

David And Goliath

1Samel 17:40-50

Shepherd Boy Defeats Champion Warrior!

A champion, Goliath, came out of the Philistine camp every day for 40 days, defying the Israelite army to send him a worthy opponent. About 9 feet 9 inches tall, at least 125 pounds of armor. Confident in superiority of equipment & his extraordinary natural strength, he proposes a winner-take-all contest. Nobody accepted!

Young David was sent by his father to deliver some food to his brothers and their commander on the battlefield. It was on this battlefield that young David accepted the giant's proposition.

This is an inspiring story, but many have trouble relating it to today.

David represents the Christian while Goliath represents the world.

David Was Zealous

David was incensed at the challenge of Goliath - not for self but rather for his God. **1Samuel 17:26,36**

The apostle Paul had that kind of zeal - **Romans 1:15-17; Acts 20:31-32**

Christians are encouraged to have this kind of zeal for their Lord today. To do good and to contend for the gospel. - **1Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9; Titus 2:14; Jude 3**

David Was Courageous

Most would think he had every reason not to be courageous in this particular case. **1Samuel 17:4-7**

Cubit = ~18 inches; Span = ~9 inches – (height= ~9 feet 9 inches)

Shekel = ~.4 oz - (coat weight=~125 lbs); (spearhead weight=~15 lbs)

Still, he did not fear Goliath **1Samuel 17:32,45-47**

We find others that had this kind of courage.

Jesus - at Nazareth, before the Pharisees, the Sanhedrin, and Pilate.

Peter and the apostles (**Acts 4 & 5**) **Acts 17:16-20**

All Christians should exhibit this kind of courage - **Matthew 10:27-28**

David Was Equipped

He was equipped but not as this giant philistine

Saul tries to prepare him as he thinks he should be prepared for battle. **1Samuel 17:38-40**

David knew that he was equipped with His God! **1Samuel 17:37**

Same equipment that he possessed throughout his life and written for our benefit in the Psalms.

Others of long ago had this kind of deep faith:

Daniel knew God would rescue him from the mouths of lions

Samson knew God would give strength to destroy many Philistines

Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego knew God could rescue from fire

Christians today need to be well equipped for battle. - **Ephesians 6:10-18; Romans 10:17**

Trust is based on knowledge of God's previous dealings with man & His people. The more we read of this, the more we learn & gain trust.

David was victorious

He was victorious because God was with him. **1Samuel 17:46-50**

People of God have always been victorious when they trusted in Him.

Israel was able to conquer Egypt, the Philistines, Syrians, Assyrians, etc. even though all of these were superior in might. When obedient to God, God delivered them, God there for them.

Christians are victorious when we trust in God completely. - **Luke 10:17; Romans 8:31-39**

David Understood

Christian's warfare with world looks as bleak as what David faced

Remember this story of courage by a young David, and consider.....

The Battle Belongs To The Lord! **1Samuel 17:37,46-47**