

Where Eagles Dare



Hunting Giants Xtreme Survival Guide

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The testimony of David the teenage shepherd boy slaying the warrior giant Goliath is very well known among Christians and non-Christians alike. A brief review of **1 Samuel 17: 1-58** shows David, a physically small, unskilled in war, shepherd boy bringing food to his brothers that are with Saul, the king of Israel and an army that are facing the Philistine army.

Before David arrived, these armies faced each other for 40 days.

Twice a day for 40 days Goliath, the Philistine champion, taunted Saul and his army to send one man to fight him to determine the outcome of the war; the losers would be servants of the victors.

Saul and his army were **“greatly afraid”** (v. 11).

After all the miracles, signs and wonders that Israel had experienced with God in their history, they stood there shivering in fear for 40DAYS!

David inquired, **“Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”** (v.26) He couldn't understand why anyone hadn't done anything yet. The king heard about what David said and sent for him. **“And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine”** (v. 32).

Saul questioned David's age and lack of combat skills compared to Goliath. David responded that he had hunted down a lion, delivered a sheep it had taken, grabbed the lion by its beard and killed it. He did the same with a bear. Saul then offered David his armor and sword which he refused as they didn't feel right (v. 38-39).

David took his staff, five smooth stones, and his sling and went out to confront the giant.

Goliath must have been a sight to behold at 13' 4" (4 metres) tall (v.4), weighing probably 400-600 lbs. (180-270 kilos) with an additional several hundred pounds of body armor.



Goliath scoffed at David being the champion that Israel sent against him. David's response is that he announces out loud to the giant and all to hear what will be done to him.

“⁴⁵Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

⁴⁶This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands (v. 45-47).

David ran to the giant and slung a stone at him that struck Goliath's forehead. David then ran up to cut off his head which killed him. The Philistine army ran away; the Israeli army ran after them, chased them off and took their spoils. A lot of running going on eh!

So what can we take from all of this that we can learn as Christians facing giants?

1. Christians, like Israelites here, usually shiver in fear when faced with a giant (i.e. cancer, loss of job, principalities, evil powers, witches, spiritually dead Christians that attack them, etc.) (v. 11).
2. Christians, like the Israelis, have weapons and armor they rely on to go to war, but do nothing (v. 16) or it can be unnecessary armor that they think they need or they think will save them (i.e. religion, works).
3. When Christian leaders, like Saul, are inept or cowards, they set spiritually weak examples for others.
4. God will use Christian children to lead the fight to take down giants, when adults refuse.
5. Physical size, numbers and weaponry against one with God can't prevail.
6. Announce out loud knowing what God does to giants (v. 45-47).
7. Hunt down giants and take back what they've taken (v. 34-37) and destroy them.
8. Run toward giants when you see them and destroy them (v. 48-51).
9. Our weaponry is God, not swords, spears or shields (which are weapons of the world/religion) (v. 47).
10. Run after fleeing enemies of God (v. 52).
11. Take the enemies wealth/spoils (v. 53).
12. All glory goes to God, as the battle is the Lord's (v. 47).

If every Christian could adopt and apply what this one testimony teaches, they would have a miraculous and victorious life and this would be a different world we live in! But most will not. Most sit passively in their pews listening to another routine and scripted speech from a non-spiritually gifted leader, like the Israelites and Saul, shivering in their boots when faced with giants. Don't settle for a social club.

Many decades later when David was about 60, he was in a war that had 4 more giants... ⁴⁵Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. ⁴⁶And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. ⁴⁷But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel. ⁴⁸And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant.⁴⁹And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. ⁵⁰And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. ⁵¹And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him. ⁵²These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants." **2 Samuel 21:15-22**

We see that 4 of David's mighty men took over from an old and tired David to slay these 4 giants. David had taught them well, along with many other mighty men of God, that they can bravely step out with God to defeat any enemy. We've noticed the same in our ministry, where those who in the past were ignorant of their abilities as a child of God, shook off their scales and chains to now hunt down giants for the Lord! Which includes children! You are true Conquerors of God and I'm very pleased to be your brother in Christ!

Refuse to be weak, scared and do-nothing Christians being taunted at by the giants of satan and this world. Hunt them down with God, run after them when you see them, destroy them and take their spoils! Good Hunting!