



David: A study on his life.

Part 4 David and the Dwarf

Before the battle: Reminder

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on his height of his stature, because I have refused him: for the Lord sees not as a man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Man looks at the face and God looks at the heart.

In the next chapter of David's life, this statement comes alive. David just completed his first ministry trip ministering to Saul. Soothing his troubled spirit. Now he takes on the "Dwarf"

Goliath had the credentials that would impress and intimidate. That is to everyone except David.

David had the ability to see as God always sees. He was not impressed. No matter how big the giant, God is bigger.

Do you know that God is for you?

Romans 8:31 **Read**

Who is for us and who is against us?

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The Battleground:

1 Samuel 17:1-3 **Read**

The battleground was a large vast canyon. Philistines on one side, Saul and Israel on the other.

Strange names which may hold some significance both then and today.

Philistine Army:

Shochoh: A place of protection, High up.

Scripture says that this belonged to Judah. A promise from God that if we praise God in the presence of our enemies, we will get the victory and be lifted up. Not beaten down!!

And then they settled, Pitched between:

Ephesdammim: End of Blood.

When Goliath woke up that morning little did he know that it would be his last. God is committed to bringing down all your giants!!

Azekah: A place tilled:

What does this speak to you?

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This battleground was a place prepared by God that on that day, the enemy of God would be destroyed. God had prepared the ground. Gone before all. God had been preparing David since his conception to be ready for this day. God has been preparing you and me for similar battles.

Isaiah 49:16 **Read**

Where are our today's and tomorrows?

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Israel Army:

Camped on the other side of the valley at Elah.

Elah: Oak.

Israel may have been fearful, not knowing what to do. Intimidated and what some may say as "a bunch of whimps" but they stood their ground. They did not turn and run.

The Dwarf:

1 Samuel 17:4 **Read**

Before we look at his name and his size, let's look at where he came from.

Gath: A winepress, The residence of the Anakims

Deut 1:28 **Read**

What does the scripture say about the Anakims?

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The sole purpose of a giant Anakim from Gath is to squeeze the very best out of you. (Just leave the skin and the pips!!)

Look around you, the world is full them.

Goliath: A Philistine, A trained mercenary/fighter

Philistine: To wallow in self, to roll in the dust.

Root word: Pelisti; The territory they occupied.

Later to become Palestine, the land occupied by God's people.

The Philistine nature is all about me!!

His Stature: 6 Cubits and a span. How tall was he?

A Cubit: From your elbow to fingertip. x 6 =

A Span: Extended thumb to little finger.

He was probably somewhere between 9'7" - 9'9" tall.

Giants are venerable.

1 Samuel 17:5-7 Read

Make a list of all his protection and weapons.

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A coat of mail from shoulder to knee, weight: 175-200 pounds

Bronze helmet, bronze leggings, bronze spear like a weavers beam,
the tip weighing 20/25lbs.

Also he had a shield carrier that carried a man's sized shield.

Just the sight of this would probably make anyone run.

What did he do?

1 Samuel 17:8-9 Read

Goliath sent out a challenge, a one to one. That's his nature, just to
beat up on one.

Every morning and every evening, sending out the same challenge.
For forty days.

Giants today: the giants of fear and worry come at us all the time.
They don't just come once and go away. They are there in the
morning and they are there in the evening, day after day until you
break. Relentlessly trying to intimidate you. This can be in the form
of a person, a pressure or a worry.

Yelling across the ravine of our own personal valley to get to us.

**Make a list of some of the giants in your life and proclaim today
that this is the end of the line for them. God has prepared you
to bring them down today as we pray.**

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**Stop listening to your giant and start listening to the voice of
truth.**

