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1 John 3:1-3, 8 (CSB)
 1 See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children—and we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know him.



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1 John 3:1-3, 8 (CSB)
 2 Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is.



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1 John 3:1-3, 8 (CSB)

³ And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure.



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1 John 3:1-3, 8 (CSB)

⁸ ...The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the devil's works.



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Luke 19:10 (CSB)

"For the Son of Man *has come* to seek and to save the lost."



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1 John 3:8 (CSB)

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1) The chief aim of the devil is to dishonor God and to make God seem detestable to man.



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The word translated here as "destroy" more literally means "to loose, untie, or break free."



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"The destruction of the works of the devil was a 'loosing', once and for all, of these diabolical chains which bound us."

~ John Stott



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2) The Son came to loosen the chains of the devil's works.



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3) Jesus' earthly ministry was a direct confrontation with the works of the devil.



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Hebrews 2:14-15 (CSB)

¹⁴ Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might **destroy** the one holding the power of death—that is, the devil—



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Hebrews 2:14-15 (CSB)

¹⁵ and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.



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Colossians 2:14-15 (CSB)

¹⁴ He **erased the certificate of debt**, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by **nailing it to the cross**.

¹⁵ He **disarmed** the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; **he triumphed over them in him**.



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“Christmas is God's invasion of enemy territory to rescue a people from the devil and destroy the sin in their lives.”

~ John Piper



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1 Samuel 17:8-11 (CSB)

⁸ He stood and shouted to the Israelite battle formations, "Why do you come out to line up in battle formation?" He asked them, "Am I not a Philistine and are you not servants of Saul? Choose one of your men and have him come down against me."



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1 Samuel 17:8-11 (CSB)

⁹ If he wins in a fight against me and kills me, we will be your servants. But if I win against him and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve us."
¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel today. Send me a man so we can fight each other!"



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1 Samuel 17:8-11 (CSB)

¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words from the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified.



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1 Samuel 17:12 (CSB)

Now David was the son of the Ephrathite from **Bethlehem** of Judah named Jesse.



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1 Samuel 17:15 (CSB)

...but David kept going back and forth from Saul to **tend his father's flock** in Bethlehem.



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1 Samuel 17:17 (CSB)

One day Jesse had told his son David, "Take this half-bushel of roasted grain along with these ten loaves of **bread** for your brothers and hurry to their camp.



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John 6:32-33 (CSB)

³² Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, Moses didn't give you the bread from heaven, but **my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.**

³³ For the **bread** of God is the one who **comes down from heaven** and gives life to the world."

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1 Samuel 17:18-19 (CSB)

¹⁸ **Check on the well-being** of your brothers and bring a confirmation from them.

¹⁹ They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah **fighting with the Philistines.**"

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1 Samuel 17:20 (CSB)

So David got up early in the morning, left the flock with someone to keep it, loaded up, and **set out as Jesse had charged him.**

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Philippians 2:8 (ESV)

And being **found in human form**, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even death on a cross.



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1 Samuel 17:28 (CSB)

David's oldest brother Eliab listened as he spoke to the men, and **he became angry with him**. "Why did you come down here?" he asked.



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1 Samuel 17:28 (CSB)

"Who did you leave those few sheep with in the wilderness? I know your arrogance and **your evil heart**—you came down to see the battle!"



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1 Samuel 17:31-32 (CSB)

³¹ What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, so he had David brought to him.

³² David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone be discouraged by him; ***your servant will go and fight this Philistine!***"



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John 20:33 (NIV)

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



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1 Samuel 17:33 (CSB)

But Saul replied, "You can't go fight this Philistine. You're just a youth, and he's been a warrior since he was young."



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1 Samuel 17:37 (CSB)

Then David said, "The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."



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1 Samuel 17:45-47 (CSB)

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a **sword, spear,** and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him."



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1 Samuel 17:45-47 (CSB)

⁴⁶ Today, the LORD will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, **remove your head,** and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God,



36

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (CSB)

⁴⁷ and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the LORD saves, for the battle is the LORD's. He will hand you over to us."



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"Not that the works of the devil, temptations, etc. have been put out of existence. We wrestle with them even now. But they are a defeated foe. We know we have the final victory..."



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It is as though a great dragon has had his head cut off and is thrashing about until he bleeds to death. The battle is won, but we must be careful of the damage his thrashing can do."

~ John Piper



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1 Samuel 17:52 (CSB)

The men of Israel and Judah rallied, **shouting their battle cry**, and chased the Philistines to the entrance of the valley...



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1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (CSB)

⁵⁴ Death has been swallowed up in victory.
⁵⁵ Where, death, is your victory? Where, death, is your sting?



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1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (CSB)

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
⁵⁷ **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**



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4) Jesus' victory over the works of the devil has been transferred to us!



43

1 Samuel 17:58 (CSB)

Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?"

"The son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem," David answered.



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John 17:1-4 (CSB)

¹ ..."Father, the hour has come.

Glorify your Son **so that the Son may glorify you,**

² since you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to everyone you have given him.



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John 17:1-4 (CSB)

³This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent —Jesus Christ.
⁴I have glorified you on the earth by **completing** the work you gave me to do.”



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Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



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John 10:10 (CSB)

“A thief comes only to steal and kill and **destroy**. I have come (the incarnation) so that they may have life and have it in **abundance**.”



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Revelation 20:7-10 (CSB)

⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison

⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle...



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Revelation 20:7-10 (CSB)

⁹ ...Then fire came down from heaven and **consumed** them.

¹⁰ The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.



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