11:1-7

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 37:8-27; Judges 8:1-3;
Matthew 20:1-15; Luke 15:25-32

QUARTERLY THEME: Early Life of David

TOPIC: SAUL'S JEALOUSY OF DAVID

INTRODUCTION:

Our scripture text paints a picture of two men. Let us look closely at both of these men to learn what made true success. On one hand we have the young man, David, who set out to do well whatever job he was assigned, trusting in the Lord to provide whatever he needed. He seems to be equally satisfied herding sheep, playing a harp or at the head of a great army. He was careful to give the credit for any of his achievements to the Lord openly and without shame. He felt that he had a great God and knew what joy it was to serve Him.

The other picture is one of a man who had to be looking constantly about him, to see whether there was one who was greater or more blessed than he. Saul lacked humility; he mistrusted people; he acted often without stopping to consider what the Lord would have him to do. As a result, he was always in turmoil. It took the utmost effort to even bring him the temporary peace that should have constantly been his as an anointed one of the Lord.

Even more, he could not bear to see the Lord bless someone with what seemed to be a greater blessing than his. He just could not leave the plans to God and thankfully accept his place in God's great plan. How his sons and those people around him must have been ashamed of his actions. He could have, even then, sought the Lord with tears and found forgiveness. But he refused to "make straight paths" for his feet and he was "turned out of the way" even as it is described in Hebrews 12:12 and 13. We must daily allow God to examine our lives and "heal" us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: A peaceful mind gives life to the body, but jealousy rots the bones.

GOLDEN TEXT: *LOVE IS STRONG AS DEATH; JEALOUSY IS CRUEL AS THE GRAVE.*

Song of Solomon 8:6

This word literally says that love is as strong as the state of death and jealousy is as cruel as the place of the dead. How can this be? It was the love that God had for sinful man that caused Him to make provision bringing man back into a right relationship with a just God. It was the love of God that caused Jesus to leave the glories of heaven to be persecuted here on earth and to finally suffer death at the hands of the very people He sought to save. It was that love that conquered the state of death to assure the believer a place in the joys of eternity.

It is cruelty that causes the prince of this world, Satan, to condemn man to the world of the damned that he might have a following and company in eternity.

A love that is real seeks the welfare of the loved one. Jealousy, which some may construe as love, seeks only its own to the detriment of all others. Thus the object of jealousy is not raised up but brought down. It is with true love that God calls all men unto Himself. A right relationship with God brings man into a right relationship with his fellow man and a right relationship with his very self—a life fulfilled.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 10 – 16

- Mon. *Saul's Jealousy. 1 Samuel 18:1-9
- Tue. *The Results of Jealousy. 1 Samuel 18:10-16
- Wed. Jealousy in Worship. Genesis 4:1-12
- Thu. Jealousy in the Home. Genesis 37:1-11
- Fri. Jealousy Over Honor. Luke 15:25-32
- Sat. Jealousy Among Christians. Matthew 20:20-28
- Sun. *God's Attitude Toward Sin. Psalm 11:1-7

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