

## SEEKING A LIFE WITH A HEART FOR GOD—3

### *“The Challenge of a Champion”*

1 Samuel 17:1-58

Introduction. Just a quick reminder of the outline of David’s biography:

- I. Section #1—David’s \_\_\_\_\_ [1 Samuel 16—31].
- II. Section #2—David’s \_\_\_\_\_ [2 Samuel 1—10].
- III. Section #3—David’s \_\_\_\_\_ [2 Samuel 11—20]

This entire chapter is devoted to David as he meets Goliath in the valley of Elah.

#### **I. FIRST, IN COLLECTING INFORMATION HERE IN THIS CHAPTER, A \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE GIANT IS GIVEN [1 Samuel 17:1-11].**

- A. First, notice the \_\_\_\_\_ or setting [17:1].
- B. Secondly, note the \_\_\_\_\_ or source of the giant [17:2-4a].
- C. Thirdly, consider the \_\_\_\_\_ or size of the giant [17:4b-7].
- D. Fourthly, hear the \_\_\_\_\_ or statements of the giant [17:8-10, 16, 23].
- E. Fifthly, observe the \_\_\_\_\_ or success of the giant [17:10-11, 24].

#### **II. SECONDLY, IN COLLATING THE INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT, A \_\_\_\_\_ IS DISCOVERED [1 Samuel 17:23-30].**

LOOK AT A TWO-FOLD QUESTION HERE:

- A. Why the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ fight the giant?
  1. First, they were \_\_\_\_\_ with unreal fear [17:23-30].
  2. Secondly, they were \_\_\_\_\_ with unsettled confidence.
  3. Thirdly, they were \_\_\_\_\_ by unmentioned prayerlessness.
- B. Why \_\_\_\_\_ David fight Goliath?
  1. First, because while the Israelites had thoughts of present \_\_\_\_\_, he had remembrance of past \_\_\_\_\_. [17:34-36].
  2. Secondly, because while the Israelites were \_\_\_\_\_ by safety, David was \_\_\_\_\_ by God’s power.
  3. Thirdly, because while the Israelites were concerned about personal \_\_\_\_\_, David was concerned about personal \_\_\_\_\_.

**I. THIRDLY, IN CRYSTALLIZING THE INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT, A DEFEAT IS DISPLAYED [1 Samuel 17:31-54].**

- A. First, notice that David defeats the enemy by courage [17:31-37a].
- B. Secondly, note that David drubs the enemy by conviction [17:37b-40].
- C. Thirdly, consider how David demolishes the enemy by confidence [17:41-54]].

**CONCLUSION:** Now look at a couple of applications to this message:

- 1. First, when the Lord calls you to do something, be as well prepared as possible [1 Samuel 17:40].**
- 2. Secondly, when the Lord had provided victory in your life, always protect the memory of it. [1 Samuel 17:53-54].**