

“Will You Fight For The Glory Of God Or The Glory Of Man?”

1 Samuel 17:1-30

“Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, ‘Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that You have brought me thus far?...Because of Your promise, and according to Your own heart, You have brought about all this greatness, to make Your servant know it. Therefore You are great, O LORD God. For there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.’” (2 Samuel 7:18-22)

“The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion” (Proverbs 28:1). “If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter....for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity” (Proverbs 24:10-11,16).

● **Introduction to 1 Samuel Chapter 17:**

- This is one of the most famous passages of Scripture in all of the Bible. People mistakenly make this story about *David* and not about *God’s glory*. This chapter is a historical account of *different kinds of responses* to how God has revealed Himself.
 - **Atheistic Human Achievement:** To live as if God doesn’t exist in some areas or all areas of our lives, striving for human accolades and achievement.
 - **Deistic Human Achievement:** To live for human accolades using Deity as a means for man’s glory.
 - **To live for God’s Glory:** To live my life before the face of God, under the authority of God, for the glory of God (“*well of course*”).
- The place of this specific battle is about 12 miles west of Bethlehem. The Philistines have been slowly eroding the gains that had been made since the time of Joshua. The reason that all of this information is given is because it is a true historical event that is for us to see the power of God. “*He will guard the feet of His faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them He will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; He will give strength to His king and exalt the horn of His anointed.*” (1 Samuel 2:9-10)

● **Goliath of Gath: The Glory of Man**

- The height of Goliath has been estimated from 6’9” all the way to over 10’ tall. His armor is estimated to weigh between 78-156 pounds and the head of his spear would have weighed around 17 pounds. He would have been an intimidating sight to behold.
- Goliath was a champion (the man between) of the Philistines and he was taunting the Israelites, he continued day and night with his taunts for 40 days (1 Samuel 17:8-10,16). Goliath had been a man of war since his youth (1 Samuel 17:33). Goliath’s pride would have been growing everyday....“*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*” (James 4:6)

● **Saul, David’s brothers, and the Israelites: The Fear of Man**

- All of the people of Israel, including Saul, Israel’s champion (1 Samuel 8:19-20), were dismayed and filled with fear. They fled from Goliath when they heard him/saw him (1 Samuel 17:24). David’s three oldest brothers would have all been over the age of 20 if they were participating in the military (Numbers 1:3). The men of Israel were willing to line up (1 Samuel 17:2) and were willing to shout the war cry (1 Samuel 17:20), but were not willing to engage in war with Goliath.

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Worship: All Creatures — Kings Kaleidoscope

Sovereign Over Us — Aaron Keyes

Service Times: Sundays: Pneumatology Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- “And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when *he heard these words*, and his anger was greatly kindled.” (1 Samuel 11:6; cf. 1 Samuel 11:1-7)
- “When Saul and all Israel *heard these words* of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.” (1 Samuel 17:11)
- “*And David heard him....*and David said to the men who stood by him, ‘What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?’ ” (1 Samuel 17:23,26)
- “*Now Eliab his eldest brother heard* when he spoke to the men. And Eliab’s anger was kindled against David....” (1 Samuel 17:28)
 - When someone is bold or greatly committed, when we are not, we usually become judgmental of that person's motives and speak negatively about them. (cf. 1 Samuel 14:6-7)
- **David: Live for God’s Glory**
 - Even after being anointed as King (1 Samuel 16:13), David walks in humility serving his father and brothers (1 Samuel 17:17-18). David could not sit back and do nothing as God and His people were being mocked by Goliath (1 Samuel 17:26-27). David also shows humility in the way that his brother addresses him and falsely accuses him (1 Samuel 17:28-30).
 - Hannah: “My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD....” (1 Samuel 2:1). Samuel: “But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel....for he said, ‘Till now the LORD has helped us’ ” (1 Samuel 7:10-13). Saul: “But Saul said, ‘Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel’ ” (1 Samuel 11:13). Jonathan: “It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few” (1 Samuel 14:6). David: “But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut your head off” (1 Samuel 17:45-46).

Announcements:

★**HOUSEWARMING POTLUCK AND BONFIRE:** *THIS* Saturday, October 15th, at 3pm everyone is invited to the housewarming potluck and bonfire at Frank and Kira Carter’s residence (8855 Township Road 57 NE; Roseville). Hotdogs will be provided, please bring a food item to share and your own lawn chair! Please RSVP to Kira (740) 475-9935.

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of October we will be collecting monetary donations for our potential move into the “new” building in November. These donations are to cover any of the seen and unforeseen expenses we will have in getting the building ready for us to move into. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the “new” building fund.

★**PUMPKIN PATCH:** The **LADIES** Pumpkin Patch trip has been rescheduled for *THIS* Saturday, October 15th, at 10am! If you plan on joining us for that, please meet us at the church at 10am on Saturday! If you have any questions, please see Courtney Dees!