



**Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary**

**Lesson-3: David &
Goliath**

Date:

24 July 2022
(Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary

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(1) The Philistines assembled their army at Socoh. Saul assembled his army at the Valley of Elah.

(2) The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites occupied another. The Valley of Elah was between the 2 armies.

(1 Sam 17:1-3)



(3) Goliath's challenge to the Israelites. (1 Sam 17:4-11) (Six cubits and a span= Almost 3 metres. 5,000 shekels = about 57kg)

(4) David brought food to his brothers at the battle and also tended to the sheep. (1 Sam 17:13-19)

(5) Goliath shouted and the Israelites ran in great fear. David was unperturbed. (1 Sam 17:20-27)

(6) Eliab's accusation of David (1 Sam 17: 28-30)

Eliab's accusation	Comments
(1) "Why camest thou down hither?"	Eliab alluded to David's mischievous purpose for coming to the battle lines. Eliab alluded to David's irresponsibility for having left tending to the sheep.
(2) "And with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness?"	
(3) "I know thy pride,"	Eliab alluded to David being proud.
(2) "And the naughtiness of thine heart;	Eliab alluded to David's mischief.
(3) "For thou art come down that thou mightiest see the battle."	Eliab accused David of coming to see the battle and not for any good reason.

(7) David's reason for going to the battle ground:

The father, Jesse, instructed David to:

- (a) Bring food to his brothers and commander at the battle ground.
- (b) Bring back news of them.

(1 Sam 17:17-19)

(8) Spiritual Lessons

(a) Our bias – Like Eliab, we may have our bias against the:

- youngest,
- weakest,
- junior.

(b) Our failure to ascertain facts before we make a judgment.

(c) Obtain fresh perspectives from my students.



Source: <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/david-and-goliath-on-the-modern-state-of-israel/>

David & Goliath

(9) David met Saul. After much persuasion, Saul agreed for David to fight Goliath. (1 Sam 17:32-40)

(10) Goliath belittled David in the battlefield.(1 Sam 17: 41-44)

(11) David's response in the name of God. (1 Sam 17:45-47)

Goliath's belittling	David's response	Comments
<p>(a) Goliath saw that <u>David was only a boy</u>. Goliath despised David.</p> <p>(b) "Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks."</p> <p>(1 Sam 17:42-44)</p>	<p>(a) "...I come to you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."</p> <p>(b) "This day the Lord will hand you over to me..."</p> <p>(c) "I will give the carcasses of the Philistines army to the birds of the air...and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel."</p> <p>(d) (1 Sam 17:45-47)</p>	<p>(a) David had <u>great faith</u> in the Lord.</p> <p>(b) Despite a strong opponent, David was unafraid.</p>

Goliath's belittling	David's response	Comments
<p>(c) “ I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and beasts of the field.” (1 Sam 17:42-44)</p>	<p>(d) <u>“All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword and spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give all of you into our hands.”</u> (1 Sam 17:45-47)</p>	<p>(a) David had great faith in the Lord. (b) Despite a strong opponent, David was unafraid.</p>

(12) David defeated Goliath. (1 Sam 17:48-54)

(13) View video: Saul & David 1964: 15:42-18:40

Viewers are cautioned of inaccuracies in the video.

Source: Saul and David (1964) | Full Movie | Norman Wooland | Gianni Garko | Luz Márquez

Observe:

(a) Goliath's belittling of David

(b) David's brave response in the name of the Lord

(14) Spiritual Lesson

Bias against David	Spiritual Lessons
<p>(i) Jesse did not parade David among his sons before Samuel. (1 Sam 16:11)</p> <p>(ii) Eliab mocked David for being proud in coming to the battlefield to be entertained. (1 Sam 17:28)</p> <p>(iii) Saul told David that he could not fight Goliath as he was only a boy. (1 Sam 17: 33)</p>	<p>(i) The world looks at appearance: If you look good and sound good, then you are good.</p> <p>(ii) God looks at the heart and chose David.</p> <p>(iii) Due to our lack of good appearance, we may be overlooked by the world. But,</p> <p><i>“if God is for us, who can be against us?”</i> (Romans 8:31)</p>

Bias against David	Spiritual Lessons
<p>(i) Goliath saw that David was only a boy, and despised him. (1 Sam 17:42)</p>	<p>David sought God's glory. He won the battle in God's name. (1 Sam 17:45).</p> <p>We must also seek God's glory. Approach the problem in God's name and for His glory, not our own glory.</p> <p>1 Sam 17:46</p>

(a) Be a David:

- Despite being overlooked by the world, be faithful in the Lord. The Lord vindicates us, just as He vindicated little David.

(b) Don't be a Goliath

- Bias against David
- Bully
- No fear of God
- Relying on his own strength, strong as he may be.

(c) Who or what is our Goliath?

- (i) Boss
- (ii) Colleague
- (iii) Staff
- (iv) Family
- (v) Friends
- (vi) Competitor company
- (vii) illness, demotion and other setbacks
- (viii) Etc...

(d) How to overcome our Goliath?

(i) Boss- God's will to leave or stay on

(ii) Colleague – God's will to report to the boss if colleague uses bad practices.

(iii) Staff – God's will to discipline the staff.

(iv) Family and friends – fervent prayer for God to relieve the distress.

In groups of 2 to 4 persons:

(a) Share your “Goliath” and how to overcome.