

1 SAMUEL 17:45-48 -- DAVID AND GOLIATH!

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He is Able to Deliver Thee – William Ogden – Worship Resources #107

1 'Tis the grandest theme through the ages rung; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue;
'Tis the grandest theme that the world e'er sung, "Our God is able to deliver thee."

Refrain: He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee;

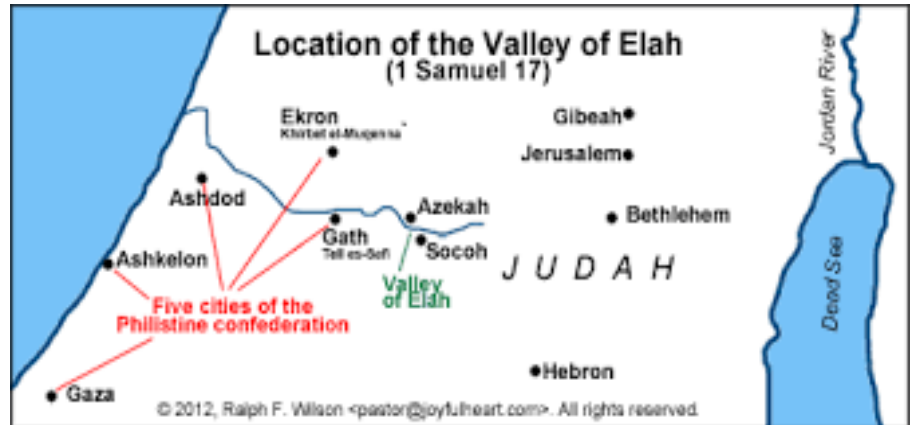
Though by sin oppressed, go to Him for rest; "Our God is able to deliver thee."

2 'Tis the grandest theme in the earth or main; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal strain;
'Tis the grandest theme, tell the world again, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)

3 'Tis the grandest theme, let the tidings roll, To the guilty heart, to the sinful soul;
Look to God in faith, He will make thee whole, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)

Chapter 17– The Victorious Soldier

The story of David and Goliath is familiar and carries with it many practical lessons for the Christian life. All of us face giants of one kind or another, but we may overcome them through the power of God. Goliath was probably ten feet tall, with armor weighing over 150 pounds. He was "the Philistine" (*1Sa 17:8*), their great champion, and so terrifying was he that he threw the Jewish army into panic (*1Sa 17:11*). Had Saul been a godly leader, he would have claimed (*Deu 20:1-20*) and led his army to victory; but when people are out of fellowship with God, they can only lead others into defeat.



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1Sa 17:26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "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?"

- Other soldiers focused on the danger of the battle or the material rewards to be won. It seems that David alone focused on the reputation of Israel and the honor of the living God.
- This shows David to be a man after God's own heart. He cares about the things God cares about. He saw the problem in spiritual terms, not in material or fleshly terms.
- David saw things from the LORD's perspective, but the men of Israel saw things only from man's perspective.

1Sa 17:27-29 And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." [28] Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." [29] And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"

- David was more concerned with God's cause than with his own feelings
- David's attitude is completely different than the other men of Israel. He is concerned with God's cause before his own personal safety, his own glory, his own honor. His concern is for God's *cause*.
- David had a real relationship with God. God was as real to him as his brothers were, or even as Goliath was. "

1Sa 17:30-33 Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did. [31] Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him. [32] Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." [33] And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

- David's training as a shepherd prepared him.
- Saul tells David that Goliath has been a soldier longer than you have been alive! How could you ever overcome him?" Saul is looking only at the outward, not the spiritual dimensions of this battle.
- Outwardly there was no way David could win. With his reliance on the living God, there was no way David could lose.

1Sa 17:34-36 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, [35] I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. [36] Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

- God prepared David for this exact battle when David was a lowly shepherd. A lion would attack the lambs, and David would battle the lion. A bear would come against the sheep, and David would battle the bear. All along, God was preparing David to fight Goliath.
- God calls us to be faithful right where we are at, and then uses our faithfulness to accomplish greater things for Him. If

David had run scared at the lion or the bear, he would never have been ready to fight Goliath now. But he had been faithful then, so he will be faithful now.

- **...seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.** David is increasing in boldness as the story progresses. First, he said someone should fight Goliath (*1Sa 17:26*). Then he said he would fight Goliath (*1Sa 17:32*). Now, he says he will beat Goliath!

1Sa 17:37 Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

- As a shepherd facing the lions and the bears, David had no idea he was being trained to fight a giant. When we are in the midst of our preparation, we rarely see how God is going to use it. We just entrust it to Him. Yet now, David can look back and know that the same God who **delivered** him before will also **deliver** him now. David knew that God's help in times past is a prophecy of His help in the future.
- **He will deliver me:** Do you believe God will deliver you? God *will* deliver you. He has promised to get you to your destination: *He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ (Php 1:6)*. He **will deliver** you!

1Sa 17:38-45 So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. [39] David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off. [40] Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. [41] So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him. [42] And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. [43] So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. [44] And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" 1Sa 17:45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

- David, full of faith, replies to Goliath. David makes a contrast between himself and Goliath, without giving credit to Goliath himself. "Those are some pretty good weapons you've got, but I've got something far better than your weapons."
- David is saying, "I come as a representative of the LORD of hosts, the God who has heavenly armies at His command. I am a sent man, on a mission from God."

1Sa 17:46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

- David is bolder and bolder! It was one thing to tell *Saul* he would kill Goliath. It was an entirely different thing to tell *Goliath* he would kill Goliath, and to say the LORD would do it *this day*. Adding *I will strike you down and take your head from you!*
- David was careful to say *the LORD will deliver you into my hand*. David was bold, but he was bold in God, not in himself. He knew that the battle belonged to the LORD.
- This whole incident made David famous. But that was not why he did it. He did it for the fame and the glory of the LORD, not his own name. He wanted *all the earth to know that there is a God in Israel!*

1Sa 17:47 Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands."

- This whole incident made David famous. But that was not why he did it. He did it for the fame and the glory of the LORD, not his own name. He wanted *all the earth to know that there is a God in Israel.*
- It wasn't enough for *all the earth to know that there is a God in Israel*. Israel needed to know that there was a God in Israel! They didn't really believe that *the battle is the LORD's*. David was about to give them some living proof!

1Sa 17:48-52 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. [49] Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. [50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. [51] Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. [52] Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron.

SUMMARY:

- In our battles how often do we focus on the reputation and honor of the living God?
- Are we more concerned with our feelings or God's cause?
- How prepared are we right now, for our upcoming Goliath battles?
- How much are you bothered and concerned about those who defy the living God? What do you do?
- Do you really believe God is able to deliver you, in every circumstance and situation?
- In every fight, whose weapons do we focus on? The enemies' or God's?
- We see David killed Goliath for the fame and glory of God, not his own! How about us? Who gets the glory?

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