

David and Goliath
1 Samuel 16:12-13
1 Samuel 17:31-54

I. Intro

- A. Series: Bible Stories
- B. Theme for the month: God's Anointing
- C. We cannot work hard enough to overcome a lack of God's anointing.
- D. We cannot work hard enough to deserve God's anointing.
- E. We cannot accomplish God's mission without God's anointing
- F. So, What is God's Anointing?
 - 1. Kings, priests, and prophets were anointed outwardly with oil to symbolize a more profound spiritual reality—that God's presence was with them and His favor was upon them (Psalm 20:6; 28:8).
 - 2. While David was still a young shepherd, God told Samuel to anoint him to become king over Israel (1 Samuel 16:3). From that day forward, the Spirit of the Lord rested powerfully upon David's life (1 Samuel 16:13; Psalm 89:20).
 - 3. Centuries before David's time, the Lord had instructed Moses to consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve as priests (Exodus 28:41; 30:30; Leviticus 8:30; 10:7). God authenticated their priestly ministry with the fiery glory of His presence that consumed their offerings. Holy items, including the tabernacle itself, were also set apart or consecrated by anointing for use in worship and sacrificial ceremonies (Genesis 28:18; Exodus 30:26–29; 40:9–11).
 - 4. The Bible contains a literal reference to a prophet's anointing when the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16). It also includes metaphorical references to anointing to indicate that prophets were empowered and protected by the Spirit of the Lord to perform their calling (1 Chronicles 16:22; Psalm 105:15).
- G. What is anointing in the New Testament?
 - 1. There is also a sense in which Christians today are anointed.
 - 2. Through Jesus Christ, believers receive "an anointing from the Holy One" (1 John 2:20). This anointing is not expressed in an outward ceremony but through sharing in the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11).
 - 3. At the moment of salvation, believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and joined to Christ, the Anointed One. As a result, we partake of His anointing (2 Corinthians 1:21–22).
 - 4. According to one scholar, this anointing "expresses the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit upon Christians who are priests and kings unto God" (Smith, W., "Anointing," Smith's Bible Dictionary, revised ed., Thomas Nelson, 2004).
- H. Spiritual Logic:
 - 1. We do not face a battle that is not spiritual at its root.
 - 2. You will never win a spiritual battle in the power of the flesh.
 - 3. If all battles are spiritual, and no spiritual battles are won in the flesh, then we have to learn to do battle in the spiritual realm.
- I. David shows us what this looks like:
 - 1. Spiritual battle
 - 2. Not won in the power of the flesh
 - 3. But won by the power of God seen through obedience

II. Text

- A. David Anointed: 1 Samuel 16:12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

- B. David and Goliath
 1. 17:31-37 David had great courage
 2. 17:38-40 David declines the armor of men
 3. 17:41-47 Goliath mocks David and the army
 4. 17:48-49 David runs to danger, slings the stone
 5. 17:50-54 David kills Goliath

III. Points

- A. It's not the size of the boy in the fight
 1. Its not the size of the boy in the fight, but the power of God in the Boy
 2. Don't make this story about David's ability to sling stones, or to pick the right stones, this battle was won because God is powerful!
 3. God's anointing was on David, David was an instrument in the hands of the master
 4. In the valley of this battle, the hillsides were full of warriors, the battlefield was between them.
 5. They would meet in battle with the advantage going to the side with the most power
 6. The power seemed to rest on the larger army with the giant champion, but the Army of Israel had a champion of their own
 - a) That champion was not David!
 - b) That champion was alright God!
- B. The Battle is the Lord's
 1. We all face battles, but not all seem to be giants
 2. All battles are spiritual at the root.
 3. All spiritual battles need a spiritual solution, and if all battles are spiritual at the root, all battles will be won spiritually.
 4. The battle is the Lord's no matter how powerful you think you are.
 5. We are in a battle:
 - a) A battle for our homes
 - b) A battle for our children
 - c) A battle for our faith
 - d) A battle for our church
 - e) This battle is ongoing, and can only be won by the power of God.
 6. How?
 - a) Surrender to Him
 - b) Serve Him
 - c) Stay in the fight
 - d) Be a part of the army, but you are not the whole army
 - e) Do not be discouraged!
 7. What did David have to offer?
 - a) Only himself as a tool in the hands of the master
 - b) Only his devotion to the Lord's will and plan
- C. In the Name of the Lord of Hosts
 1. Whatever we do, we shall do so in the name of the Lord of Hosts.
 2. We do not attempt to reach this world with the hope we can provide, we reach this world with the hope of Christ
 3. The name of the Lord of Hosts is our banner and our shield:
 - a) Jehovah Nissi: The Lord our Banner:
 - (1) Like a flag flying to represent a country, the banner of the Lord marks us, and marks the claim God has made on us.
 - (2) Exodus 17:8-16 tells the story of Moses calling God Jehovah Nissi.
 - (a) Israel is battling Amelek
 - (b) Moses prays with help keeping his hands raised
 - (c) Hands go down, battle turns toward Amelek
 - (d) Hands raised in prayer, battle turns toward Israel

- (3) Psalm 3:3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- (4) Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

IV. Close

- A. How do you fight with the courage and results of DAVID?
- B. By faith, by God's power, because He lives in you.
- C. We do not face a spiritual battle that can be won in the power of the flesh.

1 Samuel 17:31 When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, 35 I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. 36 Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 And David said, "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." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

38 Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, 39 and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. 40 Then he 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.

41 And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. 42 And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. 43 And 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 said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." 45 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. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to 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 saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

48 When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 52 And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath[f] and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. 53 And the people of Israel came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. 54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.