

Book of Hebrews Part 48: David and Goliath (4/6/2020)

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Today, we get to cover the very last guy we need to cover in Hebrews chapter eleven, and that is King David. If you've been reading through chapter eleven, you know the writer ended this part of the chapter with Samuel, but I swapped Samuel for David. The reason I did this is because David, out of everyone that is mentioned in Hebrews 11, or the whole Tanakh for that matter, has the most direct connection to the Messiah out of anyone written or recorded. He has a direct link, prophetic connection, and genealogical connection.

In fact, I can tell you the most predominant title for the Messiah to this day within Judaism, going back



all the way to the first century, is still the Messiah Ben Daviid. This is one of the most known titles for the Messiah. In fact, Yeshua in Matthew 22 posed this question to the rabbis; He says, "Tell me regarding the Messiah; whose son is He?" The response of the rabbis is. "Well, He's the son of David." There was no hesitation or deliberation regarding the answer. They know the answer. The one they're looking for is a direct descendant of David. But more specifically, the anointed son of David.

When you consider for a moment, that it all begins with David and the covenant God made with David, it stirs a little bit of intrigue regarding the greatness of who this man is.

Let me take it a step further reading the following from Isaiah 9:6—**For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

So here you have this amazing prophecy of the coming One, the Messiah. There is no debate about it, and we know Who that is. It is Yeshua of Nazareth. But this is what I want to emphasize in verse seven of Isaiah 9—**Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom...** (Emphasis added).

Think about this for a second. David is so great that the throne our Lord Yeshua would sit in is named after him. If that doesn't boggle the mind; if that doesn't stir intrigue or doesn't stop you in the tracks, I don't know what will. That is an awesome thing to ponder. David is so great that our own Lord Yeshua would sit on his throne. I kind of marvel at that!

So, with regard to David, we aren't going to do him any justice today because we could spend half a year just talking about him and all the various exploits he carried out, and all the various things he said. We could talk about all the things which were done to David. It is so incredible. But what I hope to do today is just give you a little taste to show you the character of this man, the faithfulness, or maybe I should say the faith of David, and why he would be included in this list in Hebrews chapter eleven. I suspect by the time we get done today you'll understand perfectly why the writer of Hebrews included him.

With that said, I want to take you to the Book of 1 Samuel. Let's look at his testimony and focus on David's character. I want to look at how both Jew and Gentile viewed him.

We will start by reading the words of Achish. Keep in mind Achish was not a Jew; he was a Philistine. But this Philistine, Achish, had a profound respect for David. 1 Samuel 29:9—**Then Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you are as good in my sight as an angel of God..."** (Emphasis added).

Again, try to wrap your mind around that statement. Here you have this man looking at David as though he is an angel of God. Talk about having a testimony! This is it!

Here is what is fascinating. That statement is not just said once, it is said multiple times. We can jump ahead to 2 Samuel 14:17 where we have Joab sending a maidservant to David so that David will bring his son Absalom back home. We read this—**"Your maid-servant said, 'The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for as the angel of God, so is my lord the king in discerning good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you.' "** (Emphasis added).

Think about that for a moment. She says the same thing as Achish: David is like an angel of God. One of the things I can tell you about David's life is the impact his life story has had on me. My personal testimony is that out of all the men we read about in scripture, and the stories that revolve around them, I can tell you this: no other man and his stories have moved me more, challenged me more, convicted me more, or humbled me more than those of King David. There is such an anointing on this man's life; he had such great faith. The things said about him will drop you to your knees.

I mention this because the point the writer of Hebrews is attempting to make by including David in this list in Hebrews chapter eleven wasn't simply to drop David's name or to recall it because he was one of our Kings. No, no, no. It's because of the greatness of his faith. And this is the bar; these are the kind of people we need to emulate. It impacts me when I think about David's life and people are running around saying he is like an angel of God.

Think about that. What do people say regarding you? What do they say behind your back? What kind of testimony do you have? Do they say you're rotten and good-for-nothing? Do they say you are a cheat and a swindler? Do they say you are self-absorbed or selfish? What is it they say about you? Or do they say, "This person is like an angel of God"?

This is one of those moments where you can see how David moves me. The anointing that's on his life moves me to humble myself. It moves me to be better in Yeshua, and for me to carry a better testimony. We should be waking like David knowing what Yeshua has done for us on the cross, and that we bear His name. Yeshua is greater than David. There is no debate there. And we bear His name. But then I look at King David, and why Yeshua loved him so much. It was because he was so faithful.

So, this is the testimony I need to have. I need to bear this testimony of David so when I go around

people say, “Man, I know Yeshua lives in him. I met Yeshua today because he was living inside Daniel,” or He is living inside of you. This is what we need to have.

The character David displayed, and what he's likened to, lets us know how incredible he was. He is the template. In fact, all the kings mentioned that follow him are held up to the measuring rod of David. I'll just share a couple of them with you. First, from 1 Kings 11:6—**Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David.** (Emphasis added). Solomon is measured up against his father David.

Then we drop down to 1 Kings 15:11—**Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did his father David.** (Emphasis added).

Look at 2 Kings 16:2—**...Ahaz did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David had done.** (Emphasis added).

Over and over David is the template we need to measure up to. We need to do as the song says, “As David did in Adonai’s sight,” we need to do as David did. We need to be a kingdom of Davids.

Going back briefly to that statement in 2 Samuel 14:17—**Your maidservant said, 'The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for as the angel of God, so is my lord the king....** (Emphasis added).

What I want to do is look at this verse and peel back a different layer. When you read of King David being likened to an angel of God, it is significant on a prophetic level not just on a fleshly level in regard to David and his character and his allegiance to the LORD, which is clearly awesome. However, it is deeper than that. It is a bizarre recordation. Multiple times it has happened where David is literally being likened to an angel. There is something here on a prophetic level we're supposed to be picking up on.

I can cut to the chase and tell you what it is. It is the fact that Yeshua is the angel of the LORD. Now remember David is the prophetic template of Yeshua, so the things said about him are revelatory in a prophetic sense of Yeshua, and it helps us to start to connect dots regarding Yeshua. These Christophenes that existed as an Angel of the Lord. You can read Exodus 3 and Genesis 32 where you will find examples of Moses in one circumstance and Jacob in another circumstance. They have this interaction with an Angel of God, who later is called God. Who was that? It was Yeshua.

Think about Exodus 14 where we find the children of Israel being led out of Egypt; it specifically says the Lord is leading them through a pillar of cloud; He's going before them. Later on, you read it's the Angel of the LORD who is doing that. So Who is that? It is Yeshua!

My favorite is probably Exodus 23 where the father warns His children to obey the voice of the Angel Who is leading them. They are not to provoke Him, because if they do, He will not pardon their sins. That is a crazy, peculiar statement: He's not going to forgive your sins.

There are other examples like Genesis 18 where three angels show up at Abraham's door. One of them is יהוה. It's the Tetragrammaton. Who did Abraham see? He saw Yeshua. It is a Christophenes. This is Who he saw.

As you look at these statements which revolve around David, there's deepness regarding David's faith I'm concerned about, but there's also this massive revelation about the Son of God, the Messiah, the Mashiach Ben Daviid, the son of David. It gives us this insight into Him and further confirms these wild claims. An example is if you're talking to an Orthodox Jew today, and you start telling them Yeshua is the Angel the Lord, they're going to think you're a mile off your nut; they're going to think you're crazy. However, if you can start connecting these dots for these Jewish people who recognize David was likened to an angel multiple times, and he is the template of the Mashiach Ben Daviid, if you can start connecting these things, then you can start to use this tool to show the Jewish people Yeshua truly is the Mashiach Ben Daviid.

Some of the other things we can mention about David is he is a Melek, he is a king. Obviously, Yeshua is a King, but David was also a prophet. Think about the depth of this man. He wasn't just a king, but he also prophesied. In the Book of Acts, Peter confirms and declares David is a prophet. All you need to do is read the Book of Psalms for just a few minutes, and you know the spirit of prophecy was upon David.

But David wasn't just a king or a prophet. David was even more than that. David held priestly attributes. One of the wildest things about him was he wore a linen robe like the Levites who bore the Ark of the Lord wore. He didn't just wear the linen robe that the Levites wore; he wore the ephod, which is something only the priests wore.

Now if that isn't enough, you read about David offering sacrifices and then doing something you would expect the Kohanim to do after the sacrifices, which is turning to the people and blessing them. So David carries all these priestly attributes. He is a prophet, priest, and king.

We could say he has other things as well. He was a shepherd. I mean, all these things obviously portend the Mashiach Ben Daviid and all these characteristics, these attributes, the Mashiach Ben Daviid would hold. We know he holds them because the Lord Yeshua said, "I am The Good Shepherd."

There are other things we could add to this list, as we are by no means even scratching the surface on this. But here in 1 Chronicles 14:17 we read—**Then the fame of David went out into all lands....**

One of the things said about David is his fame goes out. Who does that sound like? All you must do is read the Gospels, and you'll discover when Yeshua went out in His ministry, His fame spread. It spread so much even His own mother and siblings couldn't access Him because the crowds were so dense. We are told in the Gospel of Luke the crowds trampled one another to get to Him to hear His teaching, preaching, and to be healed. In fact, we are told they were pressing upon Him so much He had to be put in a boat and set out into the water off the shore lest He be crushed. This is the fame that went out regarding Him.

David also had that fame. David was the precursor. He holds all these prophetic implications, if you will, of the One Who was to come. Not just that, but how peculiar is this: the very same person, David, whose fame went out, is the very same person at another point who his own people wanted to stone. How peculiar is that? When Yeshua's fame spreads, people are pressing Him because they want to hear Him and be healed by Him. But then on the other hand there are times where the leaders wanted to stone Him. That is exactly what happened to David, so you would expect it to happen to his Son.

Continuing in 1 Chronicles 14:17—**and the LORD brought the fear of him (David) upon all nations.** (Emphasis added). So not only does his fame spread throughout the land, but fear moves throughout all

the nations. Now think about Yeshua. What happened? Even in His ministry, fear of Him goes out so people in towns are coming to Him and asking Him to leave because He cast a demon out of a man. He has such great authority and power they are terrified of Him.

We could take it a step further. Look at the gospel. As the gospel is going out to the entire nations, what is happening? Fear is falling on mankind. Why would anyone receive the Gospel? Why should I receive Yeshua as my Lord and Savior? Why do I need the forgiveness of sin? Because hell and judgment are coming. Because the fear of the Lord is falling on the nation's; therefore, they are accepting the Messiah Yeshua.

We could look at one thing after another; we could do this all day, but you get the idea of how great this man was. You get the idea of the things he held in his life that were precursors to the greatest One Who had ever lived, the Messiah Yeshua. It tells you something about this man. All these things we just read about regarding David would have never happened; none of this would exist if David was not a man of faith. If David was not truly faithful, Yeshua wouldn't sit on the throne of David.

We are told he is a man after the LORD's own heart. This man has more faith than a mustard seed. I assure you David is a guy we want to emulate. He was so pleasing to the LORD, and the LORD loved him. He is the guy we want to be.

With that said, I want to take you to the story of David and Goliath. There is so much here to glean from regarding David's faith, the spiritual realm, and Bible prophecy. That is why I want to take you to 1 Samuel 17:2-3—**And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines. ³The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.**



If you've ever been to Israel, or if you ever get a chance, go to Tel Azekah. It is crazy! This is one of the first sites I got to see when I was over there. It is absolutely a beautiful park. When you are there looking at this Valley Allah, and you are imagining the thousands upon thousands of soldiers of Israel on one mountain and thousands upon thousands of the Philistines on another one, and then you have the two premier figures of Goliath and David going out into the plain, it's kind of surreal. When you go to Tel Azekah, there

are these massive stones, and on these stones, carved in Hebrew, is the story we are going to look at today. It is awesome.



With that said, let's continue in the story from 1 Samuel 17:4—**And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.** One of the things I want to talk about, and we talked about in our last message, is how the Philistines are representatives, they bear the imagery of the evildoers, of the devil. We are going to see that today in this story. We will

see how Goliath himself is the personification of the Antichrist. He is the personification of the devil. As we get into this story, it will become quite clear.

Moving on to 1 Samuel 17:5—He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. So, you are talking about over 120 pounds for just the coat of mail. This doesn't include his helmet, which is made of bronze.

1 Samuel 17:6-7—And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. ⁷ Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels (15 pounds); and a shield-bearer went before him.

Goliath is a super-giant. He is a man of great stature and great ability. He is armed to the teeth, girded from head to toe, with the most incredible armor any man could possess. This is armor which most men couldn't even carry. So basically, what Israel is confronted with right here is an invincible warrior. Try to imagine a man of normal stature, even bigger stature than normal, is going up against a man that is girded with this kind of armor, strength, and weapons. Do you think you are going to stand a chance with this guy? You might get one swing at him, but what good is that going to do if you hit a guy that size with this kind of armor? The next thing you're going to know is you are going to be lying on the ground in a pool of blood. This is just a reality. He is a super soldier.

Moving on to 1 Samuel 17:8—Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

Here's the thing. The Philistine gives a special invitation. He is inviting anyone from Israel to come fight. He is ready for them. He wants this battle. Here is what is fascinating. No one from Israel takes up this invitation. No one goes out and challenges him.

You can appreciate the context a little bit better in thinking things through because as you continue to read the Book of Samuel, and you even get into 2 Samuel, what you realize is there are incredible warriors in Israel. There's no question about it. Why then are none of them moving forward to take this guy on, or even attempting to take him on? No one is even willing to go out. There is no record of anyone going out and killing Goliath other than David. No one will even go out and challenge him. So you need to have some perspective on how great this Philistine really was. Even with Israel having these incredible warriors, not one of them took a step out because they knew they didn't have the power to take him down. No one steps up to this challenge.

When I think about what's happening here in this story, I can't help but be drawn to the Book of Revelation 5:1-4, where we read this—And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

Make no mistake, this is where Israel is at right now as this Philistine is contending with them and saying, "bring it on." They are heartbroken; they are weeping, if you will, in fear. No one can do this. No one can challenge him.

Continuing in Revelation 5:5—**But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."** (Emphasis added).

Isn't that awesome? Only the son of David could do it. Well, as we look at our story, this is what is going to happen. It is going to be David himself who is going to be able to go up against this Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:8-9—**...Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."**

Did you catch that? This is so vitally important. Do you see what is at stake here? Do you even see what Goliath wants? What does Goliath want? He wants Israel to be his slave. He wants Israel to be slaves of the Philistines.

Think about that for a moment because this is exactly what the devil wants from the children of Israel, from the children of God. He wants them to be his slaves. He wants them to be in bondage to the evil spirits, to his minions. That's what he desires. This is also Goliath's desire. This is what he is looking for.

Continuing in 1 Samuel 17:10—**And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."** In other words, bring it!

There is something you need to understand regarding what is happening here. Goliath wants the war. Goliath wants the battle because he wants control. He wants them to be his slaves. So again, this is revelatory of HaSatan. Make no mistake, he wants the fight. He wants the battle. Don't think for a moment that he's going to sit this one out or that he's not coming for you. This is what he was designed for. This is who he is. He is a warrior. He wants to come, do battle, and bring you into bondage. That is the goal, and this is what we see with Goliath.

Moving on to 1 Samuel 17:11—**When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.** (Emphasis added).

What did this guy do to them? What was the impact Goliath had on Israel? It was total fear. They are paralyzed in fear. Think about what the writer of Hebrews said in Hebrews chapter two. The writer talks about how Yeshua came and destroyed the power of the devil. The devil had the power of death which created in us fear of death. That fear of death brought us into bondage. This is the power of the adversary, and this is the power this Philistine is wielding against Israel right now.

1 Samuel 17:12—**Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah....**

This is interesting. David, being a shepherd from Bethlehem, feeds his father's sheep in Bethlehem, which means house of bread. So here you have David, this Shepherd, who symbolizes Yeshua, who is the shepherd, feeding the sheep in the house of bread. Amazing!

Continuing in 1 Samuel 17:12—**...whose name was Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, advanced in years, in the days of Saul.**

Jumping to 1 Samuel 17:14-16—David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul. ¹⁵ But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.¹⁶ And the Philistine drew near and presented himself **forty days**, morning and evening. (Emphasis added).

Isn't that fascinating? Here again we have this number forty. At the crescendo of the 40 days, what is going to happen? David and this Philistine are going to do battle. Go to the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew, and what do we read? We read about this epic battle between Yeshua and HaSatan at the crescendo of 40 days. Yeshua had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, and Yeshua goes and does battle with HaSatan. He goes toe-to-toe with him. This is the very thing we are reading right now. David is going toe-to-toe with this Philistine, Goliath. So you can see this imagery and how prophetically rich it is?

Moving to 1 Samuel 17:22-23—And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. ²³Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. So now David has arrived at the battle front and hears what Israel has been hearing.

1 Samuel 17:24—And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. Again, they're paralyzed and feared. Even with all the mighty warriors Israel had, they're running for their lives. They can't do it; they don't have the power.

1 Samuel 17:25—So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel." Wouldn't that be nice to be exempted from taxes?

Again, I want you to see something so you can appreciate the context. The king is offering great riches. He is offering his own daughter. He is offering tax exemption for the man's father's house. Saul offers all these things, and how many takers did he have? None! That is an amazing thing to me. After everything the king is willing to do, you would think some guy would be driven by this motivation, "I'll do it. He's offering all this. I'll do it. It's worth it." However, not one person rose to take the offer. The only person who is going to rise to this challenge is David, and David doesn't do it for the money. He doesn't do it for the daughter. He does it because of his love for the sheep. He does it because of his love for God. This is such a powerful story!

1 Samuel 17:26—Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

David is angry. This Philistine has blasphemed God; he is mocking Israel. Goliath has come to defy the armies of Israel, and David has had enough.

1 Samuel 17:32—Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

So basically, David comes to the battle grounds and tells the Israelites they need to stop fearing. Why? Because David is going to take care of the problem. David is going to take down Goliath. David is

bringing comfort to the faint-hearted. He's bringing comfort and strength to those who have no strength and are weak.

Now think about what Yeshua has done for us. The strength He provides through the crucifixion is what we should be drawing from. Think about the fact that He is the Pesach Lamb; He gave His own life. He didn't just do that; the Father raised Him from the grave. He is alive. The power is in the resurrection.

He, Yeshua, conquered sin and death; therefore, we no longer need to be afraid of death. We no longer need to be in that kind of bondage. We can have joy; we can have strength in Him. This is the beauty of what David, through the anointing of the LORD, is bringing Israel right now.

Think about John 12:15 where we find Yeshua, the King, the Messiah Ben Daviid, riding on the donkey triumphantly entering Jerusalem. As He is doing this, they are hailing Him the King, and the text says—**"Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."**

This is so germane to this story of David because Yeshua is the Messiah Ben Daviid. And the key thing that was cried out is, "Fear not. Here comes the Son of David." This is the very thing we see David saying to Israel in his day. This is just awesome!

Continuing in 1 Samuel 17:33—**And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."**

There are two things I want you to understand here; two important things are said. Number one, recognize the fact that Goliath is a man of some serious reputation. This is not somebody Saul doesn't know or hasn't heard of or seen before. He knows very well who this guy is. In fact, he knows that Goliath has been bred from his youth as a warrior. Saul recognizes this; he knows exactly who this man is.

The second thing I want you to notice is this statement where he says— **You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth.** Saul is telling him, "You are not able to go up against this Philistine to fight with him because you're just a little boy. You are nothing. You don't have it. You don't have what you need to conquer him."

I ask you: how many times have you allowed the enemy to whisper into your ears these very words. He tells you that whatever situation you're up against, you're not able to overcome; you don't stand a chance. Or he tells us, "You know, the Lord isn't going to forgive you. You went too far. You screwed up too many times. You know how you came back last week and asked for forgiveness from the very same sin. There's no point in coming back and asking for forgiveness."

These are all ludicrous lies of the enemy. Yeshua expects us to forgive our brother seventy times seven. If Yeshua has that kind of expectation placed upon us, how much more is He willing to forgive us?

The simple point I'm making is that in all these lies you can see the enemy. In this story, this is a defining moment for David. Understand that he's sitting before the king of Israel, Saul is the king of Israel, and Saul tells him, "David, I'm sorry, but you don't stand a chance against this guy. You're just a little boy." At that moment, David could have been just totally crushed by those words and turned back and done nothing. However, that's not what David does. He is a man of faith.

I must tell you something regarding children. I don't care how young David was, and there's different estimates about exactly how young he was, the point being is it doesn't matter because as a young man or teenager, I can tell you the faith I had was second to none. It was unparalleled even to my life today. There were times I had as a young man where I just lived in the Kingdom; my whole mind was just totally given over to it. I believed there is nothing God could not do. It was a childlike faith.

When Yeshua says, "Unless you become as a little child, you'll never inherit the Kingdom of God," you need to get back to a childlike faith. We need to have that faith.

I even think of my kids as we rear them. As you rear your children, and you teach them about the Lord, they just believe because you spend time telling them this is the truth. Well, David has this kind of faith. It is pure; it is so beautiful and holy.

Moving on to 1 Samuel 17:34-35—**But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, ³⁵I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.**

So, David reveals to Saul, "Guess what Saul? I've already fought with the beast; I fought with lions, I fought against bears, and I took them out. This Philistine is not going to be anything different than what I've already been up against."

You have to look at this and wonder to yourself, "Where is David getting this courage? This little youth who couldn't bear the armor of Saul let alone Goliath; where does this guy get this courage? There is one place it comes from. Faith. All this courage, all of this strength as a mighty warrior of the LORD, is born out of faith. You can't pray for enough faith. You can't pray the prayer, "Lord, increase my Faith" too often. When you know the power of faith, you want it. We want to be able to move mountains.

Now continuing in 1 Samuel 17:36 we read this—**Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."**

When a man is operating in this kind of radical faith, there's no fear. David didn't care Saul said he couldn't fight Goliath. David didn't care Goliath was armed to the teeth, and David wouldn't even be able to carry Goliath's armor. David does not care about any of that. All he cares about is honoring God and defending the sheep. He is willing to give his life for the sheep. He is willing to risk his own life to save Israel and take their reproach away. That is an awesome thought!

Looking at 1 Samuel 17:37—**Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."** And Saul said to David, **"Go, and the LORD be with you!"** (Emphasis added).

I love this because who does David rely on? Is David relying on his own wit? Does he rely on his own training not even just as a warrior but maybe as a shepherd? He doesn't rely on anything of himself. His reliance is solely upon the LORD.

Now, if all I had ever read was this passage, and I had never really been introduced to David, I would know David is ready for war because he has got it all in order. He has his priorities in order. He has perfect clarity regarding the Kingdom. He knows where his help comes from; it comes from the LORD.

This is where he is seeking to draw his strength. I'll tell you when we seek to draw our strength from the Living God, from Yeshua, you will be strong. You will have His strength at your disposal.

Moving to 1 Samuel 17:42-43—**And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. ⁴³So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?"**

What is meant by this is that David goes out to meet the Philistine, and all David has is a pouch with 5 stones, a sling, and his shepherd's staff. He looks more like he's going out to tend sheep than going to war. And Goliath is completely offended by this. It is like, "This is ridiculous. Are you coming to mock me?"

Now looking at what it goes on to say in 1 Samuel 17:43—**And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.** So, to bring about a curse on David is really, if you will, a preparation for war for Goliath. For Goliath to curse David by his god is basically sanctifying the battle, at least in Goliath's mind. In his mind, this means victory because Goliath trusts in his false god. In essence, he is trusting in a demon. It is interesting how this battle is now rising to the next level. In essence, it is going to be David's God against this Philistine's god.

1 Samuel 17:44—**And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"**

How different is that when you compare it to Yeshua's very words found in Matthew 11:28? Yeshua said— **Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** We can either go to the Mashiach Ben Daviid and get rest, or we can go to the Philistine god and get death. This is the tree of life verses the tree of death here. We have two paths being laid out before us.

Obviously, Goliath's intent is to strike fear into the heart of David, but how does that work when David is strong in the LORD? Keep in mind the devil will always try to implement fear. It is one of his most powerful and most successful tactics to bring you under his control and get you to do what he wants you to do. Governments have realized the power of implementing fear. Our own government realizes how incredibly successful that can be. Obviously, I'm not going to get into details on that topic.

1 Samuel 17:45—**Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.**

Isn't that fascinating? So, what is being said is, "Okay Goliath. You're going to come to me girded from head to toe with incredible armor. You're a man of great stature. You have incredible weapons at your disposal. I'm going to come out to you with nothing but the name of the LORD of Hosts." David is not relying on a sling; he is not relying on his staff. He relies upon his God. David is coming to him in the name of his God. And today we know the name that gives us power; we know the name that is exalted above all names. We know the name that every knee will bow to, and every tongue will confess, and that is the name of Yeshua. It has power! That is the name you go into battle with.

Listen to me carefully. When you are battling spiritual things, and you know you're in spiritual warfare, you better bring the name of Yeshua to that battle.

I don't talk about this stuff much, but there was a time a couple of years ago when I was attacked in my bed. I had never experienced anything like this in my life. I had an anxiety attack. Before I had that experience, I would have probably told someone who had an experience like mine that they were acting weird or dramatic, or they were being emotional. Honestly, that is where I stood on that kind of thing. Until you feel the spirit of darkness cover you from head to toe, you can't understand.

I have never felt fear like that in my life. I was suffocating. I couldn't breathe, and then something welled up inside me. I got angry and said, "In the name of Yeshua, get off me," and it was gone. The second I went to battle with the name of Yeshua, which is the only thing I trust in battle, it was gone. It has never happened again. But I'll tell you that was one of the most real moments I've ever had in my life. I've never suffocated in fear like that. It felt so demonic. To this day, I don't know why that happened. But I know I went to war in the way David went to war, and that is in the name of the Lord.

Now, let's jump to 1 Samuel 17:46—**This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.** He's prophesying. At this point of the story, it has not happened yet, but David's laying down a little prophecy. **And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.**

Isn't that interesting? The very thing the Philistine said regarding what he was going to do with David, which was feed his flesh to the birds of the air, is the very thing David says is going to happen to Goliath. It is a bit of irony.

1 Samuel 17:47—**Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."**

So again, if you were questioning David's motives or his train of thought regarding relying on or making his flesh his strength, this is not the case. The battle is the LORD's. David is giving all victory, glory, strength, and all honor to the LORD. That is why David has victory over Goliath.

You can read the Psalms, and you'll see this mantra carried throughout the Psalms. An example is Psalm 20:7 where David says— **Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.**

That is so awesome! It is equipping us for war; it's equipping us for battle. To know how to win battles, we need to remember the name of Yeshua, the name above all names.

I love Psalm 60:11-12—**Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless. ¹² Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.**

Moving on to 1 Samuel 17:48 we read this—**So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.**

Does David look fearful? Is he moving slowly towards Goliath? No! He runs. He is ready for this. He is going to take care of business.

1 Samuel 17:49-50—Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.

Again, David goes out looking like he is tending sheep. He does not look like he's going to war because to God be the glory! When the battle is the LORD's, you are not going to fight that battle as man fights it.

I can't help but think about Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5—For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

We, as believers, are not going to go to war like we see men do with tanks, guns, bombs, and drones. We don't go to war in the very same manner. When the battle is the Lord's, we're going to do it the Lord's way, which is very, very different.

1 Samuel 17:51—Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

There are a couple of things here I want to point out. The first one I want you to recognize is David didn't have a sword. He didn't go to war with one. How did he kill Goliath? With the very sword that was designed to kill David. Isn't that interesting because this is the golden rule—do on to others as you would have them do unto you.

When I think about this, I think about Proverbs 26. The Philistine went out and dug a pit for David, yet because he dug it, he fell in it. So, whatever you have done to your neighbor, so it will be done unto you. This is the law and the prophets. This is the whole of the law, if you will.

We see this reality coming through this story with the principles embedded in the Torah, the golden rule stands everywhere.

Think about Haman. Haman built a gallows for Mordecai, but who was hung on it? Haman. He was hung on the very gallows he designed. We see the same type of thing unfolding in this story.

Moving on to 1 Samuel 17:52-53—Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents.

Think about that! It isn't until David takes care of the Philistine that Israel has any power against the Philistines. David must take care of the champion, Goliath, and then all of a sudden Israel can rush into something they had no power to rush into before.

When you think about what's going on here, you can't help but think about Luke 10 where Yeshua sends his disciples out two by two. He gives them authority—go out to do battle against these evil spirits. For the sake of this story, we will call them Philistines.

Look at Luke 10:17-19—Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

How did that happen? It only happened when our champion, the Lord Yeshua, took authority over the enemy. He bound the strongman. Then His disciples could rush; then the children of Israel could rush in going after the Philistines without any problems. The Philistines fled.

Now keep in mind Yeshua's disciples are going out, and they are casting out demons. The demons were fleeing. They are casting them out in the name of Yeshua, and they're fleeing. This is the very thing we see happening in this story.

As we look at the life of King David and his faithfulness, it speaks to me in such a powerful way. Of course, David should be amongst the list of men in Hebrews chapter eleven. Look at this guy! And this is just a little nugget of his life. If you start reading all the stuff David went through, the stuff he experienced, and you read through the Psalms where you can see his heart, you are going to be in awe. This is a man of total faith. He went through horrific trials and tribulations, yet he doesn't stumble. He is a man of faith. It is his faith that holds him up.

Now I want to close today by going to our sister Book of Hebrews chapter eleven, which is Ben Sira or Sirach. I want to read for you the commentary. It is beautiful and eloquent. The writer says in Sirach 47:2-4—As the fat is set apart from the offering of well-being.... This is the peace offering. He's talking about the fat being separated. This is what you do. The fat was the LORD's; it was holy unto the LORD. Knowing that, he goes on and says— so David was set apart from the Israelites. ³ He played with lions as though they were young goats, and with bears as though they were lambs of the flock. ⁴ In his youth did he not kill a giant, and take away the people's disgrace, when he whirled the stone in the sling and struck down the boasting Goliath? ⁵ For he called on the Lord, the Most High....

This is what I wanted you to see. Right here the writer recognizes the most important difference in David is that— he called on the Lord, the Most High, and He gave strength to his right arm to strike down a mighty warrior, and to exalt the power of his people. If you want to take away anything regarding David and understanding him as a man of faith, this is it. He is calling upon the name of the LORD.

Sirach 47:8—In all that he did he gave thanks to the Holy One, the Most High, proclaiming His glory.... What a testimony to leave to us today: in all things we should be giving thanks. When you go through the Psalms, this is what you read over and over and over again: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures forever.

I will close with this thought regarding David. When some people think about David, all they think about is his indiscretion, which is very unfortunate. It is a very distorted picture of David. It is not his legacy. This is his legacy.

Look at this in 1 Kings 15:4-5—Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him by establishing Jerusalem; ⁵ because David did what was right

in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

In other words, do you understand what we just read? His entire portfolio, his entire recordation, if you lay out all his works in the book, he doesn't turn from the LORD to the left or the right in anything. There was one thing that is recorded here where he stumbled. That was in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

Now I ask you, if a book was pulled out regarding your history and who you are, the things you've said, and the things you've done, what would that look like? Do you have this kind of bio? You might say, "Daniel, I'm not even close to that." And you know what? To our own shame, we will stand together. This is not my bio either, but it needs to be. David is the man we need to elevate, that we need to bring ourselves to. This is where we need to be walking with the Lord. We need to have this kind of faith, testimony, report, power, wisdom, and understanding. This is who we need to be.

So, I encourage you to take up that mantle and start walking like these men, and women, that we read about in Hebrews chapter eleven. These men and women are awesome men and women of faith.