

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) We all have some giants in our lives.
  - i) We all have giant-sized problems that have threaten us and threaten our loved ones.
  - ii) Many people are living lives of quiet desperation because of Goliath-like problems in their lives.
    - (1) Giants of temptation
    - (2) Giants of fear
    - (3) Giants of jealousy
    - (4) Giants of covetousness
    - (5) Giants of discouragement and heartbreak
    - (6) Giants of financial reversal
- b) God's plan for His children is victory always and in every circumstance.
  - i) 2 Corinthians 2:14
  - ii) Romans 8:37
- c) Just as David defeated Goliath so long ago, we should have, can have and will have wonderful victory.
- d) 1 Samuel 17:3-10
  - i) David during this time was just a boy.
    - (1) 1 Samuel 17:42
      - (a) David hadn't even started to shave yet.
  - ii) The Philistines had set themselves in battle array against Israel at the Valley of Elon.
    - (1) The Philistines were on one mountain, and Israel was on the other mountain.
  - iii) David was sent to carry food and provisions to his brothers at the battle site.
  - iv) When David arrived, there was no fighting at all, just a shouting match.
    - (1) The Philistines were doing most of the shouting.
  - v) Goliath was between 9 feet and 11 feet in height.
    - (1) He was cursing, swearing, blaspheming God, and defying the armies of Israel.
  - vi) No one, not even King Saul, was going over to confront Goliath.
    - (1) They saw this situation from a human perspective.
      - (a) They saw how much bigger Goliath was than they, and they were terrified.
      - (2) David looked at Goliath and saw how much smaller he was than God.
  - vii) David decided that he would go against Goliath in the power of Almighty God.
    - (1) With a sling and five smooth stones, David went out and won the victory.
- e) Today's message will take a closer look at this story to see how it applies to us today and what we can learn about 21<sup>st</sup> Century giant killers.

- 2) A VICIOUS ENEMY (1 SAMUEL 17:4-16)
- a) Goliath of Gath is an Old Testament picture, symbol, illustration and a type of Satan himself.
  - b) We see his measure.
    - i) 1 Samuel 17:4-7
      - (1) Notice the use of the number six in these verses:
        - (a) Goliath was six cubits and a span high.
        - (b) He has six pieces of armor.
        - (c) His spear head weighed six hundred shekels.
      - (2) In the Bible, the devil's superman (the antichrist) is known as 666.
  - c) We see his might.
    - i) 1 Samuel 17:4
      - (1) This speaks of his power.
    - ii) Goliath was a mighty man and a man of power.
      - (1) This is a reminder of the power of the enemy.
        - (a) Ephesians 6:12
  - d) We see his manner.
    - i) 1 Samuel 17:10
    - ii) Goliath was arrogant, defiant and rebellious against the things of God.
    - iii) He also caused great fear.
      - (1) Satan today, like Goliath of old, is making more noise than perhaps ever before, and saints are folding up when they ought to be standing up because of the arrogance of our enemy.
  - e) We see his motive.
    - i) His motive was to destroy the work of God.
      - (1) 1 Samuel 17:10
        - (a) He defied the armies of Israel.
          - (i) He was against the people of God, the things of God and the work of God, just as the devil has always been.
    - ii) 1 Samuel 17:16
      - (1) The number forty in the Bible is the number of testing, of temptation and of trial.
        - (a) Moses was in the wilderness for forty years.
        - (b) Israel wandered through the wilderness for forty years.
        - (c) The Lord Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness for forty days.
      - iii) Goliath, who pictures the devil (our enemy), is testing, sifting, and fighting the people of God.
- 3) A VICARIOUS ENCOUNTER (1 SAMUEL 17:8-30)
- a) 1 Samuel 17:8-10
    - i) One man was to fight for all.
    - ii) One man was to win the battle on behalf of all of them.

- (1) Not only is Goliath of Gath a picture of Satan, but David is a picture of our Savior.
  - (2) This is a pre-figuring of the Lord Jesus who fought for us.
  - b) Vicarious means “in our place; one standing in the place of another.”
    - i) David stood for them all that day, just as the Lord Jesus went to Calvary and stood for all of us on that day.
  - c) David is a picture of the Lord Jesus.
    - i) He was the sanctified one.
      - (1) David had been anointed to be the king of Israel.
      - (2) 1 Samuel 16:13
        - (a) David was anointed with oil, symbolizing the Holy Spirit.
        - (b) The Holy Spirit came upon him and set him aside.
    - ii) He was the sent one.
      - (1) 1 Samuel 17:17
      - (2) David was sent by the father with bread for the brethren.
        - (a) The Lord Jesus was sent by the Father with bread for His brethren.
          - (i) John 6:35
          - (ii) Everywhere we look in the Bible, we find the Lord Jesus standing somewhere in the shadows.
          - (iii) The whole Bible, in some way, is about the Lord Jesus.
    - iii) He was the scorned one.
      - (1) 1 Samuel 17:28
        - (a) David’s brother treated him with scorn.
        - (b) David wasn’t received lovingly and kindly.
      - (2) 1 Samuel 17:29-30
        - (a) When young David came with a cause and a mission from the father and for the glory of God, he was scorned and ridiculed.
      - (3) Isaiah 53:3
      - (4) John 1:11
    - iv) He was the saving one.
      - (1) It was David who fought the battle that day.
      - (2) It was David who went against Goliath of Gath and who single-handedly won the battle.
      - (3) One man vicariously fought and won the battle for all of them.
- 4) A VICTORIOUS EXAMPLE (1 SAMUEL 17:11-46)
- a) Not only did the Lord Jesus win the battle against our arch enemy, but He also gave us an example that we should walk in His steps.
  - b) As Jesus fought that battle so long ago, there is a continuing battle.
    - i) In a sense, the battle is already won.
    - ii) Yet, in a sense, it needs to be fought day by day.
      - (1) We don’t fight for victory; we fight from victory.
      - (2) The victory has been won at Calvary, and that is why we can win it day by day.

- c) There is victory in Jesus no matter what your giants are, no matter what stands between you and God's will for your life and the joy and victory that God wants you to have.
- d) We find three principles in this victorious example:
  - i) The principle of persistence
    - (1) Any battle is going to be won by those who are persistent.
    - (2) 1 Samuel 17:32
      - (a) David purposed in his heart that he would fight the Philistine.
    - (3) When David purposed in his heart that he would do it, he was not deterred by anything.
      - (a) There was the dismay of others.
        - (i) 1 Samuel 17:11
        - (ii) 1 Samuel 17:24
        - (iii) Fear is infectious, but David was not daunted by their fear.
          - 1. In our battles, we will find that we're surrounded by cowards and people who feel it can't be done.
          - 2. If we're not careful, the fear will infect us.
        - (iv) David was persistent in the face of the dismay of others.
          - 1. The fear of man made Saul a coward.
          - 2. The fear of God made David a hero.
    - (b) There was the disdain of others.
      - (i) 1 Samuel 17:28
      - (ii) They looked down upon David, and they will look down upon us.
      - (iii) The devil has laughed many people out of victory.
      - (iv) They laughed at David.
        - 1. Doubtless, their laughter hurt him.
        - 2. But he refused to let up or back down.
          - a. Will we stand up for Jesus in the face of ridicule?
    - (c) There was the discouragement of others.
      - (i) 1 Samuel 17:33
        - 1. King Saul told David that it can't be done.
          - a. Saul was not only the king, but he was also a lawyer and an expert.
  - (4) When we get ready to live for God and to take a smooth stone in a sling and cross that valley against our Goliath, we will face these same enemies.
    - (a) When we do, we need to learn to shut these people out and get alone with God and get our eyes on God, or we will lose the battle.
    - (b) One reason that David was mighty for God was that He spent time alone with God.
  - (5) David had a purpose and the principle of persistence; he said that he would go.
    - (a) Some of us don't win the battle because we never show up.

- (6) The question is not whether or not you're afraid of the devil, but is the devil afraid of you?
  - (a) James 4:7
- ii) The principle of progression
  - (1) 1 Samuel 17:34-36
  - (2) Before David fought Goliath, he had also fought a lion and a bear.
    - (a) Because he had won those victories, he was ready for another victory.
    - (b) David had learned to go from victory to victory.
  - (3) Before Jesus met and defeated Satan at Calvary, He met and defeated Satan in the wilderness.
    - (a) The Lord Jesus had gone from victory to victory.
  - (4) The reason that some of us are not winning our big battles is because we are losing our little battles.
    - (a) Luke 16:10
      - (i) Some of us are not ready for the big battles because we've not been faithful in the little things.
      - (ii) If you want to know what a person is made of, watch him in the little things.
      - (iii) God could use David because he took care of his sheep; one little lamb.
    - (b) If we can't trust God with the elementary things, such as tithing, then what will we do when we meet Goliath?
  - (5) We need to trust God in the small things.
    - (a) Be faithful where you are.
    - (b) Be faithful in that which is small and that which is least, and God will help us to be faithful in that which is much.
- iii) The principle of power
  - (1) David had powerful methods.
    - (a) 1 Samuel 17:38-46
    - (b) He refused King Saul's armor.
    - (c) David had proven methods.
      - (i) When we fight Satan, we cannot use unsanctified armor.
    - (d) 2 Corinthians 10:4
      - (i) We will not overcome Satan with physiology.
      - (ii) We will not overcome Satan with the power of positive thinking.
      - (iii) We will not overcome Satan with education.
      - (iv) We will not overcome Satan with money.
      - (v) We will not out-organize or out-publicize him.
    - (e) The world can out-world us every time.
      - (i) Had David put on armor, David would have been defeated.
      - (ii) The weapons of our warfare are not carnal; we have the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit.
        - 1. We have the armor of righteousness.

- (2) David had a powerful master.
  - (a) 1 Samuel 17:45
  - (b) David came in the power of a name.
    - (i) We Christians come against Satan in the power of a name, the name of Jesus.
      - 1. Satan is afraid of the name of Jesus.
    - (ii) John 14:14
  - (c) Ephesians 6:11
  - (d) When we come against our Goliath, we come not in our name but in the name of Jesus.
    - (i) There is power in the name of Jesus.
    - (ii) Even when we don't know what to pray, we can bow our heads and confess openly that Jesus is Lord.
- (3) David had a powerful motive.
  - (a) 1 Samuel 17:46
    - (i) Not that the Earth would know that there's a David in the camp, but that there is a God in Israel.
  - (b) His motive was for the glory of God.
    - (i) This is why he won the battle.
  - (c) Sometimes we want to win the battle, but our motive is wrong.
    - (i) It may be a financial problem, but we don't want to conquer it for the glory of God; we just want more money in the bank.
    - (ii) It may be a social problem, but we don't want to conquer it for the glory of God; we just want to be happy.
  - (d) When we get serious about wanting God to be glorified, then God's going to move.
  - (e) When we get the right method, the right master and the right motive, then we've got power.
  - (f) There is power in a sanctified, Spirit-filled person who wants to glorify God.
    - (i) If you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit, just reduce all of your old goals and aims to one thing: that Jesus be glorified.
      - 1. Then you will automatically be filled with the Spirit.
    - (ii) The Holy Spirit may help us fulfill these goals, but not as an end in themselves; only that Jesus will be glorified.

## 5) CONCLUSION

- a) There is a principle of purpose.
  - i) There are those who will laugh at you and try to discourage you.
  - ii) There are those who are afraid and who say that it can't be done.
    - (1) Will you say, "Is there not a cause? I will fight."
- b) There is a principle of progression.
  - i) You may not have a Goliath right now.
  - ii) How will you treat the person who dented your car?

- (1) We must be faithful in the small things before we can be faithful in the big things.
- c) First and foremost, victory only comes through Jesus.
  - d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
  - e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
    - i) Romans 3:23
    - ii) Romans 10:9-10
    - iii) Romans 10:13
    - iv) Acts 16:31
    - v) John 3:16