

David, Shepherd and King
#3 Defeating the Enemy, 1 Samuel 17 (1/17/10AM)

1. The Setting of the Conflict (1-3)

This Is an Historical Account

1 Samuel 14:52, "Now there was fierce war with the Philistines all the days of Saul."

- **God used the Philistines to _____ His people**

Like Israel our greatest witness for the Lord usually occurs during difficult seasons. Our lives often have the greatest impact when _____ God gives us the opportunity to hang in there in tough times.

The Lines Were Clearly Drawn between the Righteous _____ and the _____

2. The Champion of the Enemy (4-7)

Goliath of Gath

He was most likely a descendant of the Anakim, the giants that Israel encountered as they entered the Promised Land.

- **This chapter is an _____ lesson for all believers**

The last chapter contained a warning about looking at the outward appearance. 16:7, "for man looks at the outward appearance..." To _____ the sight of the eyes the enemy appeared invincible. The Bible teaches that "we walk by faith, not by sight", 2 Corinthians 5:7.

Every Christian Will _____ Giants in Life

3. The Challenge of the Enemy (8-10)

A Forty Day Challenge

(16) "...forty days morning and evening."

One of the key words in this story is "defy". It appears five times. Figuratively the word meant to defame.

- **Goliath was really defying the _____ of Israel**

A victory would mean that Dagon, the primary god of the Philistines _____ was greater than Jehovah. A victory by Goliath in his mind would _____ expose the God of Israel as weak.

This Was a _____ Confrontation More than a Military Conflict

4. The Cowardice of Saul (11)

Evidence of Saul's Spiritual Decline

Because of Saul's disobedience to God he experienced warfare on _____ every side of his kingdom (14:47-52).

- **Saul was not _____ with God**

He has been willful and rebellious to God's commands.

For Us Saul Illustrates the Carnal Christian Who Is Out _____ of Fellowship with God and Living a _____ Life

5. The Coming of David (12-30)

The Faithful Servant

David the anointed king patiently performs the will of his father. A heart for God is revealed in an attitude of humble service. David's obedience led him to his God ordained destiny. God used Goliath's arrogance and Saul's cowardice to bring David before the nation of Israel.

- **David's spiritual _____**

David rightly understood the real contest here. David's heart is sensitive to God's reputation. He is incensed at Goliath's irreverence. His brother, Eliab, misinterprets his actions and misjudges his motives (28). His criticism reveals his own prideful heart.

Discouragement Can Come from Those in One's Own Family and in the _____

6. The Encounter with Saul (31-39)

David's Youthful Idealism

Certainly David displayed this but there is far more to him.

- **Saul's response revealed his spiritual _____**

(33) "And Saul said to David, 'you are not able'." In a sense what Saul said was true but it was that very principle that was at the center of Israel's victories, Deuteronomy 7:1-2.

- **David's _____ was in the Lord**

(36-37) "The LORD who delivered me...will deliver me..."

Now Saul the carnal man is reduced to spiritual clichés. "Go and the LORD be with you!" He tries to cloth David in his own armor which is an ironic picture of the kingdom passing to David. The carnal man has more confidence in his own resources than in God's. David was protected by the shield of faith (39) "So David took them off".

Symbolically David Was _____ Saul's Approach to Ruling the Nation of Israel

7. The Defeat of Goliath (40-58)

A Spiritual Victory

David was victorious because he understood the true nature of the conflict. David did use physical means to defeat the giant but the real power was God's Spirit working in and through him. God's reputation not David's was at stake (45-46).

- **David did what he did for the _____ of God**

When we go through deep waters God desires to display His glory through us. David was God's prepared servant for this prepared moment. David wrote Psalm 34. God used David to bring a great victory to the nation of Israel. This day would prove to be a turning point in David's life. Nothing will be the same after this day.

David Placed His Confidence in the Lord and Stepped Out by _____