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Old and New from I Samuel 17

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Facts for Faith and Lessons for Action

Why David and Goliath Tonight?

We are studying the Davidic covenant;
you read I Samuel 17 last Saturday night;
we want to know David to know greatness.

The event of David and Goliath is
entirely recorded in one
chapter.

I Samuel 17 has 58 verses, and they are all dedicated to the context and facts of this event.

Outline of I Samuel 17

- 1-11 ... Israel and Philistines go to war ... Goliath challenges Israel.
- 12-27 ... Jesse sends David to brothers ... he is willing to face Goliath.
- 28-39 ... Eliab makes fun of little brother ... Saul permits him to fight.
- 40-44 ... Goliath mocks the young man coming to him with a staff.
- 45-50 ... David runs to meet Goliath and kills him by a slung stone.
- 51-53 ... David cuts Goliath's head off and Israel wins a great victory.
- 54-58 ... David humbly tells Saul he is merely the son of Jesse.



Fact #1

If the Bible says there were giants
in Canaan, we totally believe it.

And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 13:33

Fact #2

Since the Bible says Joshua left giants in Gath, we know where Goliath came from.

There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

Joshua 11:22

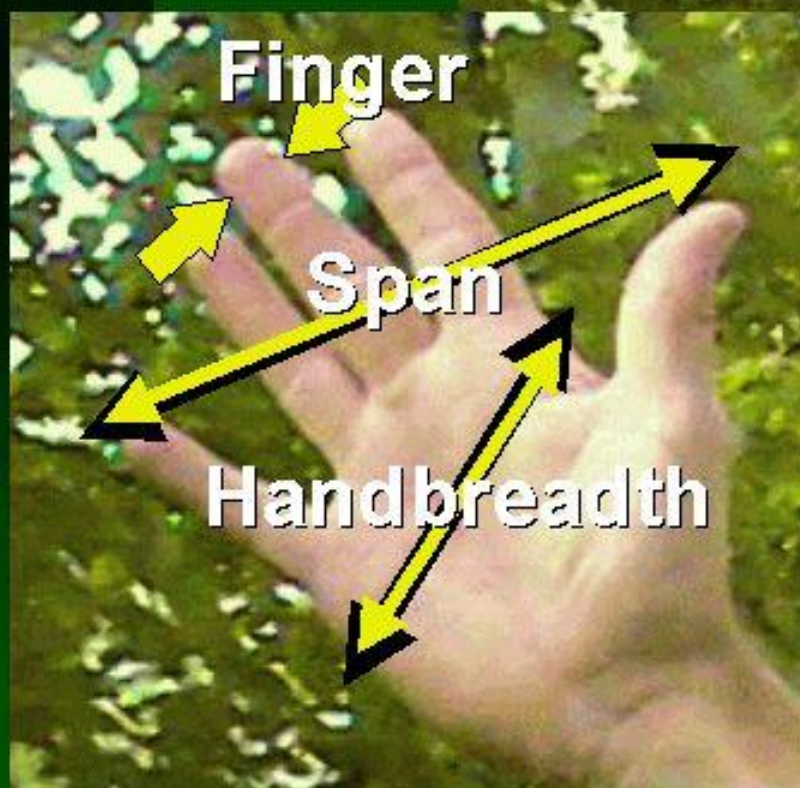
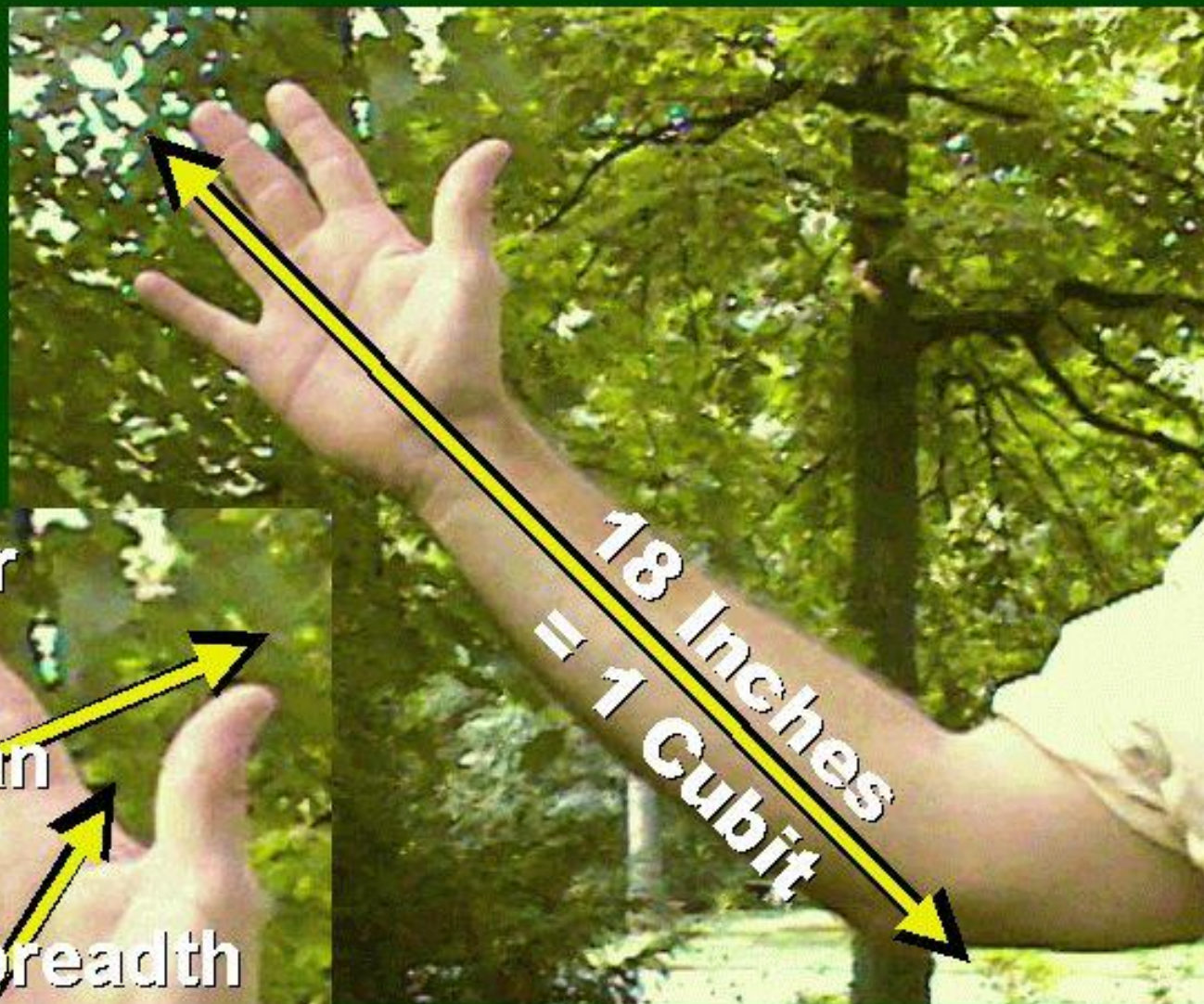
Fact #3

Goliath was 9 feet and 9 inches tall,
because he was six cubits and one span.

And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

I Samuel 17:4

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Length Measurement

How tall is 9 feet 9 inches?

The tallest man in recent history with provable height was Robert Wadlow, from Alton, Illinois living from 1918 to 1940.

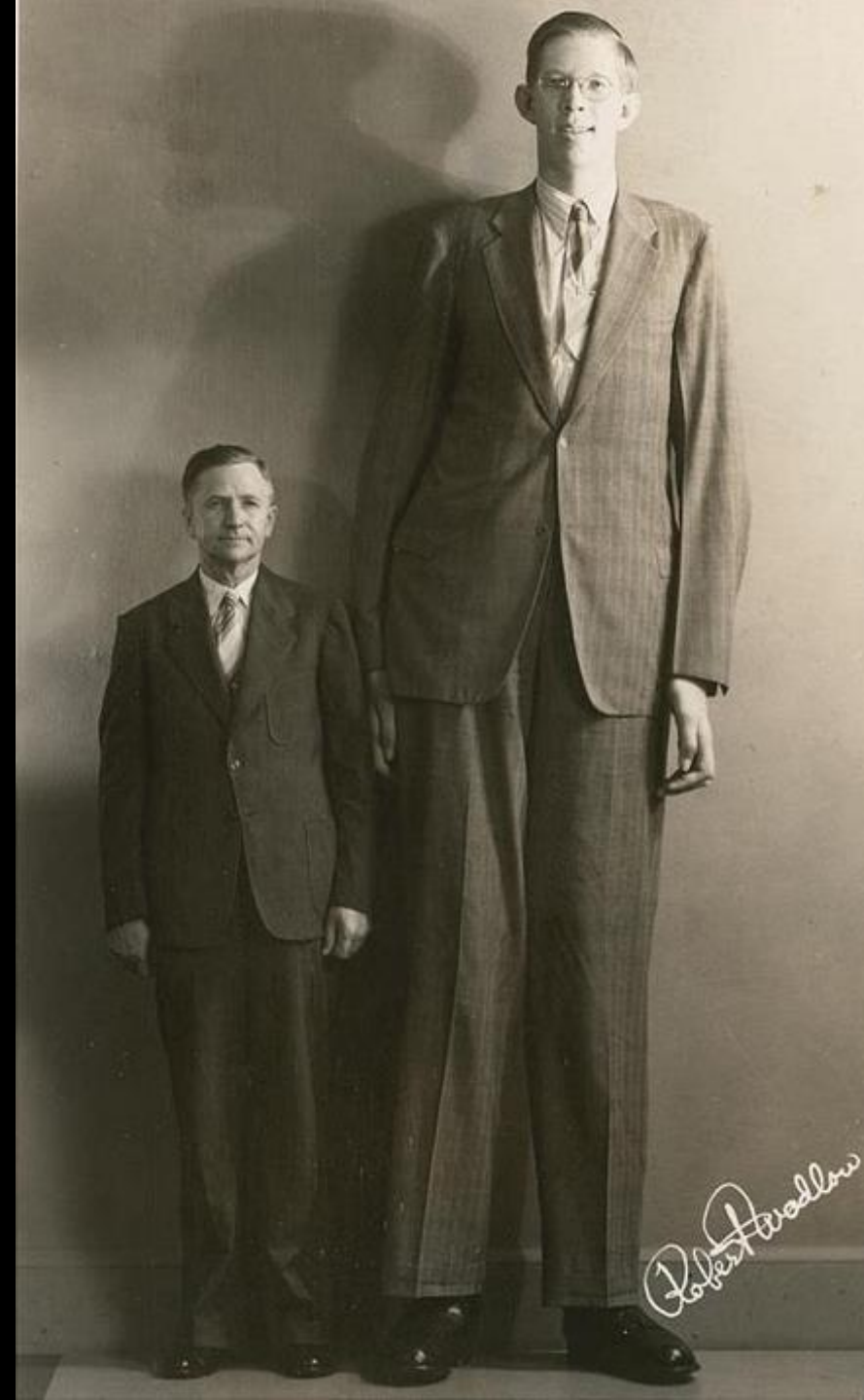
Robert Wadlow

8 feet and 11 inches.

His father was 6 feet.

Robert weighed 500
with a BMI of 30.

His shoe size was 37.
Shaq's is only 22.





What else is known of Goliath?

The Bible tells us several measures of his armor and weapons.

Goliath

9 feet and 9 inches.

He weighed 700 with
a BMI of 35 (DE=34).

Coat of mail = 156 lbs.

Head of spear = 19 lbs.

All armor = 236 lbs.



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(What is the name of our sling expert?)





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(Those who practice can be very accurate.)

Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

Judges 20:16

Fact #5

David arrived by the providence of God to hear the giant of Gath blaspheme God.



Fact #6

David took five smooth stones in case
Goliath's four relatives showed up.

Fact #7

David killed Goliath with a stone from his sling. He cut off his head to prove death.



Fact #8

Goliath fell forward on his face from
David's stone in his forehead.



Fact #9

David took Goliath's head to Jerusalem,
but he put Goliath's armor in his tent.





Fact #10

David and his men killed Goliath's relatives later in several other Philistine battles.

David and Men Killed Goliath's Four Relatives

- The Bible records the four in II Samuel 21:15-22 and I Chron 20:4-8.
- Ishbibenob almost killed David; Abishai killed him; they retired David.
- Saph was killed by Sibbechai the Hushathite (also called Mebunnai).
- Lahmi was killed by Elhanan of Bethlehem, also one of the 30.
- No Name was killed by Jonathan, David's nephew by Shimea.
- These special exploits of David's mighty men are twice in Bible.
- By "relatives" I hope to avoid distraction by sons and brothers.

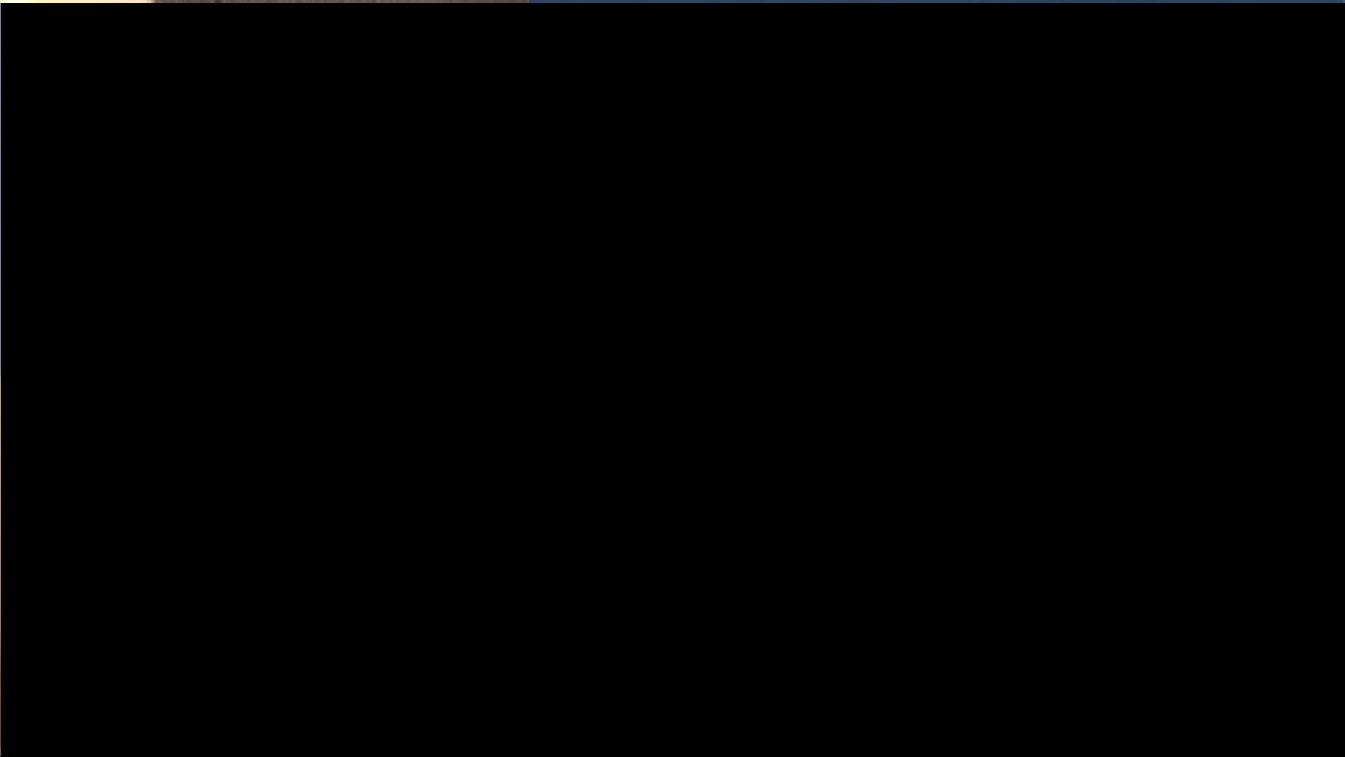
Modern Versions Err in II Samuel 21:19

For example, the ESV contradicts I Samuel 17 and also I Chron 20:5.

And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, struck down Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam (II Sam 21:19).

And there was again war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair struck down Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam (I Chron 20:5).








DAVID'S SLING

- DEVELOPED IN 2012
- INTERCEPTS MEDIUM AND LONG-RANGE ROCKETS
- CAN DEFEND THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF ISRAEL FROM ONE LOCATION
- INTERCEPTS MULTIPLE ROCKETS SIMULTANEOUSLY

A mobile launcher vehicle (MLV) is shown in a desert environment. The vehicle is a large, tan-colored truck with a complex structure on top. Three vertical launchers are visible, each labeled 'DAVID'S SLING'. The vehicle is parked on a dirt road with mountains in the background.



Do you want to be like David?

Then we need to read this Bible story
looking for lessons from its facts.

Lesson #1

Be perfect in your little things,
so God will give you big things to do.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

I Samuel 17:17-20

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Luke 16:10-12

Lessons

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Lesson #2

Do not be afraid like others, if your
God or His religion is involved.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

I Samuel 17:24-26

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Psalm 118:6

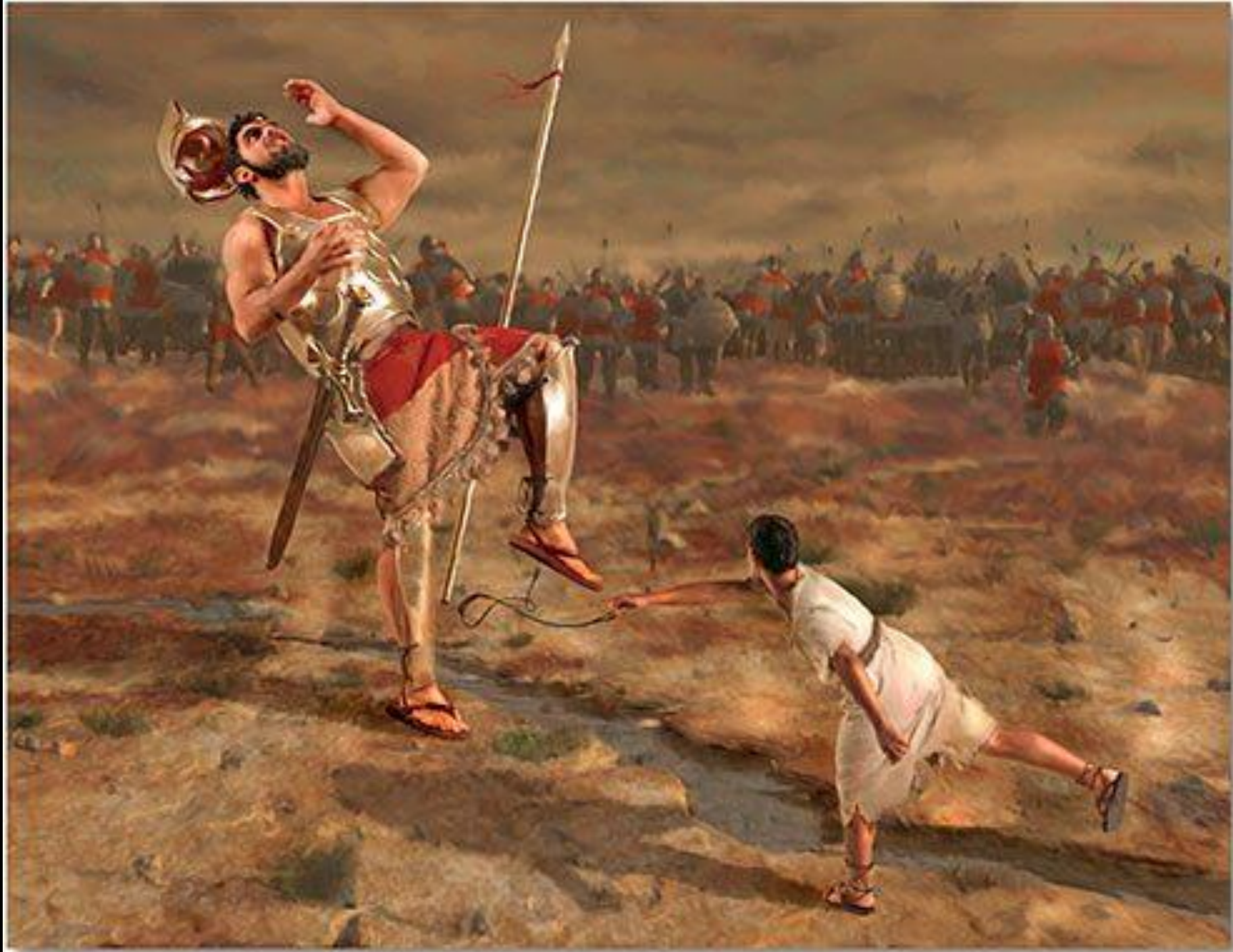
5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Hebrews 13:5-6

Lessons

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Lesson #3

Do not worry if others have overlooked you, for God sees your heart.

12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

I Samuel 17:12-14

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

I Samuel 16:6-8

Lessons

- Do not worry if others have overlooked you, for God sees your heart.



Lesson #4

Ignore accusations or slander of friends
or foes, if your cause is God.

28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

I Samuel 17:28-29

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:10-12

Lessons

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Lesson #5

Commit your life to the great Cause of
Christ and never look back.

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I Samuel 17:29

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

II Kings 10:15-16

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Galatians 6:14

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

Luke 9:51

Remember Lot's wife.

Luke 17:32

Lessons

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Lesson #6

Never fear adversaries bigger, faster,
stronger, or smarter than you.

4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

I Samuel 17:4-7

And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

I Samuel 17:33

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

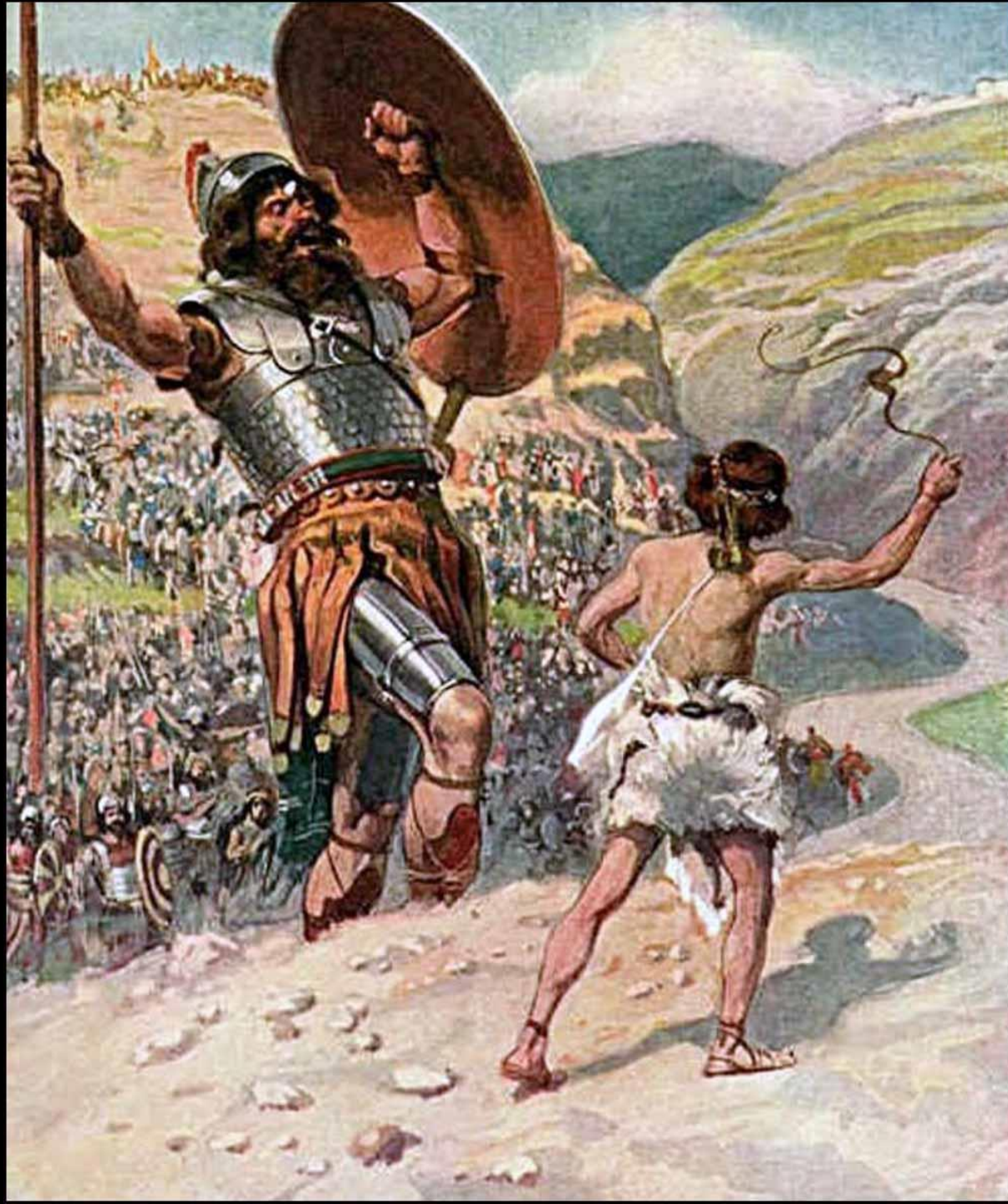
43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

I Samuel 17:33

Lessons

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Lesson #7

Believe three witnesses of success –
experience of Bible, others, you.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

I Samuel 17:34-37

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:3-5

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Romans 15:4

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us,
what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and
plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them
out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword,
neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and
thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst
a favour unto them.

Psalm 44:1-3

Lessons

- Believe three witnesses of success – experience of Bible, others, you.



Lesson #8

When you have an assignment, run
to do it; hate all procrastination.

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

I Samuel 17:48

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

Psalm 119:60

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

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Lesson #9

Your success will be in proportion to
your trust and hope in the Lord.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Psalm 147:10-11

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Psalm 33:18-22

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Lesson #10

When you accomplish something,
give God the glory over yourself.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.

I Samuel 17:57-58

For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

Psalm 18:29

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

I Corinthians 15:10

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You can be like David!

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**King Saul thought Goliath
was too big to fight -
David thought he was
too big to miss.**



And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezekiel 22:30

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