

THE DAVID TRILOGY PART 2: VANQUISHING THE ENEMY

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1 Samuel 17:49 - When Goliath fell, **he fell on his face** to the ground. This is the ultimate expression of worship. Even the wicked will acknowledge Jesus' Lordship.

Philippians 2:10-11 - so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This story reminds us that we cannot match Satan with his weapons, his armor and his strategies. The weapons we have to fight with is the Word of God, the anointing of the Holy Spirit and a surrendered life that places no confidence in the flesh.

His victory is our victory. What happens to the warrior who wins, happens to us. As Christians we don't fight for victory, we fight from victory. Amen.

Life Application

- **What areas in your life does the enemy still have territory?**
- **What is your spiritual battle strategy against the enemy?**
- **What does it mean to walk in Christ's victory?**

Sometimes a story can become so familiar that we begin to draw conclusions and applications based upon how we like to tell the story, rather than the way the Bible tells the story.

The story of David and Goliath is not about an underdog defeating a superior opponent.

1 Samuel 17:1-4 - The word "champion" means "the man between two"

You will either have Jesus defending you before the Father, or you will have Satan accusing you before the Father - it all depends on who you choose as your "champion".

In the ancient world, warfare was not just geopolitical, also theological. It wasn't just a contest between armies, it was a contest between whose god was superior.

1 Samuel 17:5-7 - Goliath was both fascinating to look at and intimidating. This made him seem impossible to defeat.

What are some of the "giants" our culture is facing? In what ways has the enemy intimidated the church?

1 Samuel 17:8-9 - Goliath is a picture of Satan, his power and his kingdom. Goliath was calling for “a man” to represent Israel and that he would represent the idol-worshipping Philistines.

What happens to Satan will happen to all who follow him. However, what happens to Jesus Christ, David’s greatest Son, happens to all who follow him.

If Jesus is not your champion; if Jesus is not your savior, then your destiny will be the same as Satan’s - everlasting condemnation and darkness. Thankfully, Jesus defeated Satan on the cross, so His victory is our victory!

Romans 8:37 - But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

David represents Christ in this battle not us. David is not the hero of the story, Jesus is. David’s victory over Goliath is a foreshadowing of Christ’s final victory over sin and death - both of which we are slaves to until we are set free.

1 Samuel 17:26 - Goliath wasn’t simply challenging Israel, he was openly challenging and defying the living God.

1 Samuel 17:31-37 - David found strength in God from his past experiences

Before David gained public prominence as Israel’s champion, David learned humility and confidence in the LORD while out in the fields tending sheep - with no one but God watching.

Before Jesus fought openly to save us from sin and hell on the cross, He had a private conflict with the devil in the wilderness and defeated him there using 3 words: “it is written.”

When you are tempted, what do you rely on for strength?

1 Samuel 17:43 - Goliath’s words are filled with irony. Without realizing it, Goliath uttered a truth about himself. As a wild dog is a threat to the flock and must be put down, so must Goliath.

Genesis 12:3 - When Goliath cursed David, he cursed God Himself, and God was bound by His covenant to curse Goliath in return.

1 Samuel 17:45-47 - Goliath came out to battle in his own name; David came to battle in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

1 Samuel 17:49 - For all the buildup, the battle ended quickly.