



Notes: 1. Introduction

- a. Samuel the prophet anoints David as next king of Israel - 1 Sam 16:13
- b. David brought into King Saul's household as harpist - 1 Sam 16:23
- c. David still went home occasionally to tend his father's sheep - 1 Sam 17:15
- d. 1 Tim 2:7 God has given spirit of power, love, & sound mind
 - spirit of God came upon David
 - Saul's servants noticed that God was with David - 1 Sam 16:18
- e. Fear among people today - Covid, crime, personal fears (heights, etc.), economic
- f. Phrase "fear not" 381 times in Bible

2. Fear paralyzed Israel

- a. Both armies in valley of Elah
- b. Philistine army's champion
 - Goliath from Gath - 1 Sam 17:4-7
 - 6 1/2 cubits tall
 - spear had iron spear tip head
 - Bronze Age armor
- c. No Israelite wanted to fight Philistine champion - 1 Sam 17:11



3. Faith has potential & power
- David was shepherd & king's harpist
 - David back home when armies clashed
 - Jesse (old father) sent David with food supplies for his 3 oldest sons
 - x 1 Sam 17:12-14, 17-18
 - David hears Goliath's words - 1 Sam 17:23
 - David considered Goliath against God's armies - 1 Sam 17:26
 - David volunteers to fight Goliath
 - 1 Sam 17:32

4. Path to Victory

- Saul doubts David's ability to fight
- David describes killing a bear & a lion protecting flock of sheep
- ~~David expresses confidence in past~~
 - David believed that God had delivered him from the paws of the bear & lion
 - David believed that God would also deliver him from the hand of Goliath
 - 1 Sam 17:37 David's belief in God
 - x God has ability & power to deliver
 - Saul tried to put his royal armor on David - 1 Sam 17:38-39
 - But David instead used what he was familiar with - 1 Sam 17:40
 - x shepherd's sling & 5 smooth stones

d. Confidence in God

- David meets Goliath in field of battle
 - x David announces that he comes of the Lord of Hosts
 - * 1 Sam 17:45-47 the battle belongs to the Lord
 - David used his shepherd's sling to sink stone into Goliath's forehead
 - David also cut off Goliath's head with Goliath's sword

5. Conclusion

- God chose David over Saul because of David's heart - see 1 Sam 16:7
- David delighted in God
- Read David's psalms to see his heart