

The Man After God's Own Heart

A Legend Begins

1 Samuel 17.41-47

It was not killing Goliath that made David a legend. It was his faith in a Lord he honored all his life.

What Matters Most

41 Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. **42** When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance.

43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. **44** The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field."

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and 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 taunted.

46 This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, **47** and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands.

The honor of God mattered more to David than David's own life.

Don't look at David and Goliath from the perspective of David. Look at them from the perspective of God, like David did.

There is a world in opposition to God

A world in opposition to God will act in opposition to followers of God

We confront and challenge that world in faith

We confront and challenge that world in the name of the Lord

We are to honor God in life