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**I SAMUEL 17:40-51**  
**LESSON: DAVID AGAINST GOLIATH**—August 9, 2020

## INTRODUCTION:

<sup>1</sup>The Philistine army had gathered for war against Israel. The two armies faced each other, camped for battle on opposite sides of a steep valley. A Philistine giant measuring over nine feet tall and wearing full armor came out each day for forty days, mocking and challenging the Israelites to fight. One day David, the youngest son of Jesse, was sent to the battle lines by his father to bring back news of his brothers. David was just a young teenager at the time. While there, David heard Goliath shouting his daily defiance, and he saw the great fear stirred within the men of Israel. David responded, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of God?" So David volunteered to fight Goliath. The king (Saul) had to be persuaded, but he finally agreed to let David oppose the giant. None of the king's armor fitted David.

### LESSON: I. DAVID'S COURAGE AND PREPARATION I SAMUEL 17:40-41

<sup>1</sup>ST Samuel **17:40** **And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Phillistine.** The tools of the shepherd proved to be appropriate weapons. Dressed in his simple tunic, David grasped in his hand his shepherd's staff and chose 5 smooth stones out of the brook, placing them in his shepherd's bag, with his sling in his hand, and approached Goliath, the Philistine.

<sup>1</sup>ST Samuel **17:41** **And the Phillistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.** Goliath, the Philistine walked out towards David with his shield bearer ahead of him.

### II. DAVID'S CONFIDENCE AND DECLARATION 1 SAMUEL 17:42-47

<sup>1</sup>ST Samuel **17:42** **And when the Phillistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.** When Goliath finally saw David, he began to sneer in contempt at this ruddy youth and good-looking in appearance.

<sup>1</sup>ST Samuel **17:43** **And the Phillistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Phillistine cursed David by his gods.** Goliath yelled out to David: "*Am I a dog, that thou come to me with staves? (sticks)*" As we really look at the metaphor of a "dog" would mean that he posed the threat of a wild dog coming toward the sheep that must be chased away with sticks or killed by the shepherd. The giant continued to curse David by his gods, hurling threats and insults.

<sup>1</sup>ST Samuel **17:44** **And the Phillistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.** Goliath continued to yell at David saying "*Come to me and I will feed your body to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.*"

<sup>1</sup>ST Samuel **17:45** **Then said David to the Phillistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armles of Israel, whom thou hast defled.** David turned it around on Goliath. He's answering verse 43. He's not coming with some sticks, he's coming with more power than the shield bearer is carrying and more strength than Goliath himself has, and more

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boldness in his speech than the armies of Israel! When he said *"You come to me with a sword and spear, and shield"* (carnal weapons), he let Goliath know, *"I come in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, (spiritual weapons) whom he has decided to come up against."* Now that's some bold talk! Whatever David spoke he brought with him!

1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel **17:46** **This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Phillstines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.** Goliath will never see it coming. David made a very bold declaration, even using some of the words Goliath said: *"This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."* All is to the glory of the Lord!

1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel **17:47** **And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.** David is still declaring to Goliath even though this is a lesson for all of Israel, that the Lord does not save (fulfill His plan) with sword and spear. They have to remember that the battle is the Lord's and He can work without regard to human means (sword and spear), for he told Goliath: *"He (God) will give you into our hands."*

## III. DAVID'S VICTORIOUS CONQUEST I SAMUEL 17:48-51

1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel **17:48** **And it came to pass, when the Phillstine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Phillstine.** This roused Goliath and he kept coming closer to attack David, and David hastily ran in the direction of the army to attack Goliath.

1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel **17:49** **And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Phillstine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.** While running, David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone, placed it in the sling that was in his hand, and slung it to where the stone flew perfectly by the wind of God and struck and killed Goliath. The stone penetrated so hard that it sunk right into his forehead, and he fell face down to the earth.

1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel **17:50** **So David prevailed over the Phillstine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Phillstine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.** David overcame and conquered Goliath with a sling and a stone which struck and killed him. David had already said that he was going to take his head (17:46), but, he didn't have a sword in his hand.

1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel **17:51** **Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Phillstine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Phillstines saw their champion was dead, they fled.** So, David ran and took Goliath's sword, drew it out of Goliath's sheath, stood upon his body to finish what he started by cutting off his head.

## SUMMARY:

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David grasped in his hand his shepherd's staff and chose 5 smooth stones out of the brook. He placed them

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in his shepherd's bag, and with his sling in his hand, he approached Goliath, the Philistine. Goliath walked out towards David with his shield bearer ahead of him (17:40-41).

When Goliath finally saw David, he began to sneer in contempt at this ruddy youth, and good-looking in appearance. Then Goliath yelled out to David: *"Am I a dog, that thou come to me with staves? (sticks)"* He continued to curse David by his gods, hurling threats and insults. And said *"Come to me and I will feed your body to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."* Then David said to the Philistine, *"Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied."* David made a very bold declaration, even using some of the words Goliath said: *"This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel".* All is to the glory of the Lord! David is still declaring to Goliath even though this is a lesson for all of Israel, that the Lord does not save (fulfill His plan) with sword and spear. They have to remember that the battle is the Lord's and He can work without regard to human means, for he told Goliath: *"He (God) will give you into our hands"* (17:42-47).

This roused Goliath and he kept coming closer to attack David, but David hastily ran in the direction of the army to attack him. While running David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone, placed it the sling that was in his hand, and slung the stone flew perfectly by the wind of God and struck and killed Goliath. The stone penetrated so hard that it sunk right into his forehead, and he fell face down to the earth. David overcame and conquered Goliath with a sling and a stone which struck and killed him. David had already said that he was going to take his head (17:46), but, he didn't have a sword in his hand, so, David ran and took Goliath's sword, drew it out of Goliath's sheath, stood upon his body to finish what he started by cutting off his head (17:48-51).