

# David Before HIS Goliath

## Introduction:

- A. Eccl.11:9-12:1– Solomon’s advice to youth – *“Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth.”*
- B. David is a wonderful example of one who did this in his youth.
  - 1. He was taught from his youth to fear and truth God – Psa.71:17,5.
  - 2. While still young he was anointed by Samuel to be king – 1 Sam.16:1,11-13.
  - 3. He was said to be a man after God’s own heart – cf.1 Sam.16:7,12; Acts 13:22.
- C. In this lesson we want to notice some things in David’s life that made him great, specifically from the story of David and Goliath.
- D. Text: 1 Sam.17.
  - 1. Give background to passage.

## I. David Trusted in the Lord.

- A. 1 Sam.17:34-37.
- B. In other words, David believed in Him – He knew he could depend upon His God.
- C. David learned this in his youth – Psa.71:17,5.
- D. He had learned this by experience – 1 Sam.17:34-37.
- E. Young people, learn NOW to trust in the Lord.
  - 1. Learn to put first things first – Matt.6:33.
  - 2. While trusting in the Lord with all our heart – Prov.3:5,6.

## II. David Gave God the Credit.

- A. First, by pointing out that the armies of Israel were the armies of the Living God – 1 Sam.17:26.
- B. Secondly, by mentioning his victory over the bear and the lion and his soon to come victory over Goliath – 1 Sam.17:37.
- C. Thirdly, before Goliath – 1 Sam.17:45-47.
- D. Constantly David gives God the credit for what is happening in his life.
- E. To whom do you give the credit for success?
  - 1. Do you go around bragging on your accomplishments?
  - 2. Or, do you stop and give God credit and thanks for all that He has given to you?
- F. Let us give God the credit for all that He has done for us.

## III. David Had the Power of P.M.A. (Positive Mental Attitude)

- A. It never occurred to David that he couldn’t do it because he knew he could! – 1 Sam.17:32,34-37.
  - 1. His experience with the bear and lion taught him with God’s help he could do just about anything.
    - a. 1 Sam.17:36– *“...this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them.”*
  - 2. David knew that success comes in *cans*.
- B. Because David had PMA he didn’t listen to the negative pleas.
  - 1. The voice of Goliath had frightened all the men of Israel except for David – 1 Sam.17:36.
  - 2. David’s brother tried to make David see he had no business on the battle field – 1 Sam.17:28.
  - 3. Saul tried to discourage him – 1 Sam.17:33.
  - 4. Goliath also tried to scare him away – 1 Sam.17:44.
  - 5. David wasn’t looking for excuses but action against this one who defied the armies of God.
- C. With God by his side David had confidence in himself and his abilities.
- D. We too can have confidence in ourselves and our abilities – cf.Phil.4:13.
  - 1. Remember, One Person Plus God ALWAYS Makes A Majority!!!
- E. Let’s develop PMA so when our Goliath comes along we’ll be able to stand and fight with confidence.

#### IV. David Was Committed.

- A. With David there was to be no backing out.
  - 1. Eliab couldn't discourage him – 1 Sam.17:28.
  - 2. Saul couldn't discourage him – 1 Sam.17:33.
  - 3. He couldn't wear the armor Saul provided, but David found a way – 1 Sam.17:38,39.
  - 4. Goliath spoke some strong words to him, but David was still committed to victory – 1 Sam.17:44.
  - 5. David was committed and there was nothing that could stop him from doing it.
- B. Isn't this the kind of men and women we need today?
  - 1. The kind that will see things through to a victorious end.
  - 2. Those willing to pay whatever the price necessary for victory.
  - 3. Those willing to get up and go on in the course after being knocked down.
  - 4. There is no limit to the good you can do for the Lord if you are truly committed to fulfilling His will.

#### V. David Wouldn't Use Untested Gear.

- A. Saul supplied David with the works! – 1 Sam.17:38,39.
- B. David hadn't used this armor before.
  - 1. Trying to use untested army gear is like trying to use someone else's eye glasses or teeth – you just can't use them like the owner can.
  - 2. David knew well how to use a sling but he didn't know how to use a sword and spear.
  - 3. So David refused the armor and took his sling into battle – 1 Sam.17:39,40.
- C. Let's learn these lessons:
  - 1. *"Prove all things"* – 1 Thess.5:21.
  - 2. Prove what pleases the Lord – Eph.5:10,17.
  - 3. When talking with someone about their soul, use texts that you are well familiar with.
  - 4. When doing the Lord's work be certain to use proven gear.

#### VI. David Made His Own Preparations.

- A. Saul tried to help, but David wouldn't use untested gear so he went and made his own preparations.
  - 1. Chose five smooth stones – 1 Sam.17:40.
  - 2. These stones with his trusty old sling was all he needed.
- B. David knew that God could make big things come from 5 small stones (actually only 1).
- C. We too need to make our own preparations.
  - 1. No one else can do it for us – cf.Phil.2:12.
  - 2. We need to grow in the knowledge of Christ (study) – 2 Pet.3:18.
  - 3. We need to always be ready – 1 Pet.3:15.
- D. Your spiritual artillery may seem like nothing more than small stones, but with God's help you can slay Satan's Goliath's that he sends your way.

#### VII. David Did It With Haste.

- A. As soon as he saw the problem he started working on a solution – 1 Sam.17:26.
- B. When Goliath started toward him David *"hastened, and RAN..."* – 1 Sam.17:48.
- C. David had a job to do and he wanted to get it done.
  - 1. His attitude was, I'll do it and I'll do it right now!
- D. The time to do a job is when we see it needs doing.

Conclude