

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 33]

A REAL DAVID VS GOLIATH CONTEST

Reading: 1 Samuel 17:40 - 51

Introduction

- The phrase '**a real David and Goliath**' refers to a weaker thing (underdog) confronting a bigger opponent.
- The phrase, off course, has its origin in this Bible story.
- Until David offered to go there had been no takers to Goliath's challenge.

1 The God Who Uses The Weak Things

- Our God delights to use '**weak**' things to bring down the strong things. [1 Corinthians 1:27].
- He did this throughout the Bible and throughout the pages of church history.
- Jesus used a child to teach adults an important lesson for life and eternity. [Matthew 18:2/3].
- You might think God couldn't use you but think again. [Ephesians 3:20].
- Why did David take 5 stones? There's a clue in [1 Chronicles 20:5].
- **Remember:** Hell has many champions.

2 The Battle Is The Lord's [Vs 47]

- Truth: Life is a battle in general for the saved and unsaved alike.
- The paradigm changes if you are a Christian.
- The Almighty steps into your battle and makes it His.

- For the Christian there is also a spiritual battle. [1 Timothy 1:18].
- We battle at times against doubts, temptations and discouragements.
- In [2 Chronicles 20] king Jehoshaphat was also told that his battle was God's.
- Consider: [Exodus 14:14], [Deuteronomy 20:4], [Proverbs 21:31] and [Isaiah 54:17].
- Remember, we are not fighting **FOR** victory. The victory has already been won by Jesus. [Romans 8:37].

3 I Come To You

- David did not run from his enemy. He ran to meet him in the name of the Lord.
- There is a day coming when God will crush Satan under our feet. [Romans 16:20].

4 Why Jerusalem?

- Why did David take the severed head of Goliath to Jerusalem?
- At this time Jerusalem was a Jebusite stronghold.
- By holding Goliath's head up to them was David putting them on notice of his later intention for them?
- Had David made up his mind this was going to be his capitol when he was king? OR
- Were David's actions somehow prophetic re Saul's skull and a place later to be called '**GOL-gotha**'?
- Goliath was David's greatest victory, Golgotha would be David's greater son's greatest victory.

Finally

- A giant couldn't stop David. Don't let your Goliath stop you.
- David's God (the Lord of Hosts) is your God.
- He goes before you, He stands beside you and He lives within you.

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