

THE BACKSTORY

Israel tired of judges and begged for a king, so they could be “like all the other nations”

1 Sam. 8:10-22

God warned them that it wasn't good, but let them have what they insisted upon

Saul is made king in chaps. 10-11

Ch. 15 Saul is rejected by God

Ch. 16 David privately anointed as king, and “the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power” (vs. 13)

David served as shepherd boy for his father (16:11)
and as armor bearer for Saul (16:21)

(David is anointed king over Judah in 2 Sam. 2:4 and
as king over all Israel in 2 Sam. 5:3)



THE ANCIENTS WERE
COMMENDED:
FROM HUMBLE TO HERO

1 Samuel 17

VSS. 1-7

Ahhh...the Philistines. Remember that Samson only BEGAN the deliverance.

Who is Goliath, this Philistine champion?

Approx. 9'9" tall, and strong enough to wear a bronze helmet and #125 of scale armor. His spear head? #15

The challenge

One man from each side battle one another with the military victory going to the survivor's side. Not uncommon military practice.

The response

Saul and the army of Israel were “dismayed and terrified”

Once again, focused on the outward appearance. Also not uncommon...



VSS. 12-28

David took Jesse's care packages to the army, incl. his 3 oldest brothers. Brothers think he is a joke

David heard Goliath taunting the army of the living God twice daily - 40 days

Inquires about the 'purse' (17:25)

Consider the taunting:

Did Goliath grow larger each day?

Only in their minds

The Enemy (Liar, Deceiver, Accuser) is loud.

Listen to the Voice of Truth

Vs. 26 What did David recall that the rest forgot?

Consider Ps. 20:7

VSS. 29-37

Saul nervous about trusting Israel's future(17:9) to a shepherd boy

“I'm your man, and here's why...”

“This uncircumcised Philistine...***has defied the armies of the living God.***”

“***The Lord***...will deliver me”

Vss. 38-39 The frailty of man's best efforts
Consider Eph. 6:10 – 20

Vs. 40 Five smooth stones

God had already equipped him. He needed only to
rely on God for the win.

(Typical stones used were baseball size, about one
pound and traveled about 90 mph)



VSS. 45 - 47

Note David's focus:

The battle is the Lord's

The glory is the Lord's

Consider Gen. 12:3

Those who curse Israel will be cursed



VSS. 48FF

Vs. 48 Outstanding courage.

David didn't go pick a fight and expect God to deliver.
Goliath picked a fight. God picked a man

Vs. 51 Gross, but customary. Consider Gen 3:15

The victory is the Lord's!



PSALM 25:1-3

“To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
In You I trust, O my God.

Do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to
shame...”



PSALM 27:1-3

“The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – Of whom shall I be afraid?”

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.”