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TIME OF REFLECTION

“There is a feeling that we lack something important. I have had many discussions with American students who had this feeling, even if they were not brought up in a religious tradition. They were attracted...quite independently of their upbringing. They felt they lacked something in life. Not necessarily the church. But the need for something spiritual goes beyond our consumerist society. I think it’s widespread all over the world. So I don’t expect, as many people did in the 18th century and beyond, that religion will vanish. I don’t believe it will vanish. And I hope it will not.”

~ Leszek Kolakowski (1927-2009), Polish-born philosopher,
historian and humanist scholar

“The sermon which does not lead to Christ, or of which Jesus Christ is not the top and the bottom, is a sort of sermon that will make the devils in hell laugh, but make the angels of God weep.”

~Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), famed London preacher

“When David was young in years he was old in experience, because he had watched the hand of the Lord in its dealings with him. He had not been an idler among the hills, but a worshipper, a worker, a student, a practical, living man of God . . . thus he gained his experience by the active discharge of his duty as a shepherd. He did what he was called upon to do with holy daring, and in so doing he learned the faithfulness of God. Many men have lions and bears, but no experience.”

“The lazy-bones of our orthodox churches cry, ‘God will do his own work’; and then they look out the softest pillow they can find, and put it under their heads, and say, ‘The eternal purposes will be carried out: God will be glorified.’ That is all very fine talk, but it can be used with the most mischievous design. You can make opium out of it, which will lull you into a deep and dreadful slumber, and prevent your being of any kind of use at all.”

~Charles Spurgeon in a sermon on the biblical story of David & Goliath

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “Victory in the One True King”– *Steve Thiel*

SERMON PASSAGE –1 Samuel 17:1-58 (NASB)

SERMON THEME: Victory over sin, death, and the devil only comes by sharing in the victory already won for us by the One True King, Jesus Christ, who stands for His people.

I. King Engages the Battle (17:1-40)

- A. Philistine champion challenges God’s army (vs. 1-11)
- B. Lowly shepherd boy sent to the battle (vs. 12-19)
- C. David hears Goliath taunting the living God (vs. 20-30)
- D. One true anointed king engages the fight (vs. 31-40)

II. King Conquers the Enemy (17:41-58)

- A. Purpose stated - Battle is the Lord’s (vs. 41-47)
- B. Plan executed - Serpent’s head crushed (vs. 48-51)
- C. People rewarded – Partake in King’s victory (vs. 52-58)

III. King Offers His Victory to All

- A. Clarity on the true enemy of our soul
- B. Confidence in our fight against sin
- C. Courage to plunder the enemy’s house