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"David" - His name means: "well beloved"

He was a man loved by God; and was a man who, therefore, deeply loved God (cp. I Jn. 4:19).

David is the only character in Scripture called: "The man after God's own heart"

(SEE: I Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22; 16:7)

I Samuel 17 is not only one of the most exciting episodes in human history but it is also one of the saddest.

David realized that something was terribly wrong with the cowardice of Israel, when no man (not even big King Saul) would take on Goliath.

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V. 26

David was jealous for God's name and testimony (cp. v. 36b).

The problem was not merely that Goliath defied (mocked) Israel's army, the problem was that he defied God's army!

V. 28

Out of envy (jealousy) and embarrassment, Eliab becomes furious at his kid brother's boldness and courage.

V. 29

Men greatly used of God have always given themselves to a cause that was greater than themselves.

IV. A <u>REMEMBRANCE</u> of Past Victories (17:31-37)

V. 33

"Thou art but a youth" -

Often God's greatest workers are obedient and Godly children or teens (EX: Samuel, Joash; Daniel)

"Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in word [what you say], in conversation [how you live]; in charity [how you give and love], in spirit [how you are empowered], in faith [how you believe], in purity [how you keep yourself unspotted from the world]." (I Tim. 4:12)

V. 37

He did it in the past, David said, He will do it again!

Those with the greatest faith are those who have exercised it in the past and have seen God "come through" and honor such faith.

V. A RELIANCE on God's Strength (17:38-46)

V. 40

Why five smooth stones? David perhaps, took four extra stones because Goliath had fours sons

2 Samuel 21:22

These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

V. 42

"He disdained him" - Goliath belittled David, made fun of him.

No doubt he made fun of David's age, his red hair ("ruddy") and his face.

V. 43

Apparently David remained silent and let Goliath spew out such proud and blasphemous words (such verbal arrogance would enhance David's conquest all the more).

David's staff (v. 40) would have been like a "tooth pick" compared with the stout and heavy (17 lbs.) weaver's beam and spear head (16 lbs) that Goliath had.

V. 44

Note: the arrogance of the giant Philistine. What presumption.

V. 45

"I come to thee in the name of the LORD" - on behalf of; David's defense was not human weaponry, but Jehovah!

Goliath had a metal sword, a massive spear, and a shield for defense, but David had the eternal God, the omnipotent Lord, the faithful shield of Israel for his defense.

For sure, David never forgot how God defended him this day. His psalms reflect the defense and strong hold that God was to David.

(SEE: Psalm 3:1-4; 5:11-12; 18:29-35; 28:7; 115:9-11; cp. 144:1-2)

Psalm 119:114- "Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word,"

V. 46

"That all the earth may know" - God defends those who defend His honor. David's concern was God's reputation, God's fame, God's testimony.

VI. A MOTIVATION to Exalt God's Glory (17:46b-47)

V. 47

Compare David's faith with Jonathon's (14:6)

Often times God will strip away from us all that we might take pride in, so that He then can receive all the glory and so that we will not become proud and steal the credit (EX: Paul's thorn - II Cor. 12; Gideon's 300 man army - Judges 7 [ratio: 450 - 1]

Judges 7:2 - "And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me."

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V. 50

"There was no sword in the hand of David" -

David could nor have killed Goliath with a mere staff or stone.

But he did knock him unconscious, then used Goliath's own sword against him.

David's faith was great!

V. 52

All it takes is one person's faith and courage to win a victory in order to spur others on to victory!