

“FIGHTING LIFE’S GIANTS” I SAMUEL 17

Israel’s fear and panic before a defiant giant (17:1-11).

- *Fear dominates a 40 day ordeal with the giant (“fear” in 17:11, 24)
- *Goliath’s size accented: 9’9”; 125 lbs. of armor, spear tip = 15 lbs.
See 16:7. Giants: Deut. 9:2, Num. 13:33, Josh. 11:22, 1 Ch. 20:5,6
- *Goliath’s arrogant reproaches are accented (6x in 10,25,26,35,45)
- *Who should have fought this guy? _____ Consider 10:23,24, 16:7
- *In 16 Saul’s sanity was at stake; now it’s what? Solution = ?

David faithfully serves the soldiers (17:12-30).

- *David is busy providing food w/no thought of him doing battle.
- *David’s angry response to Goliath recalls whom? 11:1-7
Fear was an Israelite no-no: Deut. 20:1-4, Num. 14:9, Josh. 10:8
- *David’s courage is misinterpreted by three people here. Who?

David’s faith moves him to fight the giant (17:31-40).

- *David rejects criticism of himself. Goliath = another beast to strike.
- *David rejects armor (technology will not save the day)
- *Note how David’s speeches are so theologically loaded each time.

Philistines flee in panic after David kills a defiant giant (17:41-58).

- *David prophesies of his coming victory to show who fights for Israel.
- *David kills Goliath w/a slingshot (Jdgs. 20:16) =120 mph bean ball
- *Saul’s odd confusion over David (55, 58) stems from 17:15.