

# Lesson 8 – July 24

1 Samuel 17

## ***DELIVERED***

## **LORD Sees the Heart**



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# 1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	June 12	Called	3	Boy Samuel Clearly God Called
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark ... oooops!
4.	June 26	King?	8-11	Israel, "Give us a King!"
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain ... to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	July 17	Anointed!	16	David Anointed—Lord Sees the Heart
8.	<i>July 24</i>	<i>Delivered</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>David Whips Goliath</i>
9.	July 31	Faithful	18-20	David and Jonathan's Loyalty
10.	Aug. 7	Blinded	21-23	Saul Pursues David & Followers
11.	Aug. 14	Protected	24-25	Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26-29	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	Aug. 28	Victory	30-31	David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed



## 1 Samuel 17

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-Just keep in mind that every giant step will bring you a little closer to recovery.

# 1 Samuel 17

## Lesson Author's Theme

### **God uses faithful servants to deliver His people**

- 17:1-11      Goliath in the Valley of Elah ... Taunting Israel*
- 17:12-31    Shepherd David Arrives, Queries*
- 17:32-37    Confidence in God – David Takes Challenge**
- 17:38-44    False Confidence in Himself – Goliath Talk**
- 17:45-50    God's Victory – David Takes Goliath**
- 17:51-58    David Kills and Beheads Goliath*



**1 Samuel 17**

**Alternative Title**

**Battle Is the Lord's**



**Though often It Seems Not**

# **1 Samuel 17**

## **A Key Verse 17:46**

**Today, the Lord will hand you over to me.**

**Today, I'll strike you down....**

**Then all the world will know that**

**Israel has a God.**





*17:1-11 Goliath in the Valley of Elah ... Taunting Israel*

# Giants in the Land

What are you going to do?  
or, what **HAVE** you done?

*Ever faced a giant?*



David and Goliath, lithograph  
by Osmar Schindler (c. 1888)

## ***17:1-11 Goliath in the Valley of Elah ... Taunting Israel***

**Like Noah and the ark, Moses and the Red Sea**

**David and Goliath has inspired for millennia**

**Question of the half-hour is this:**

**Have You Faced a Giant?**

*tempered today, a child with a .38  
can stop ANY human being*

**Like worshiping Idols ... like Jephthah's oath**

**David and Goliath are similar in distance**

**Not as hard to understand today as their idols & oaths**

**STILL hard ... a SINGLE man like Goliath & Samson**

**could terrorize a WHOLE town**



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## **Have You Faced a Giant?**

**Today – we mean ... Have You Faced a Giant?**

**Seemingly UNBEATABLE by ANYONE?**

**Seemingly FEARED by *EVERYONE* ... ?**

**Another feature that makes this EPIC**

**Not Miraculous ... COULD HAPPEN**

**God Helped? – of course ... but so HUMAN**

**So much of this is about the EVERYMAN**

**With God – *anyone* can beat Goliath**



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## **Have You Faced a Giant?**

**John Knox, 1513-1572**

**“A man with God is always a majority”**

**Andrew Jackson, 1767-1845**

**“Desperate courage makes one a majority”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1818-1895**

**“One with God is a majority”**

**Wendell Phillips, 1811-1884**

**“One, on God’s side, is a majority”**



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## ***17:1-11 Goliath in the Valley of Elah ... Taunting Israel***

**17:1 Philistines gathered at Sokoh in Judah, at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah.**

**Saul and Israelites in the Valley of Elah**

**To the Israelites ... Philistines had become**

**FORMIDIBLE**

**Powerful Opponents with No Mercy**

**LOT of bloodshed for YEARS**

***EVERYONE there that day had a brother or cousin killed or maimed in the preceding decades***

**There ARE things to FEAR ...**

**NOT everyone is CALLED to be the Hero**

**there was only ONE David in ALL Israel**



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# **FORMIDIBLE**

**What GIANTS do we face today?**

**What Threatens Us TODAY with Humiliation?**

*Threatens OUR Church with Humiliation?*

*Threatens our way of life? ...*

*Demanding Death or Servitude*

**Though we cannot be David,  
there are inspirations that we can use today**

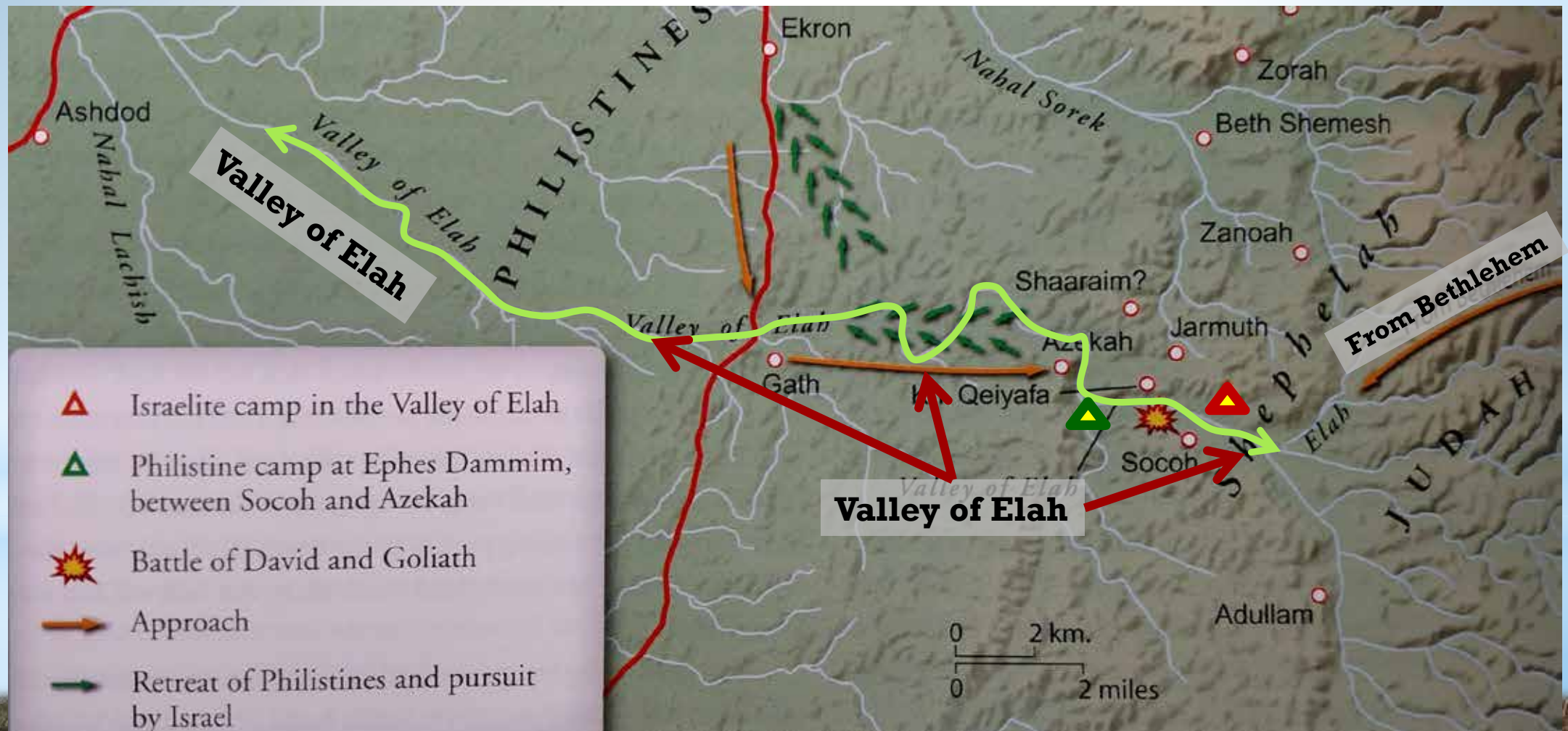


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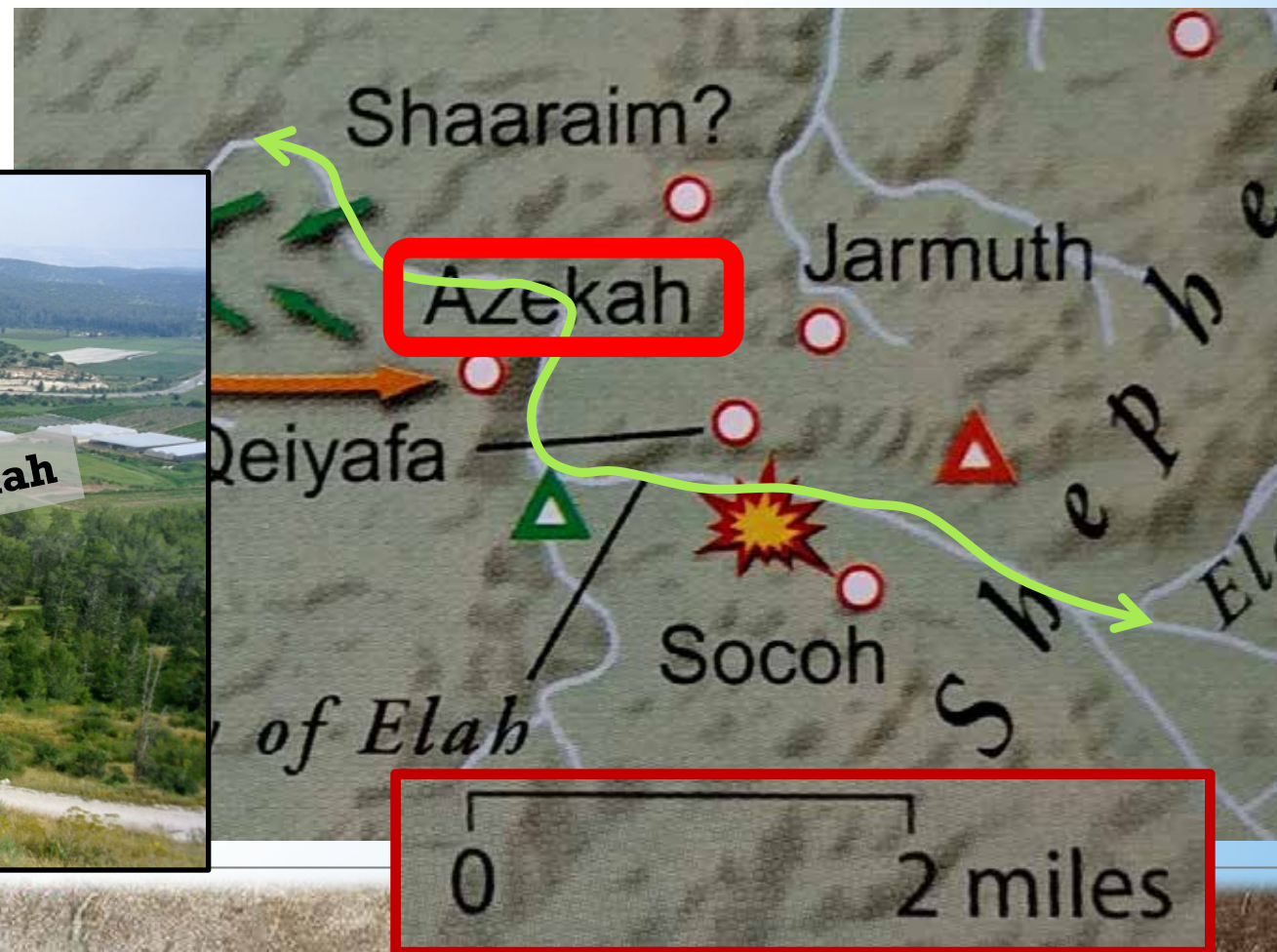
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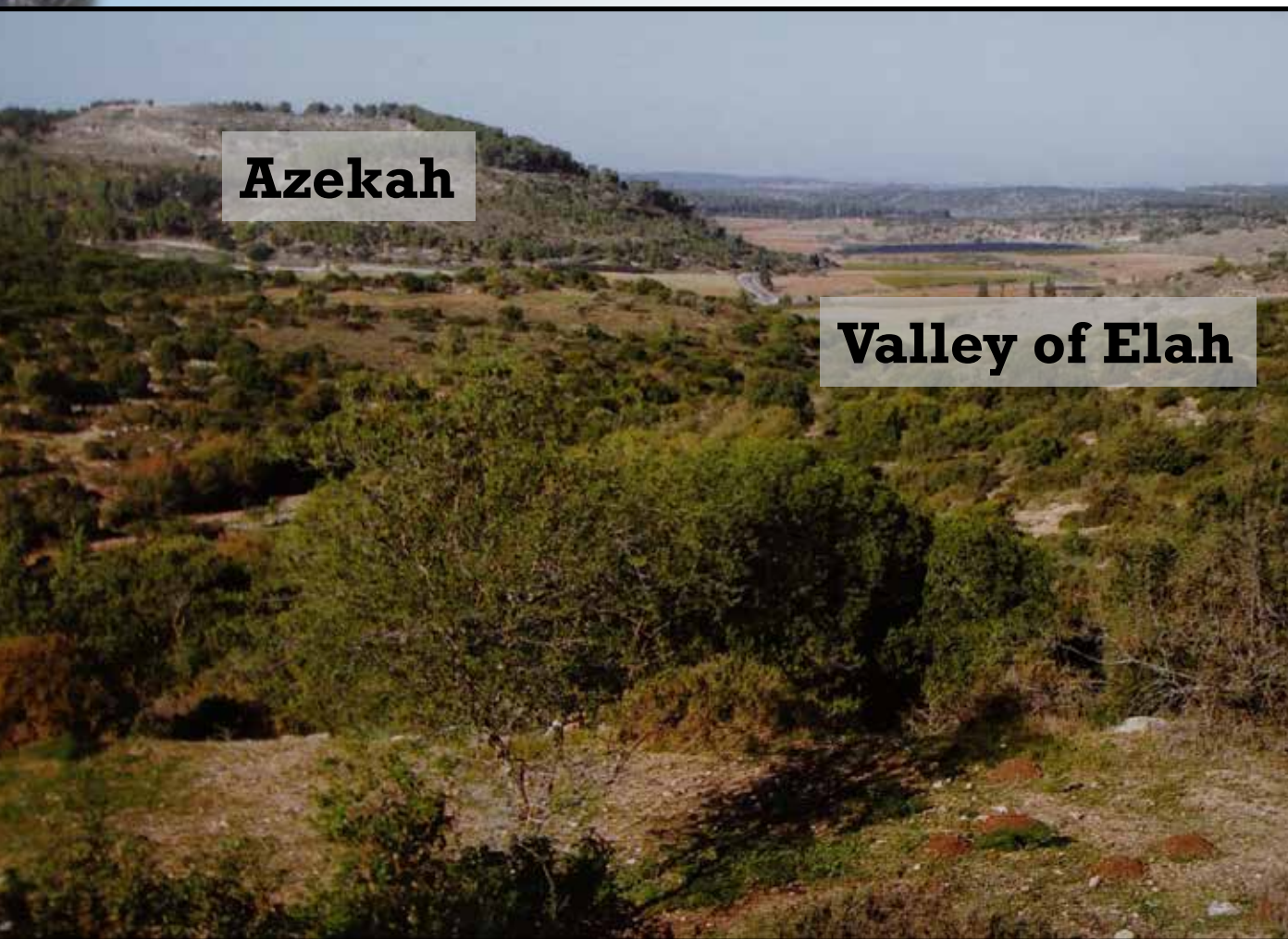
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**Valley of Elah is named after the Terebinth tree, sometimes trans. “oak” and “mighty tree”**

**Terebinth = Greek *terebinthine* species of tree in Valley of Elah origin for word *turpentine***

**Terebinth Tree of Mediterranean was among first sources of *turpentine***

**Tree turpentine used to treat lice, mix with animal fat for chest rub**

**Used in curing hides for leather**

**Lot done under “diviner’s oaks” in Bible**





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**You know what that means**

**Valley of Elah is the**

**Valley of the Turpentine Tree**

**Solvent that kill lice, breaks down fat and oil and helps cure hides**

**HEY ... you ever been to the**

**Valley of Turpentine?**

**Where EVERYTHING breaks down and your hide is rubbed raw?**

***not all that's in the Valley of Elah***

***or Valley of the Turpentine Tree***





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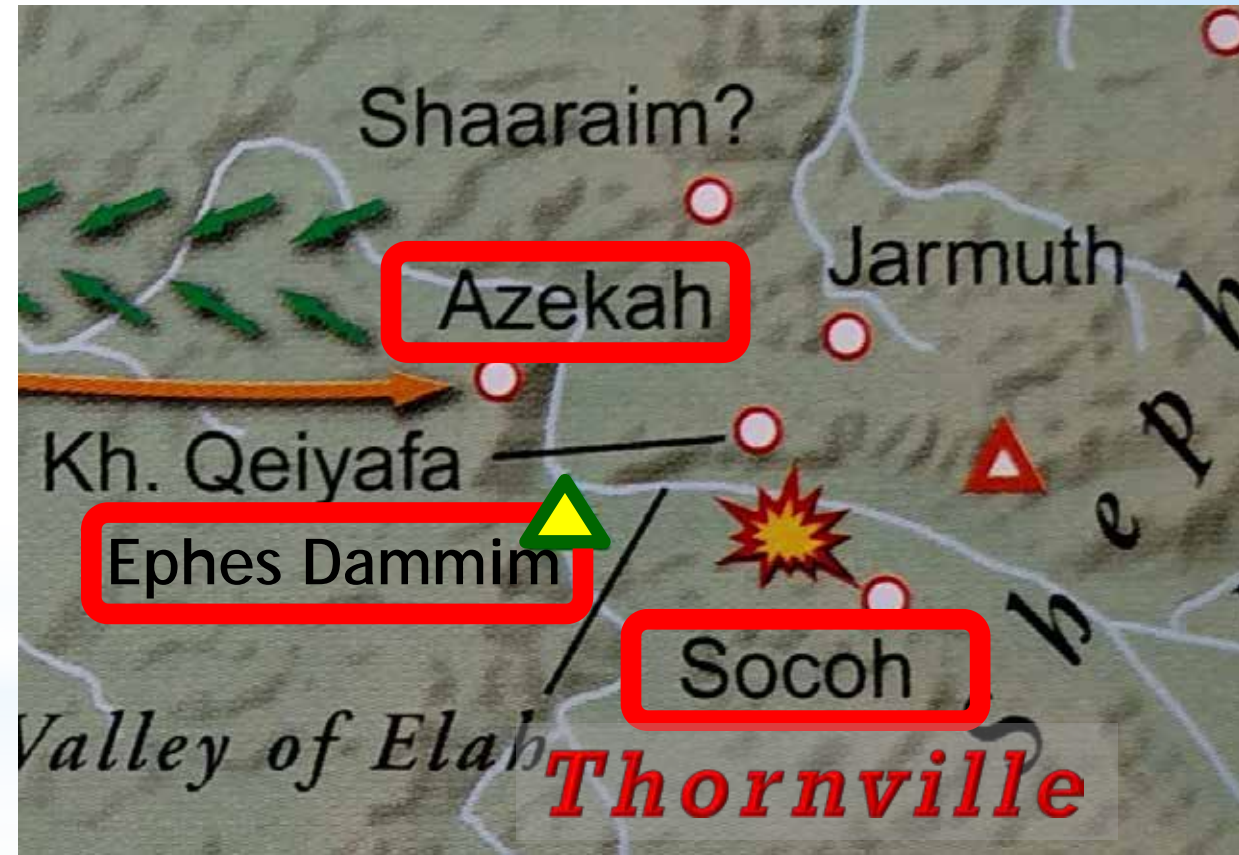
**Ephes Dammim – means  
“end of bloodshed”**

**Socoh – small fortified town  
to defend southern approaches**

***Socoh = “thorns” = Thornville  
every been to THORNVILLE?***

**Azekah = “cultivated ground”**

**Josh. 10:11 – Joshua defeated city  
“LORD hurled large hailstones  
down on them, more died from  
the hail than killed by the swords  
of the Israelites”**





# 1 Samuel Intro

Samuel has passed, gone to his reward  
about 300 yrs after Joshua as David rises

David fights Amalekites  
at Ziglag, as Saul battles  
Philistines at Mt. Gilboa,  
dying there **c. 1010 B.C.**

1 Samuel outlined in **RED**

CANAAN

c. 1336 B.C. Joshua died

Eli, Priest at Shiloh

Samson

Samuel

Saul

David

✕ Aphek Ebenezer

✕ Jabesh Gilead

✕ Amalekites

✕ Mt Gilboa

Ark captured and returned

Mizpah ✕

✕ Micmash

David and Goliath ✕

✕ David at Ziglag

Ark at Kiriath Jearim

Philistine oppression 40 years

c.1021 B.C.

1100 BC

1050 BC

1000 BC

1070 BC

1060 BC

1050 BC

1040 BC

1030 BC

1020 BC

1010 BC

1000 BC

*1 Sam. 1 to 17 ... about 90+ years*

## *17:1-11 Goliath in the Valley of Elah*

Down into the Valley of Elah

### **Valley of the Turpentine Tree**

<sup>4</sup> A champion named **Goliath**,  
from Gath, came out of the  
Philistine camp.

His height was six cubits  
and a span.

**That's about 9' 6" tall!**

**One BIG Man ...**

Armored from head to toe



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## *Ancient Giants Lived*

**Deut. 9:2 – sons of Anak were giants**

**Masoretic Text says Goliath**

**six cubits and a span = 9'6"**

**Near East or Biblical Cubit:**

**elbow to tip of middle finger = 18"**

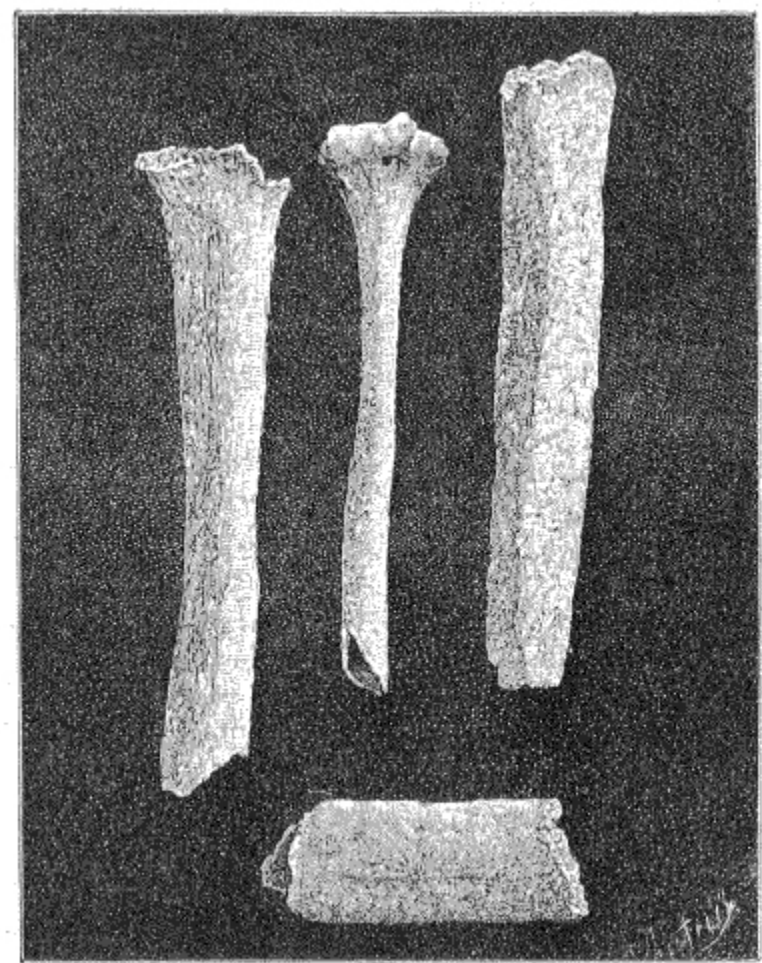
*Egyptian Cubit = about 20.75"*

**LXX – four cubits & a span – 6'6" – *not remarkable***

**based on Greek Cubit, elbow to wrist = approx. 13.6"**

**Neolithic cemetery Castelnau-le-Lez, France  
Georges Vacher de Lapouge found the largest  
human bones to date, est. height of 11'6"**

**published in the *Journal La Nature*, Vol. 18, 1890**



Les trois pièces osseuses attribuées au géant de Castelnau.  
Au milieu, humérus perforé de taille normale.



## *Giants of Our Time*

Wikipedia lists 94 men, 7 women over **7' tall**  
*of those*, 19 men, 1 woman were over **8' tall**

John Middleton, 1578–1623 – **9'3"** – on his grave  
**Here lyeth the bodie of John Middleton,  
the Childe of Hale, nine feet three.**

Middleton had great strength and beat the  
King's champion in wresting ...

Born in Hale, near Liverpool, a lighthouse, a pub,  
few landmarks carry his nickname "**Childe of Hale**"

Gilbert Ireland, the Sheriff of Lancashire, England,  
hired him as a bodyguard





## *Giants of Our Time*

**Robert Wadlow, 1918-40**

**8' 11.1" – 439 lbs**, shoe size 25

**Alton Giant & Giant of Illinois  
Ringling Brothers Circus  
tallest person verified –**

**Guinness Book of World Records**

**Mingming Sun, b. 1983**

**7' 9" - 370 lbs**, size 20 shoes

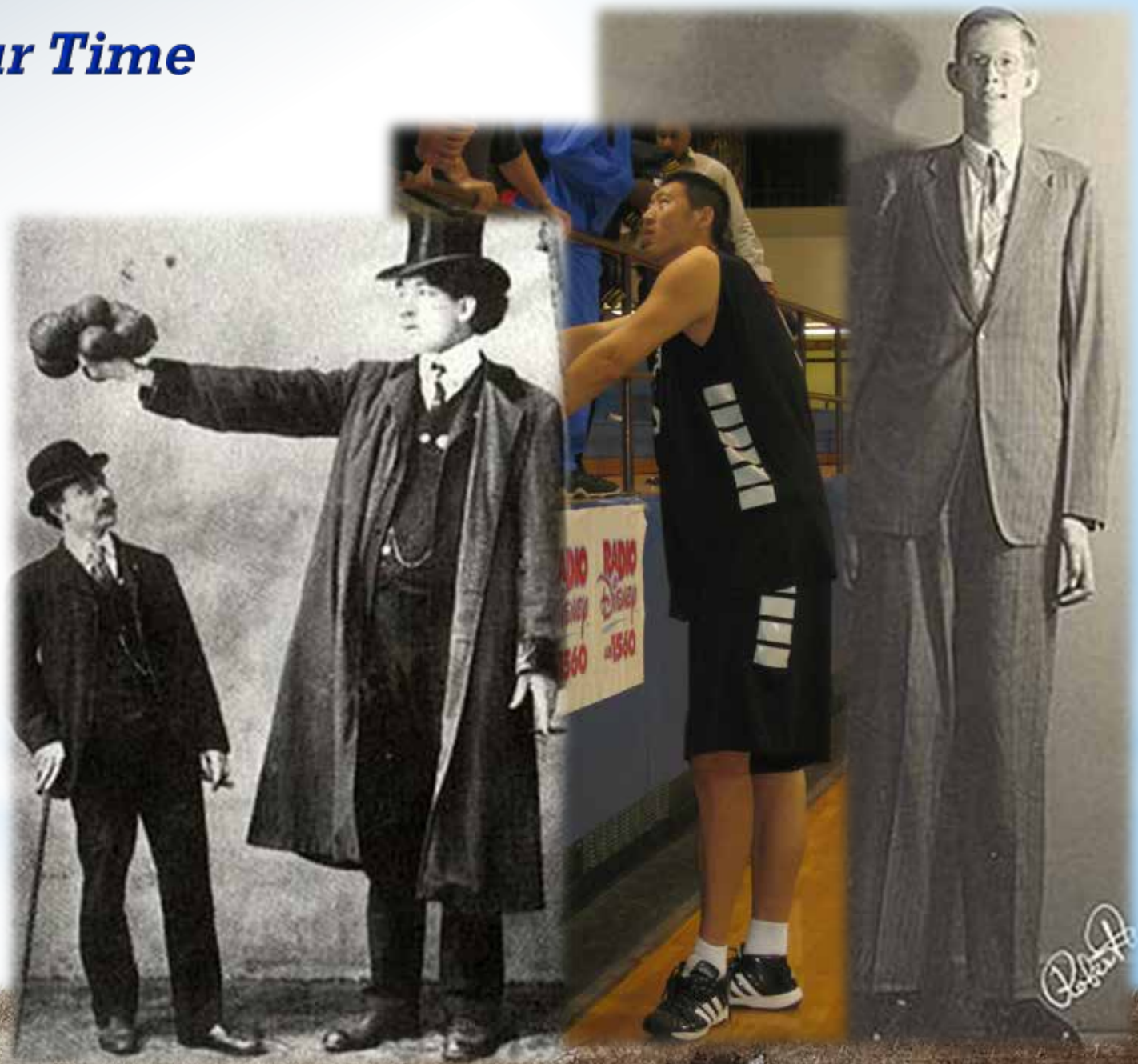
**tallest Chinese basketball player  
plays for Beijing Ducks**

**Édouard Beaupré, 1881-1904**

**7' 8" - 370 lbs**

**wrestler, strongman,**

**Barnum and Bailey's circus**





## ***Giants of Our Time***

**Paul Wright, “Big Show”**

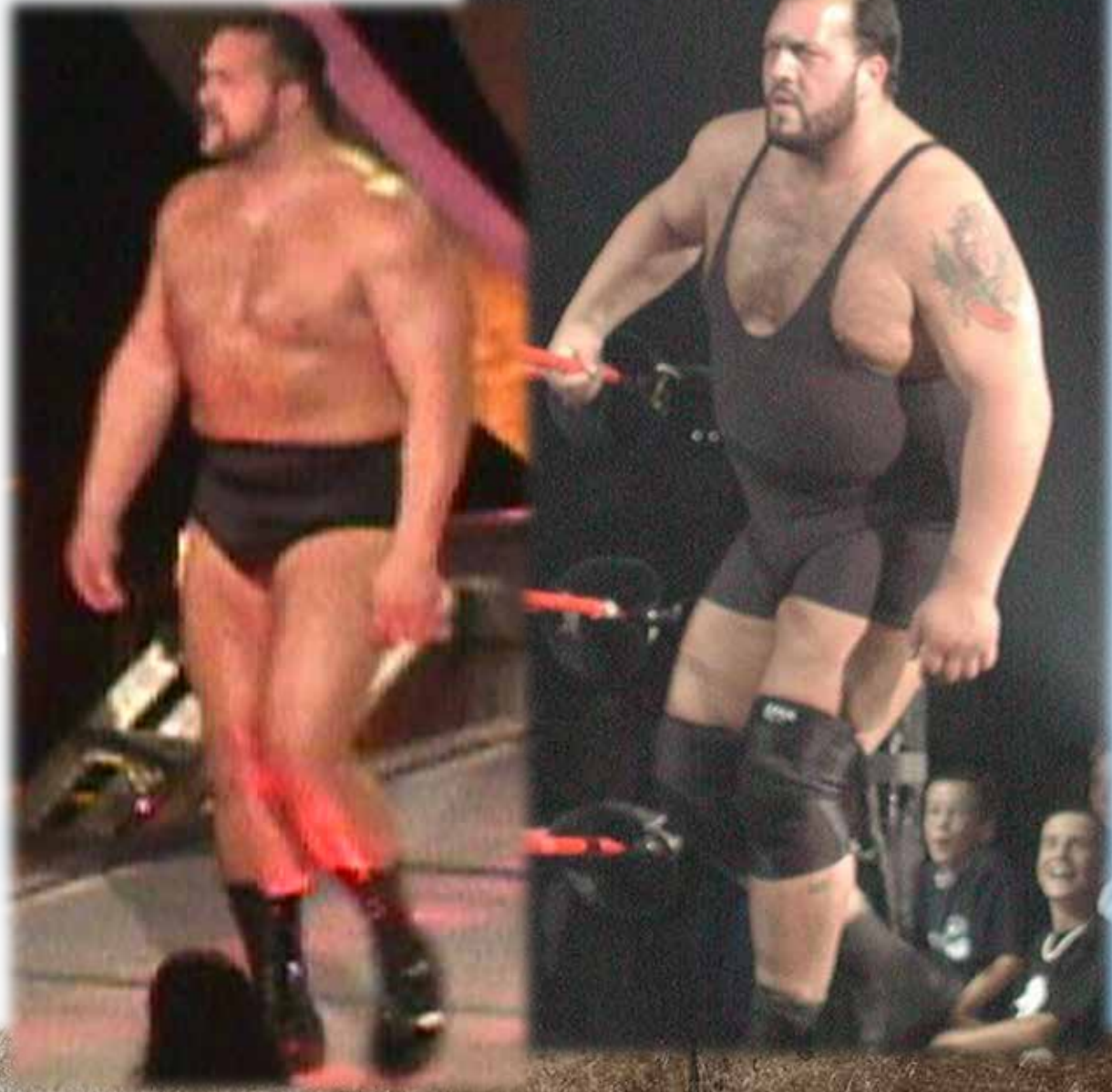
**Professional Wrestler**

**7' – 450 lbs**

**Born USA, 1972**

**Think about David's  
brother Eliab**

**Or  
Jonathan**





## ***Giants of Our Time***

**André the Giant, born in France**

**André René Roussimoff (1946 –1993)**

**7'5" - 520 lbs - Shoe size 24 - Chest 71"**

**Thighs 36" - Wrist 11" - Hand 16"**

**Dédé = nickname growing up**

**Good in math, dropped out to  
work on farm, doing work of  
three men**





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**<sup>4</sup> A champion named Goliath, from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.**

**<sup>5-7</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.**

**Remember: Shekel = about 4/10 of oz.**

**5,000 shekels x 0.4 = 2,000 / 16 oz = 125 lbs Armor**

**600 shekels x 0.4 = 240 / 16 oz = 15 lbs spear head**

**translated = easily 200 lbs of gear**

***NOT counting the shield***



## ***17:1-11 Goliath in the Valley of Elah ... Taunting Israel***

**<sup>8</sup> Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.**

**<sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome ... you will ... serve us.”**

**Likely, NEITHER side was REALLY gonna abide  
by such a deal ... still, made for a good show**

**<sup>10</sup> Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel!  
Give me a man and let us fight each other.”**

**<sup>11</sup> On hearing the Philistine’s words,  
Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.**

**FACT that a Giant taunted & no takers—*HUMILIATING!!!***

***So many AFRAID ... more humiliating!!!***



## ***17:12-31 Shepherd David Arrives, Queries***

**<sup>12-13</sup> David, son of Jesse from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: 1st Eliab, 2nd Abinadab, 3rd Shammah.**

**<sup>14-15</sup> David, youngest, went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.**

**<sup>16</sup> FORTY DAYS Goliath – every morning & evening**

**Why These Times – *Shema Yisrael***

**Centerpiece of the Morning & Evening  
Israel Rituals**

***shortened – Shema ... Deut. 6:4***

**“Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God,  
the LORD is one”**

**Goliath Came During Israel's Devotions**



**Shema**

**Yisrael**

**Shema Yisrael**

**on base of huge Menorah  
at Knesset in Jerusalem**



## *17:12-31 Shepherd David Arrives, Queries*

### ***Shema***

**Torah in Deut. 6:7. – “these words” should be spoken  
“when you **lie down**, and when you **rise up**”**

- 1. Deut. 6:4-9, Love Lord, write on your heart, talk about ... write on door frames**
- 2. Deut. 11:13-21, be faithful, Love Lord; I'll send rain; fix words on heart, tie on hands foreheads; teach to children**
- 3. Num. 15:37-41, make tassels for garments, blue cord, to remember Lord's command; I am the Lord your God**

**Morning & Evening, there were rituals that came before the Shema ... holy time for Israel**

**there came the beast, Goliath, mocking**





## *17:12-31 Shepherd David Arrives, Queries*

<sup>16</sup> **FORTY DAYS** Goliath – every morning & evening

*during Israel's most sacred times*

*remember, no tabernacle at this time, no "Judaism" until after Exile ... when feasts resume with passion*

<sup>17:17-19</sup> Jesse sent David with food to brothers and cheese to their commander

*Nice Touch—giving commander cheese*

Father asked, "See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them."

<sup>20-22</sup> David left food with keeper

<sup>23</sup> As David talked, Goliath ... stepped out and **shouted his usual defiance.**





## ***17:12-31 Shepherd David Arrives, Queries***

**<sup>24</sup> Whenever the Israelites saw Goliath,  
they all fled from him in great fear.**

**<sup>25</sup> King [stressed] will give**

- 1. Great Wealth**
- 2. Daughter**
- 3. Tax Exemption**

**To KILLER of  
Goliath**



**David and Saul  
by Ernst Josephson, 1878**

**You KNOW why – King Saul really,  
*really, r e a l l y* wanted this giant dead, dead!**

**<sup>26-27</sup> David asked, “What will be done for the man who kills this  
Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this ... that  
he should defy the armies of the living God?” They told David.**



## ***17:12-31 Shepherd David Arrives, Queries***

**<sup>28</sup> When David's oldest brother, Eliab heard, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness?"**

***Wow, Goliath was not the ONLY one who despised David!***

**Eliab continued, "I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."**

**<sup>29</sup> "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"**

**<sup>30</sup> David turned to someone else....**

**<sup>31</sup> What David said was reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.**

**Hey, Ol' King, there is ONE willing!**

***another reason why I don't think David was a scrawny kid***





## 17:32-37 Confidence in God – David Takes Challenge

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

### *Good Question*

- \* Know this – Goliath had a reputation
- \* ALL knew who **GOLIATH** was ...
- \* Goliath had been **FIGHTING** ...  
Killing and Maiming **ALL his LIFE**





## 17:32-37 Confidence in God – David Takes Challenge

<sup>34-36</sup> But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ***I went after it,*** struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, ***I seized it by its hair,*** struck it and killed it.

Your servant has killed both the **lion** and the **bear**; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

*Pause – think about that*

*“I went **AFTER** the **LION** ... the **BEAR!**”*





# 17:32-37 Confidence in God – David Takes Challenge

## *“I went **AFTER** the **LION** ... the **BEAR**!”*

Have you been in the  
Valley of the Turpentine Tree?

Have you been to Thornville?

Where everything seems against you?

- ❖ Goliath of **lies** comes fast
- ❖ Goliath of **deceit** and **betrayal** comes heavy
- ❖ Goliath of **danger** knocks mercilessly

... **Valley of Turpentine Trees**  
and **Thornville** ... tough places to be

Goliath comes ... will you go **AFTER** him?





## **17:32-37 Confidence in God – David Takes**

**<sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”**

**Saul said to David,**

**“Go, and the LORD be with you.”**

**No, David was not a scrawny kid.**

**Saul knew men (and his own *YOUNGER* self)**

**David’s brother ... big ... likely not 7 feet**

**David WAS likely similar to a college athlete,  
trim, strong, fast, agile, and could move  
like a gazelle in the hills**

**Michelangelo’s *David*, 1501-04**

**Marble Statue, 17 feet high**





## 17:38-44 False Confidence in Himself – Goliath Talk

<sup>38-39</sup> Saul dressed David in his coat of armor ... he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." **So he took them off.**

<sup>40-41</sup> Then he took his **staff** in his hand, **five smooth** stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his **shepherd's bag** and, with his **sling in his hand**,  
approached the Philistine.

*David went AFTER Goliath ... yeah*

<sup>42</sup> Goliath looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, **glowing** with health and **handsome**, and **he despised him.**













**It's not easy  
facing giants**

**Kids love this**

**One story ADULTS  
know too well –  
*cause life is short***

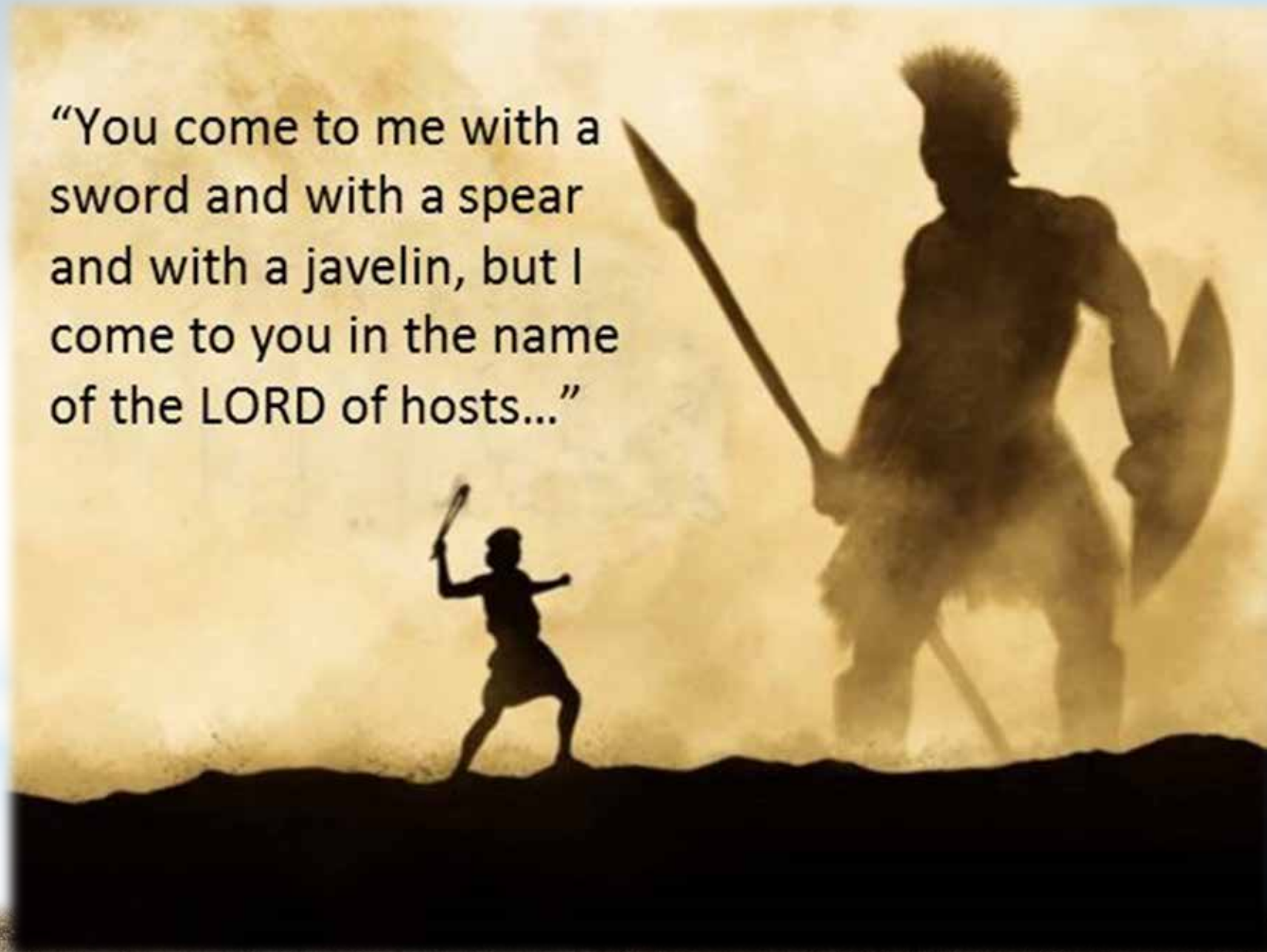
**Real Giants  
are truly ... very  
*scary!***

**only have one life!**

**That is ...**

***Few Real Heroes***

“You come to me with a  
sword and with a spear  
and with a javelin, but I  
come to you in the name  
of the LORD of hosts...”





## 17:38-44 False Confidence in Himself – Goliath Talk

<sup>42</sup> Goliath looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, **glowing** with health and **handsome**, and he **despised** him.

<sup>43-44</sup> He said to David, “Am I a **dog**, that you come at me with **sticks**?” And the Philistine **cursed David** by his gods. “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the **birds** and the **wild animals!**”





## **17:45-50 God's Victory – David Takes**

**<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.**

**<sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.**

**<sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.”**





## **17:45-50 God's Victory – David Takes**

**<sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.**

**<sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.**

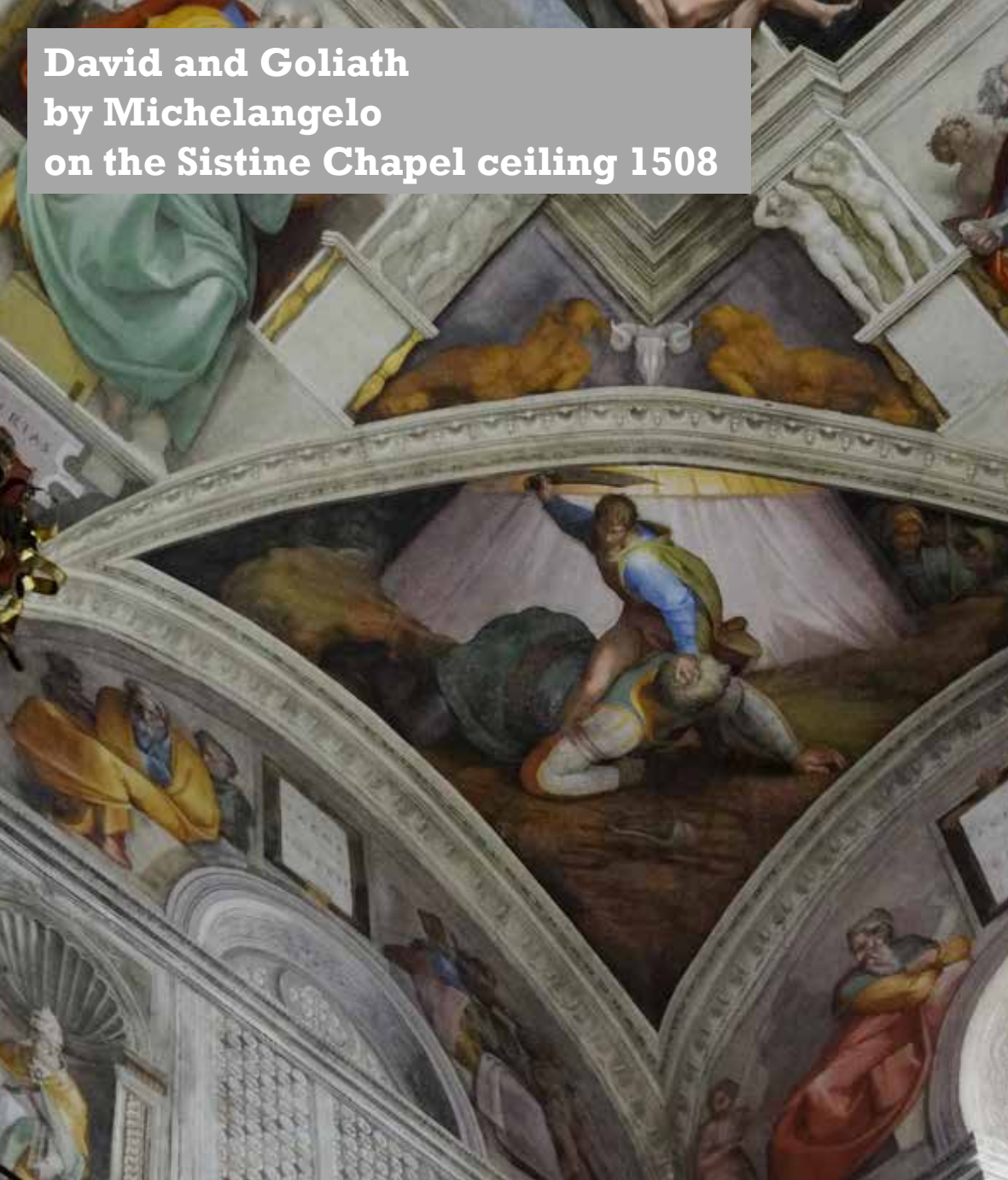
**<sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone;**

**without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.**



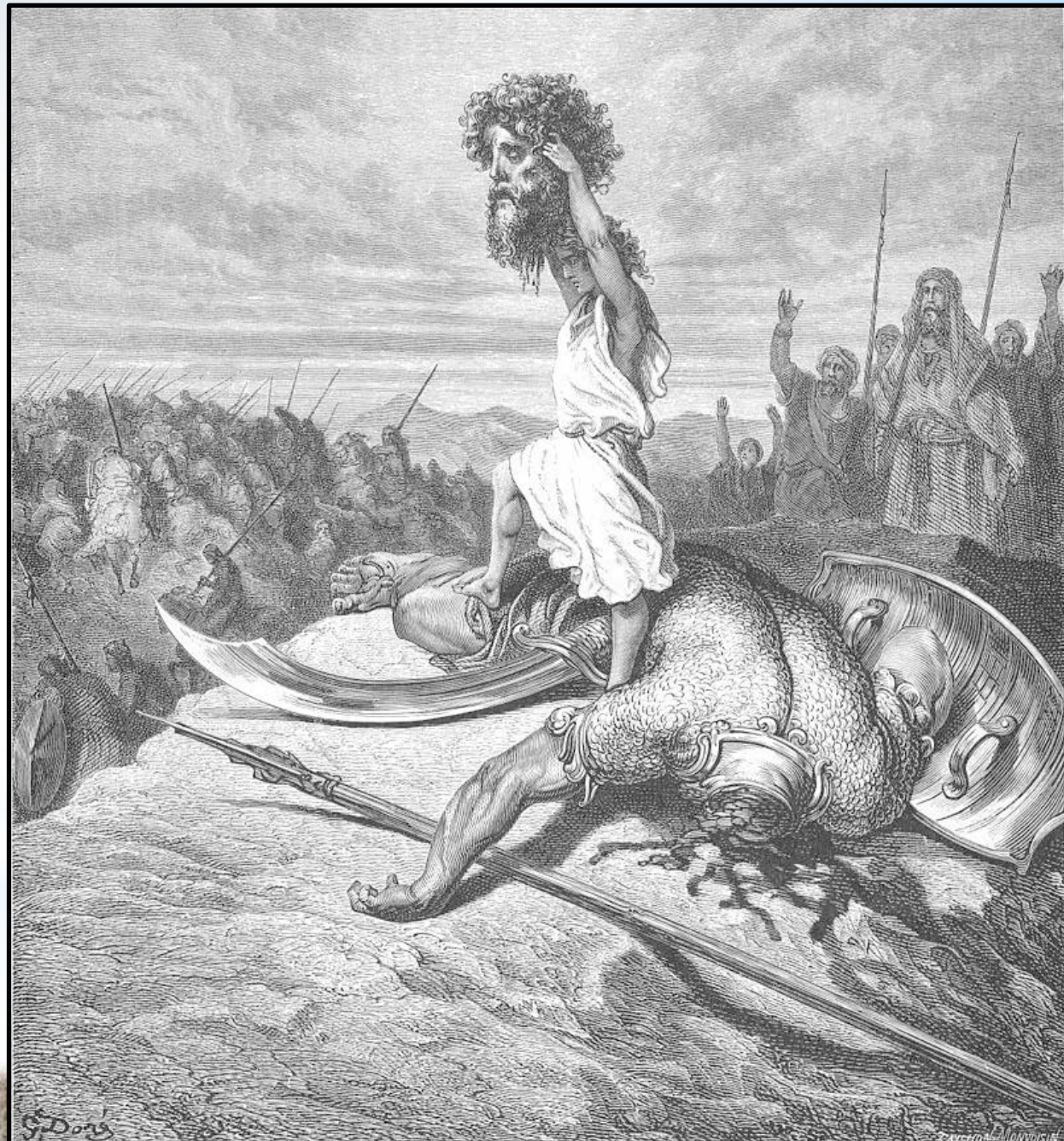


**David and Goliath**  
by Michelangelo  
on the Sistine Chapel ceiling 1508





**David hoists head of Goliath**  
illustrated by Gustave Doré, 1866







**David Presents the Head of Goliath to King Saul, Rembrandt, 1627**



## ***17:51-58 David Kills and Beheads Goliath***

**<sup>51</sup> David ran and stood over Goliath. He took Goliath's sword, drew it from the sheath, and after killing Goliath, *David cut off his head.***

**With Goliath dead, the Philistines ran. Men of Israel ... *pursued* the Philistines to ... Gath, the gates of Ekron.**

**<sup>54</sup> David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem; he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.**

**<sup>55</sup> Saul watched David going ... asked Commander Abner, "Whose son is that young man?" Abner replied, "As you live, Your Majesty, I don't know."**

***Utter Failure of ANY Leader?***

**Failure to Notice the Little Guys and Gals!!**

**In this case, King Saul had forgotten his own musician!**

**Deserving of New Name: *King Saul the Pitiful***



## ***17:51-58 David Kills and Beheads Goliath***

<sup>56</sup> The king said, “Find out whose son this young man is.”

<sup>57</sup> As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with

**David still holding the Philistine's head.**

**Mighty Commander Abner – you know he was grinning  
looking at young David carrying Goliath's head throughout  
the hitherto fore **frightened** army**

**Imagine the sight ... what did his brother Eliab say?**

**What did David say to Eliab – I think David said NOTHING**  
*Nothing is said in the Scripture*

**Eliab *might* have said, “Yeah, that's a-a-h-my-MY brother.”**





## ***17:51-58 David Kills and Beheads Goliath***

<sup>58</sup> **“Whose son are you, young man?” Saul asked him.**

**David said, “I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem.”**

**Unbeknownst to *both* Saul and David**

**David was Saul's Replacement!**

**Yet, all that David said,**

**“I am the son of your servant  
Jesse of Bethlehem.”**

**David remembered his roots, his family**





**16:6-10 God's Criteria – Looks at the HEART**  
**What Criteria Does God Use to Choose?**  
**A Good Heart – What Makes a Good Heart?**

- ✓ Willingness to make **music** for the distressed ... even the king
- ✓ Willingness to go alone against **Giants**
- ✓ **Honesty** to know when someone else's armor does NOT fit
- ✓ Courageous heart to stand **for** God ... *and* **for** God's people
- ✓ Take the head of the enemy home with **HUMILITY**
- ✓ Ability to let one's **ACTS speak** for your character
- ✓ An **absence of pride** ... cause the Battle **IS** the Lord's
- ✓ Remembers his **roots**, his **family** ... where he came from



**We all face “giants” from time to time,  
Be of Good Courage, of a Good Heart, the  
Battle IS the Lord's**

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