Lesson 69 – David and Goliath

based on 1 Samuel 16:14-23; 17.

1) What had happened to Saul, King of Israel, in the in a previous lesson?
   1 Samuel 15:23 **…**Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being _____.
2) What happened to Saul?
   1 Samuel 16:14-15 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God _____ thee.

When King Saul realized that he had been rejected by God, and when he felt the force of the words of denunciation that had been addressed to him by the prophet, he was filled with bitter rebellion and despair. It was not true repentance that had bowed the proud head of the king. He had no clear perception of the offensive character of his sin and did not arouse to the work of reforming his life, but brooded over what he thought was the injustice of God in depriving him of the throne of Israel and in taking the succession away from his posterity. He was ever occupied in anticipating the ruin that had been brought upon his house.

He did not accept with meekness the chastisement of God; but his haughty spirit became desperate, until he was on the verge of losing his reason.

3) What did his counselors advise him to do?
   1 Samuel 16:16-17 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an _____: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be _____. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.
4) Who was called to serve the king?
   1 Samuel 16:18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a _____ of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty _____ man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

In the providence of God, David, as a skillful performer upon the harp, was brought before the king. His lofty and heaven-inspired strains had the desired effect. The brooding melancholy that had settled like a dark cloud over the mind of Saul was charmed away.

5) Did Saul appreciate him?
   1 Samuel 16:21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his _____.

When his services were not required at the court of Saul, David returned to his flocks among the hills and continued to maintain his simplicity of spirit and demeanor. Whenever it was necessary, he was recalled to minister before the king, to soothe the mind of the troubled monarch till the evil spirit should depart from him. But although Saul expressed delight in David and his music, the young shepherd went from the king's house to the fields and hills of his pasture with a sense of relief and gladness.

God was teaching David lessons of trust. As Moses was trained for his work, so the Lord was fitting the son of Jesse to become the guide of His chosen people. In his watchcare for his flocks, he was gaining an appreciation of the care that the Great Shepherd has for the sheep of His pasture.

6) What did the officer Saul's Court say about David?
   1 Samuel 16:18 …a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is _____ him.

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7) What happened while David was out tending sheep?
1 Samuel 17:2-3 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the _____ in _____ against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a _____ between them.
8) Who were among Israel's army?
1 Samuel 17:13 And the three eldest _____ 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.
9) What was asked of David during this time?
1 Samuel 17:17-18 And Jesse said unto David his son, _____ now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren; And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren _____, and take their pledge.

By his father's direction he was to carry a message and a gift to his elder brothers and to learn if they were still in safety and health. But, unknown to Jesse, the youthful shepherd had been entrusted with a higher mission. The armies of Israel were in peril, and David had been directed by an angel to save his people.

10) What was happening about the time David arrived at the camp?
1 Samuel 17:20 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 _____ for the battle.
11) Instead of man-on-man combat, what transpired?
1 Samuel 17:23-24 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, _____ by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore _____.
12) How does the Bible describe him?
1 Samuel 17:4-5 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six _____ and a span. 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 _____ shekels of brass.
1 Samuel 17:6-7 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of _____ between his shoulders. And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's _____; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

Goliath was close to Nine Feet, Nine inches tall and heavily armored.

13) What was the challenge given by the Philistine?
1 Samuel 17:8-9 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to _____ me, then will we be your _____: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.
14) What did Saul try that would entice one of his soldiers to attempt the fight with Goliath?
1 Samuel 17:25 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 _____, and will give him his _____, and make his father's house _____ in Israel.

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15) What was David more interested in?
1 Samuel 17:26 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 _____? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the _____ God?

16) Were his brothers proud of him?
1 Samuel 17:28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's _____ 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 _____, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

They looked upon him as merely a stripling shepherd, and now the question which he asked was regarded by Eliab as a censure upon his own cowardice in making no attempt to silence the giant of the Philistines.

17) Did Saul entertain David's offer?
1 Samuel 17:32-33 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art _____ _____ to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

18) What did David do while protecting the sheep of the pasture?
1 Samuel 17:34-35 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a _____, and a _____, and took a lamb out of the flock: 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 _____ him, and slew him.

Saul strove to turn David from his purpose, but the young man was not to be moved. He replied in a simple, unassuming way, relating his experiences while guarding his father's flocks.

19) How desperate were Saul and His armies?
1 Samuel 17:37 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. And Saul said unto David, _____, and the LORD be with thee.

For forty days the host of Israel had trembled before the haughty challenge of the Philistine giant. Their hearts failed within them as they looked upon his massive form.

20) What did Saul give David to help in the fight?
1 Samuel 17:38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an _____ of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of _____.

David left Saul's presence and then returned. The first thought in the minds of the anxious spectators was that David had decided not to risk his life in meeting an antagonist in so unequal an encounter. But this was far from the thought of the brave young man. When he returned to Saul, he begged permission to lay aside the heavy armor.

21) What did he take to fight Goliath with instead?
1 Samuel 17:40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth _____ out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his _____ was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

22) Was Goliath happy to see that someone finally took up his offer?
1 Samuel 17:42-44 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. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a _____, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine _____ David by his gods. 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.

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As he came nearer to David, he saw but a stripling, called a boy because of his youth. David's countenance was ruddy with health, and his well-knit form, unprotected by armor, was displayed to advantage; yet between its youthful outline and the massive proportions of the Philistine, there was a marked contrast.

23) Did David weaken before his foe?
1 Samuel 17:45 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.
1 Samuel 17:46 This day will the LORD _____ thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases 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.

24) What's the most important part here in what he said?
1 Samuel 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD _____ not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

The anger of Goliath was roused to the very highest heat. In his rage he pushed up the helmet that protected his forehead and rushed forward to wreak vengeance upon his opponent.

25) What happened?
1 Samuel 17:48-49 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and _____ toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone _____ into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

Amazement spread along the lines of the two armies. They had been confident that David would be slain; but when the stone went whizzing through the air, straight to the mark, they saw the mighty warrior tremble, and reach forth his hands, as if he were struck with sudden blindness. The giant reeled, and staggered, and like a smitten oak, fell to the ground. David did not wait an instant. He sprang upon the prostrate form of the Philistine, and with both hands laid hold of Goliath's heavy sword. A moment before, the giant had boasted that with it he would sever the youth's head from his shoulders and give his body to the fowls of the air. Now it was lifted in the air, and then the head of the boaster rolled from his trunk, and a shout of exultation went up from the camp of Israel.

26) What happened next?
1 Samuel 17:52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and _____ the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.
1 Samuel 17:53-54 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

Can you see God needs people to stand for the right?

Would you like to be mightily used by God?

When is it time to humble yourself before the LORD?

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