

Oak Hill Baptist Church

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1 Samuel 17:1-37

Is Your Faith in God or Yourself???

Do you fear for your own self-preservation more than you fear for God's name?

Are you offended when people mock or make fun of the One True Living God?

The lost will sin and not follow God. We should love the sinner and hate sin. We should point them to Christ. We should not be silenced about God and godly things.

What are you afraid of now? Are you trusting God with that? Do you look to Him for victory?

Do Not Be Anxious

Matthew 6:25-34 *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

Vs 1-11 This army is about 14 miles from Bethlehem in the Hill Country. If this battle is won by the Philistines, it would give them access to the whole Hill Country. This is a strategic fight.

It is thought that Goliath was 9 feet and nine inches tall.

His shield was heavy and went from his feet to his chest. He was protected.

His shield was giant and had an iron head that could penetrate other metals.

There was a custom in those days that one person could fight for each side. However, this was a foolish goading or provocation for the people of Israel to accept.

The Israelites were fearful of Goliath instead of trusting God! What are you scared of instead of looking to God and trusting God to fight your battle?

The Israelites are the people of God. God has ALWAYS helped them and been with them. They know this and are still fearful. Where is your faith weak, and where do you need to remember that God helps His people?

Vs 12-23 David honored his father and did what he was asked. David was trustworthy and responsible.

Vs 24-27 David shows bravery. David felt he actually had a chance.

David was offended that this man would rise up against God and His people.

David did not like that God's people, Israel, were being mocked and made fun of.

David knew this man was a pagan and he was mocking the living God.

The Philistines and Israel had seen the power of God over and over and yet they forgot.

Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve

What area of your life do you need victory but have forgotten the power of the One True Living God?!

Vs 28-37 David's brother was irritated with him, because he was actually inquiring about this battle. His brother might have thought he was being cocky, but this showed why David was chosen as king instead of his brothers.

David did have some victories and they were against lions and bears. These animals were in this region and this showed his skill and bravery as a warrior.

David trusted in God's power and help. David cared about God's name.

News spread that there was a brave man willing to fight. Saul's heart was toward his age and size; Saul's heart was not trusting in God. This is why God would put David in charge.

David had faith. David knew he fought for God and God fought for Him!

David was humble and recognized that his victories came from God. David gave God credit.

When you succeed, do you take credit or give credit to God?

Hebrews 11:-1-3 *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

Matthew 17:20 *He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."*

Matthew 8:26 *And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.*

Matthew 9:2 *And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."*

Romans 5:1-5 *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Do you trust God? Do you care about God's name? Are you willing to take a brave stand for God?

Do you know that if you are fighting a righteous battle, God will fight for His name and His people?

Where do you need to ask God to help you have a victory for His glory?