

FACE YOUR GOLIATH'S IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

1 Samuel 17:40,45-46 “. . .he (David) took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine (the Giant Goliath.) Then David said to the Philistine, “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, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head.”

The giant Goliath paralyzed Israel's army. He challenged them to send their best soldier to fight him. Into this situation walked the teenager David, sent by his father with provisions for his brothers. David was dumbstruck when he learned no one was willing to fight Goliath. David stepped forward to volunteer. David said to King Saul who tried to discourage him, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” (1 Samuel 17:37)

Goliath “disdained David, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” (1 Samuel 17:42-43) David's answer to Goliath, “I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head.” (1 Samuel 17:45-46) David's God Yahweh delivered him from “the paw of the lion, the paw of the bear” and the giant Goliath.

We all have had Goliath's in our lives or perhaps you are facing one at this moment. Your Goliath may be the Devil who challenges your faith in God. It may be a person who totally intimidates you. Or, you may have just received a medical report from your doctor telling you of a fatal or debilitating illness for which there is no known medicine or surgery.

FACE YOUR GOLIATH'S IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! Jesus not only defeated your adversary the Devil for you, but also gives you the strength to face the other Goliath's that come into your life. St. Paul said, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13) YOU also can do all things through Him (Jesus) who strengthens you.

Prayer: O Lord, grant me the gift of faith like that which You gave David and St. Paul through which I can confidently face the Goliath's that come into my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious,
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us.
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot over-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!
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