

1 Samuel Lesson 31 David and Goliath Part Two

Key Themes in 1 Samuel :

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

Background:

Military Provisions: The foods David brought to camp were favorites of the common people. It is likely during a military campaign the people from the surrounding area were expected to provide supplies to the men engaged in the battle.

Reward for Killing Goliath: Ancient kings were interested in securing the allegiance of those who had demonstrated military prowess. Marriage between the military hero and a daughter of the king would often accomplish this. The champion's family would receive important recognition and the king would be aligned with a well known military hero.

Key Words:

uncircumcised: Strong's H6189 "arel": :having foreskin intact. Those who belonged to Yahweh had their foreskin removed as a sign of their covenant relationship with Him. The term uncircumcised was often used to refer to a pagan group, individual or nation.

reproach: Strong's H2781 "cherpah": contempt, disgrace, scorn ,shame or taunt of an enemy. the verb form "charaph" is often translated to taunt or defy.

Living God: Strong's H430 "elohim" : divine being, When used in conjunction with the Hebrew word "hay" meaning living it becomes a title of God which focuses on his majesty and glory.

Read I Samuel 17:12-30

1. At this point in the narrative we are reintroduced to David. What can you learn in verses 12-20 about David in regard to his position in the family, his responsibilities and his character?

2. According to 17:15-23 how is David providentially brought to the battle and drawn into it?

Application: As a Christian, where has God providentially placed you to defend his truth?

3. In 1 Samuel 17:22-23 we see that David ran to the battle line in order to greet his brothers. While David was there Goliath spoke the same words as before (1 Samuel 17:8-10) and David heard him. According to 1 Samuel 17:24 how did the men of Israel react when they saw Goliath?

4. What was David's reaction to Goliath in 17:26? Based on David's statement in 17:26 what can you learn about his perspective regarding the battle between the Philistines and the Israelites? What was David's view of God in relation to this battle? How did David view Goliath and his taunts?

Application: When we are under attack as Christians, how should we view our God? How should we view our enemy?

5. According to 17:28 how did David's brothers try to discourage Him? Their attack was against David's character and against his motive for coming to the battle. How did Jesus respond when He was misunderstood, despised, and rejected by his own? See John 1:11; Isaiah 53:3,7 When our character and/or motive is falsely attacked, how should we respond?