

# David: A Man Of Many Giants

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Different men are known for different things
  - 1. Einstein - intellect; Robert Frost – poems; Lincoln - honesty
  - 2. David known for killing a giant
- B. David wore many hats
  - 1. Shepherd, Musician, Singer, Writer, Administrator, Warrior
  - 2. He wore a crown. He was King
- C. Went from being youngest son of Jesse to old and troubled monarch. David's life was a mixture of triumph and tragedy.
- D. Study David's life because he is only man in scripture with epitaph "A man after God's own heart." Acts 13:22

## DISCUSSION

### I. GOLIATH THE GIANT DAVID KILLED 1Sam 17:1ff

- A. There have been many great battles in history.
  - 1. One of the greatest of all took place between giant of Gath and a shepherd boy of Israel.
  - 2. Israel's army was not prepared to face Philistines.
- B. Giant 9 1/2 feet tall; bronze helmet; armor weighed over 200 lbs and spear like a weaver's beam.
  - 1. Goliath looked intimidating; he sounded intimidating; he was intimidating! 1Sam 17:4-10
  - 2. Goliath undisputed champion of world; 1Sam 17:16
- C. Contrast Goliath and David 1Sam 17:13-37
  - 1. David taking provisions to brothers in Saul's army hears of confrontation with Goliath.
  - 2. Saul's men frightened but David reacted differently.
  - 3. David is ridiculed but he remembers who real enemy is and refused to allow his feelings to interfere
  - 4. David is a giant in faith! Most were afraid but David sees Goliath and takes courage 1Sam 17:37
- D. The battle itself was brief but brilliant 1Sam 17:38-52
  - 1. David made known his purpose, not fighting for himself.
  - 2. Stone from David's sling struck Goliath's head. The giant fell, David used giant's sword to sever his head

### II. REVENGE - GIANT CONQUERED BY FAITH 1Sam 24:1-12

- A. Many times Saul tried to kill David. Although he had many opportunities for revenge, David refused.
- B. This taught his men the ways of God 1Sam 24:10-12
  - 1. Revenge one of biggest of all giants we face
  - 2. Christians must forego injuries and practice forgiveness Rom 12:14-21; Matt 5:11,44
  - 3. Another reason David is "a man after God's own heart."

- C. God's people to return good for evil. Revenge can wrap its tentacles around us, and the most kind and patient of men can behave like beasts.

### III. ANGER - GIANT CONQUERED WITH HELP 1Sam 25

- A. Nabal, a wealthy man, benefited by David's fighting men serving as protection from thieves, robbers & wild animals.
  - 1. David ask provisions and Nabal refused.
  - 2. David angry and swore to kill Nabal 1Sam 25:13
  - 3. David lost self-restraint and had murder on his mind.
- B. Abigail, Nabal's wife (a gracious woman) brings supplies & intercedes - David controls his anger 1Sam 25:32,33
- C. David no longer desired to put a sword to Nabal's throat.
  - 1. Controlled his anger in regard to Saul, but with Nabal, he was momentarily overpowered by giant of anger.
  - 2. Pride robs us of God; envy of our neighbors; anger of ourselves. Prov 16:32
- D. David was not perfect but he was devoted
- E. When conflicts arise, restraint shows wisdom Eph 4:26

### IV. LUST - GIANT THAT CONQUERED DAVID 2Sam 11,12

- A. Bathsheba a beautiful woman, passion storms David's flesh and lust overpowers his judgment.
  - 1. Passion can erupt in desire of revenge, love of fame and greed for gold. then God is forgotten.
  - 2. Satan's best weapon is not hatred of God but forgetfulness of God.
- B. Later, Bathsheba being with child which results in David adding murder to this sin
- C. Aftermath of this affair was bitter-tasting for a lifetime.
- D. Nathan courageously says: "Thou art the man!" 2Sam 12:7
  - 1. Nathan's parable illustrates David's sin
  - 2. David's reaction an admission of guilt.
  - 3. He is humbled to the very dust 2Sam 12:13
  - 4. None quicker than godly to acknowledge sin Rom 3:23
  - 5. Nathan's response was to announce forgiveness 2Sam 12:13 God will forgive 1Jhn 1:8,9
- E. The giant that slew David was adultery 2Tim 2:22; 1Cor 6:18-20; Matt 5:28; 1Cor 7:2

## CONCLUSION:

- A. We all face giants.
- B. Moses faced the giant of inferiority Ex 3:1ff
- C. Faithless spies faced giant of the impossible Num 13:27-33
- D. Giants will always be there to rattle foundations of our faith.
- E. We must remember the most formidable giant of all is sin.
- F. We must remember the power of God Rom 1:16; 1Jhn 4:4; 5:4; Rom 8:31