

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 32] TAKING DOWN YOUR GIANT

Reading: **1 Samuel 17:32 - 45**

Introduction

- The Philistines are attempting to make another land grab in Israel.
- Saul and the armies of Israel have come out to oppose.
- The Philistines have a giant (Goliath) in their ranks.
- He challenges Israel to produce someone to fight him in a winner takes all contest. [Vs 9].
- Israel could find no takers and were greatly afraid.
- David's 3 eldest brothers were in the army and chided him for leaving the flock to be there.
- David is mystified no one is taking Goliath on.

1 Winning The Battle Of Fear

- David had won the battle with his temper.
- Now he has to win the battle of fear. ***"Let no man's heart fail because of him..."***
- Are you suffering from spiritual heart failure? [2 Timothy 1:7].
- To win the battle of fear you need to remember who is in charge. [Romans 8:28].
- Jesus was always telling people to ***'fear not'*** or ***'let not your heart be troubled'***. [John 14:27].

2 The Power Of Past Memories [Vs 33 - 35]

- Memories of past victories lays the foundation for future victories. [vs 36].
- Remember the times you were in trouble and God turned up for you.
- He did it then and He can and He will do it again.
- We can praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that is to come.

3 David Verses Goliath

- On the surface this confrontation looked ridiculous.
- When Goliath realised it was a shepherd boy before him, he mocked and belittled David.
- Then he cursed him by his gods and indicated what he was going to do with David.

4 The Name Of The Lord Of Hosts [Vs 45]

- In Scripture God is known by various names and titles: Elohim, Yahweh/ Jehovah, Adonay etc.
- In [1 Samuel] He further reveals something of Himself in the name '**Jehovah-Sabaoth**'.
- Five times in [1 Samuel] and 240 times throughout Scripture.
- This is God's military name or battle name.
- The '**Hosts**' are the angels of heaven.
- Our God is the commander-in-chief of heavens armies.
- Consider [Matthew 26:53] "**12 legions of angels**" = 72,000 angels.
- In Hezekiah's day one angel slew 185,000 soldiers.
- 72,000 angels pack enough firepower to wipe out 13 billion + people.
- Our God is the God of angel armies.
- He is your God in your battle just as he was David's in David's battle.

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