



“Goliath and the Giant”

1 Samuel 17

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

The story of David and Goliath is so familiar to most of us that we must work hard to look at it with fresh eyes. In 1 Samuel 17:11, we read that “the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.” Do you see any parallels between the circumstances currently facing you and those that faced Israel’s army in 1 Samuel 17? If so, describe.

REFLECT

- a) Read 1 Samuel 17.
- b) What features of Goliath were intimidating to the people of God? (vss. 4-10)

- c) Considering the spiritual climate of Israel at this time (1 Samuel 12-16), what do you suppose contributed to the fear and intimidation the Israelites felt toward the Philistines?

- d) Why was David sent to the battlefield? (vss. 17-19)

e) What incentives did King Saul give the men of Israel to kill Goliath? (vs. 25) By contrast, what was David's incentive for getting involved? (vs. 26)

f) What did David know about God that enabled him to engage Goliath in battle? (vss. 45-47)

APPLY

a) What things do you see as a "disgrace" (vs. 26) in the world today?

b) How much hope do you have that the gospel can change the things you wrote above?

c) Why is it a good thing (rather than the height of arrogance) that God delights in his own fame and the glory of his own name?

d) How would your life be different if you really believed that "the battle is the Lord's" (vs. 47)?

e) What are some implications of David's victory over Goliath for our church?

PRAY

a) Pray for our missionaries of the week, Bob and Keren Heppe. They live in London, and work with World Harvest Mission doing evangelism and church planting among the thousands of South Asians that live in Southall and Wembley. Pray that the resale shop they operate will be an effective tool for connecting with and reaching non-Christians.

b) Pray for lasting fruit to come from the Spring Fling we held on Saturday.

c) Pray God's blessing upon all those involved in planning Vacation Bible School (June 22-26). Remember our VBS Directors Kimberly Massari and Michele DyLiaccio, and Linda Wheatley our Children's Director.

d) Pray for the concert by The Vow and Quiet Science on Friday, May 1, sponsored by our youth ministry.