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VANQUISHING THE ENEMY

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I Samuel 17:1-11

Introduction

This giant in all his magnificence seemed absolutely beyond defeat. He was irrepressible in his arrogance; for forty days he appeared, day by day uttering his challenge to battle and defiance to the people of God. It is a pathetic scene. On the one side of the valley are the enemies of the Israel, the Philistines. On the other side are the covenant people of God, the Israelites. The Philistines are cursing God's people while God's people are cowering in fear.

Romans 15:4 *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

1. The Giant

His Description I Samuel 17:4-7

"Goliath in all his impressiveness – there could scarcely be a more striking picture of Satan and his power"

His Defiance I Samuel 17:8-10, 25,26

Every city, every nation, every culture has a champion like Goliath—One who stands up for all that is an affront to God and God's people. It has been that way since the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:1-4 *Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?... And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

"A colossal giant , far too strong for any of us to attack"

2. The Shepherd

Goliath suggests that the whole issue should be settled by a representative from each side. **Note:** vs. 8,9

His Description

Sanctified by the Spirit I Samuel 16:13

Sent by his Father vs. 17

Scorned by his brethren vs. 28

Strengthened by past experiences vs. 34,35

Sustained by the Word of God vs.45,47

Successful by faith and faith alone vs. 37

His Depiction

Jesus was sanctified by the Spirit Matt. 3:17

Jesus was sent by His Father I John 4:14

Jesus was scorned by His brethren John 1:11

Jesus was strengthened by past experiences Matt. 4:1-11

Jesus was strengthened by the Word of God Matt. 4:1-11

Jesus was successful by faith Luke 22:42

Key Point- Just as David's victory was Israel's victory – Christ's victory is our victory. vs. 48-52

I Samuel 18:1-4 is the key to appropriating the victory that Christ has provided. As Jonathan identified with David and submitted himself to him , we to must by faith identify with Christ and submit ourselves to him by faith!