

“Will You Fight For The Glory Of God Or The Glory Of Man?” (Part 3)

1 Samuel 17:40-58

- Different Responses to God and His goodness towards us:
 - **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 Faithfulness of God:
 - God used Samuel *as a means* to turn Israel's heart and trust back towards God (1 Samuel 7:3-12); God used Saul (1 Samuel 11:1-13); God used Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:6-23); and now God is using David (1 Samuel 17:45-47). God uses these men for His glory — *“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!” (Psalm 115:1). “Yet He saved them [the children of Israel in the wilderness] for His name's sake, that He might make known His mighty power” (Psalm 106:8).*
- The Preparation of God:
 - David's usefulness for God's glory and David's confidence in God was found in his private and “uncelebrated” battles (1 Samuel 17:36-37). David's faithfulness in everyday life prepared him for this moment. *“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much” (Luke 16:10). “For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14).*
- The Supremacy of God:
 - Both Goliath (1 Samuel 17:43; Deuteronomy 23:18) and David (1 Samuel 17:45; 2 Samuel 21:22) came to this battle in the name of their gods/God. David desired that everyone present would know that there is one God (1 Samuel 17:46), that God is trustworthy (1 Samuel 17:46), and that David was depending on God for the victory, not himself (1 Samuel 17:47).
 - Mankind will never be impressed with someone living for the glory of God. Striving for holiness is an offense to those who want to live according to the flesh — *“For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” (Romans 8:7-8)*
 - Goliath and his god suffered the same outcome. On their face, with their heads removed, bowing before the God of Israel. (1 Samuel 5:3-4; 17:49-51).
 - David made a prophecy about what would happen to Goliath (1 Samuel 17:45-47) for defying God and God's people. The outcome showed that David truly was “representing” God as the “champion” of Israel (Deuteronomy 18:21-22).
 - When we desire to glorify God, we act and God acts. In desiring to hallow God's Name, we act and God acts. *“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:17)*

“The lazy-bones of our orthodox churches cry, ‘God will do His own work’; and then they look out the softest pillow they can find, and put it under their heads, and say, ‘The eternal purposes will be carried out: God will be glorified.’ That is all very fine talk, but it can be used with the most mischievous design. You can make opium out of it, which will lull you into a deep and dreadful slumber, and prevent your being of any kind of use at all.”

(Charles Spurgeon)

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Worship: This Is Amazing Grace — Phil Wickham Jesus, Thank You — Sovereign Grace Music

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

- The Grace of God:
 - The Philistines did not keep Goliath's oath (1 Samuel 17:8-9). Instead of surrendering before God and His people, they fled. After the victory was sure, the Israelites attacked the Philistines showing they had no faith (Hebrews 11:6). Despite their cowardice, fear, and lack of faith in God, God still rescued them because of the faith of David. This is an illustration of what Christ has done for us — *“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all....(1 Timothy 2:5-6). “But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).*
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Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of October we are collecting monetary donations for our move into the new building at the end of the month. 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 building/moving fund.

★**CLEANING DAYS AND MOVING DAY:** The cleaning days for the new building are TOMORROW, Friday, October 28th, from 1-6pm and THIS Saturday, October 29th from 11am until we are finished. If you are able to help with cleaning on one or both of those days, please let Krystal know. Our moving day is scheduled for THIS Sunday, October 30th, following the worship service. Please make plans to stay after the service to help with the move! There will be pizza provided for dinner for the moving crew that night!