

1 Samuel 17:38-58

The Battle is the Lord's

What battle in life are you fighting on your own?

What battle are you fighting for yourself and not for the Almighty God?

Are you living your life for the name of God?

We must live for God through faith in Christ! We must depend on Him for strength! We must live for His glory and not our own!

Vs 38-40 King Saul was scared of Goliath. King Saul was offering his protection to David with armor.

David had not fought in this armor before. David was brave and confident in his skill to fight, but it was not a confidence in the armor or protection of Saul.

David was armed with his staff, five stones, a slingshot, and God!

David had fought a lion and a bear to protect the sheep. David was skilled with his slingshot, but most importantly David trusted in God for His help.

Do you trust in God for help and look to Him to help you with your life problems?

James 1:5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

1 Corinthians 1:25 *For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

We are weak, but He is strong!

Where do you need to trust God for help?

This pagan giant was mocking God, Israel, and anyone who was not a Philistine.

God cares about His name. With God, we will always be victorious.

Vs 41-47 Goliath was prideful. Goliath had no fear of God.

What are you prideful about? What are you very good at? Do you take credit for your skills or give glory to God?

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

The Philistine's gods were worthless and weak. Our God is strong!

David did not come relying on his worldly armor. He came with the armor of God!

Do you fight with worldly things or with the help of God! Put on your armor Christian!

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

God helps His people. God helps His children. God will help you honor Him and live for Him and have victories in Him if you ask Him. His will be done!

David had faith in God and faith in the victory with God's help.

Our God saves through faith in Jesus. Our God saves through love, mercy, and grace! Do you ask Jesus for help or are you going it alone!

Vs 48-54 Goliath saw the staff, but not the slingshot. David made a quick and good and accurate blow. With God's help, the giant fell to a little shepherd boy.

Vs 55-58 King Saul wanted to know David's lineage and line. He thought this was important. David was from the line of Jesse. Jesus would come from this line. We often look at worldly things for importance, but we should look at whether someone loves the Lord and lives for the Lord. We should love the Lord and His ways!

Saul knew David, but did not know His father or his line.

God has a plan to save His people, protect His people, deliver His people, and keep His people in perfection for eternity. God's plan is for us to trust in Jesus. It is through His death that we are saved. We must ask Jesus to save us. We must ask Jesus to save us. We must have faith in Jesus.

What battle do you need to trust Jesus to fight for you?

Will you ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins? Will you ask Jesus to lead you and deliver you? Will you ask Jesus to take control of your life?

When we are weak, Jesus is strong in us. Do you depend on Jesus?

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.