

I Samuel 17 – 17 February 2022

“Taking The Fight To The Enemy”

Introduction

- *I Samuel can be divided into 3 sections
 - *Instigation of earthly kingship (Chap 1-7)
 - *Failure of earthly kingship [Saul] (Chap 8-15)
 - *God’s man chosen & tried (Chap 16-31)
- *This 3rd section of I Samuel re: David breaks down:
 - *Rise of David over Saul (16-18)
 - *Rejection of David by Saul (19-26)
 - *Running of David away from Saul (27-31)
- *David won’t take the throne until II Samuel begins
- *Saul been rejected as king by God & David is anointed
- *Ultimate job of the king is to be the protector & defender of the people
- *Sometimes that means taking the fight to the enemy
- *There was someone else who was anointed king in the River Jordan yet didn’t take the throne right off
- *Story of David & Goliath shows 7 parallels between David & Jesus as they take the fight to the enemy**

1st parallel between David & Jesus – They fought on God’s land that was forfeited to enemy (Vs 1-7)

Read Vs 1-3

1. Two mts & valley in the middle to set at war
2. This is land that belongs to God’s people but is controlled by the enemy
3. We fight for things that are already God’s declared will
 - a. Not vaccines, reparations, political rights
 - b. We fight for things like marriage, pre-born life & spreading the Gospel

Read Vs 4-7

1. This awesome physical warrior in great detail is meant to intimidate anyone who’s looking thru human eyes and not spiritual eyes
2. The enemy is real – he would take land that belongs to God’s people
3. So, fight on valuable land that we are to own

2nd parallel between David & Jesus – They came as head of their people from humble roots (Vs 8-16)

Read Vs 8-10

1. Goliath is asking for one-on-one combat to decide the entire war at once – David will take this
2. Jesus has the power to speak for us all b/c of His life and deeds (Read I Cor 15:20-22)

Read Vs 11

1. Looking only at the natural is truly intimidating
2. *Fearing the physical never lead to following in faith*

Read Vs 12-15

1. David kept sheep but would go to the palace anytime he was called to play music for King Saul
2. Jesus & David were seen as nobodies only worthy of caring for sheep (people) & not warriors

Read Vs 16

1. Time period of testing & trial (Moses, Jesus)
2. We fight remembering our own humble roots & that Jesus our Head has already won the victory

3rd parallel between David & Jesus – They're sent by their father on a mission of compassion (Vs 17-24)

Read Vs 17-21

1. David takes food to his 3 oldest brothers on the front lines
2. David was sent by his father to the battle
3. The Father is always concerned w/ our welfare

Read Vs 22-24

1. David only came to bring support at his father's wish, but found an ungodly situation
2. Don't go looking for trouble, but if it's right in front of you, deal with it, don't ignore it
3. Same w/ us, we fight when our Father sends us
 - a. Read Jude 22-23
 - b. We've been given God's Spirit to know when to fight & when to have compassion

4th parallel between David & Jesus – They were despised by their own people for the cause (Vs 25-33)

Read Vs 25-27

1. The men speak of Saul's honor he'll bestow, but David is concerned with the Lord's honor
2. Spiritual men don't see just the physical layer
3. David rightly sees, Goliath isn't just defying King Saul, he's defying the Word of God Himself

Read Vs 28-30

1. Brothers thought David was insignificant
 - a. They thought this if Jesus too – wrong!
 - b. They thought Jesus was bastard son—wrong!
2. Brothers thought they knew what motivated David's heart was pride
 - a. They thought this of Jesus too – wrong!
 - b. It was love of God
3. Brothers thought he was trying to provoke another person to fight Goliath – wrong

Read Vs 31-33

1. David's faith has made him ready, but Saul's lack of faith in God's ability has made him fearful
2. We fight thru the insults of those around us
3. They're not insulting us, they're insulting God's ability to use frail us for great things

5th parallel between David & Jesus – Their methods weren't what the people expected (Vs 34-40)

Read Vs 34-37

1. David explains to Saul his earthly victories empowered by God Himself
2. David would later say (Read Psm 144:1)

Read Vs 38-40

1. Seems like when David put off the armor that Saul thought David was quitting & not going to go
2. God's equipped each one of us uniquely, your battle posture will be different from others
3. Don't have to fight the enemy on their terms or on the usual terms – God's gifted you to be you
4. 5 stones: Goliath had 4 brothers; David was ready

6th parallel between David & Jesus – They were clad in the armor of God (Vs 41-47)

Read Vs 41-44

1. Goliath had no concept that having the Lord on your side is better than having an army of 10,000
2. There's nothing you can do to convince the enemy to drop their attack – they hate God
 - a. Murderers & Abortionists hate God
 - b. Adulterers hate God
 - c. Liars & thieves hate God
 - d. Psm 68:1 “Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, let them that hate Him flee before Him.”

Read Vs 45-47

1. Do you see the utter focus on God's plan & will?
2. David was clad in spiritual armor of the Lord
3. Turn to Eph 6:12-17 – Armor of God
4. We wrestle not w/ flesh & blood, but with spiritual forces – that's the battle that needs won!
5. We fight w/ spiritual armor, not physical armor

7th parallel between David & Jesus – They kept reminders of God’s faithfulness (Vs 48-58)

Read Vs 48-51a

1. Notice that the shield bearer is gone!
2. Some with fear say the giant is too big, others with faith say the giant is too big to miss
3. Don’t be afraid to use the enemy’s own weapons against them
 - a. You say the internet is being used mostly for evil – well go use it for good!

Read Vs 51b-53

1. A little faith can stir everyone into faith

Read Vs 54

1. Keep reminders of God’s faithfulness
2. Jesus has kept the reminders
 - a. Read Rev 5:1-6 – a slain Lamb
 - b. Read Zec 13:6 – wounds in hands
3. We too should keep the reminders (whether scars or trophies – It’s all about God’s faithfulness

Read Vs 55-58

1. Two ways these could have been
 - a. Saul knew David, but now wants to know David's lineage b/c he pledged his daughter in marriage to whomever killed Goliath
 - b. Saul never gave David permission to go back in vs 40 once David took the armor off and now David unveils himself as the one who ran out to meet Goliath

Conclusion

As David & Jesus, we too should be taking the fight to the enemy as God leads us

1. **We fight on God's land, God's issues**
 - a. Don't live & die for temporary issues
2. **We fight the battle w/ humility knowing Jesus our Head has already won the war**
 - a. We know we're nothing apart from Jesus

3. **We're sent by our Heavenly Father on a mission of compassion**
 - a. We're just His servants willing to help
4. **We will be despised of our own people**
 - a. John 15:19b "B/c you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."
5. **Our methods of love & grace aren't what others would expect either**
 - a. Rom 12:20 "For if thine enemy hungers, feed him, if he thirsts, give him drink, for in so doing thou shall heap coals of fire on his head"
6. **We're clad in the armor of the Lord**
 - a. II Cor 10:4 "Weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but might thru God to the pulling down of strongholds"
7. **We too should keep reminders of God's faithfulness**
 - a. Best way to do this is to remember and to keep His Word!