

**I. Introduction and review.**

**II. The combatants make their speeches. v. 41-47**

**A. Goliath, full of self-confidence, engages in ‘trash talk’. v. 41-44 Gen. 12:3**

1. He arrogantly mocks David. v. 41-43a
2. He curses David (the LORD’s anointed) by his gods -- which again moves the confrontation into the theological realm. v. 43b Ps. 2:2f 79:1-6 Ec. 6:3 I Ki. 21:23
3. Goliath’s arrogance invites the LORD’s judgment. Js. 4:6 I Pe. 5:5 Pr. 16:18 Ps. 2:4ff 79:5ff
4. Application: Watch your language (and your attitude)!

**B. David also speaks boldly, with full confidence in the LORD. v. 45-47**

1. David clearly defines what is at stake – Goliath’s might and weapons versus the LORD whom he blasphemes. v. 45 Ps. 20:7
2. ‘I come in the Name of the LORD Whom you have mocked.’ Ps. 80:1 Dt. 20:1-5
3. ‘Because you have dared to oppose the LORD, you will die a terrible and shameful death’. v. 46a Jer. 34:20 Ex. 34:1ff
4. ‘The result will be that all people will see the glory of the LORD.’ v. 46b-47 4:8 Josh. 4:24 Isa. 37:20 Ps. 46:10

**III. The battle and its aftermath. v. 48-58**

**A. The battle is over very quickly. v. 48-51**

1. David boldly runs out to meet Goliath. v. 48
2. David knocks out Goliath with the first shot. v. 49 Ps. 27:2
3. David then beheads Goliath with his own sword. v. 50-51a
4. Goliath becomes like his false god Dagon – first he falls and can’t get up, then he loses his head. 5:1-4 Ps. 115:1-8

**B. Israel gains courage and smites the Philistines. v. 51b-54**

1. David’s purpose is fulfilled – The LORD is glorified among all who witnessed his battle with Goliath. v. 46b-47 Heb. 11:34
2. Now it is the Philistines who are terrified because their champion is dead. v. 51b
3. The Israelites are emboldened to attack. v. 52-53 Ex. 14:31
4. Under David’s ,bravery and giant killing becomes more common. I Chron. 11:10ff
5. David keeps the spoils of war. v. 54 21:9 II Sam. 5:6ff 8:7

**C. Saul takes notice of David. v. 55-57**

1. How could Saul have forgotten about David, in light of David’s service to him which is recorded in chapter 16? 16:21-23
2. The outcome will be the continuing rise of David in Israel. 18:7

#### IV. Concluding applications.

A. David is a type of our LORD Jesus Christ – God’s anointed ruler who leads us victoriously in battle.

1. He boldly entered into battle against Satan in the Name of the LORD. v. 48  
Mt. 21:9 Luke 9:51 John 2:17
2. He faced blasphemous arrogant foes. Mt. 26:4 4:1ff John 11:53
3. He waged war against Satan, the Serpent. Ge. 3:15 I Jo. 3:8 Mk. 1:39 Lu. 10:18
4. He is our Champion Who defeated our great enemy. I Co. 15:54-57 He. 2:14-15  
Col. 2:13-15
5. We participate in Jesus’ victory. v. 52 Eph. 6:12 I Pe. 5:8-9 Js. 4:7 Ro. 16:20  
8:37
6. We have good news of victory to share with all people.

B. David serves as an example for every believer.

1. Be passionate for the honor of God. v. 46b-47 Ps. 46:10
2. As God’s people, don’t fear powerful opposing forces. Pr. 29:25 Mt. 10:28
3. Trust God to deliver you from the evil one -- the battle is the LORD’s. Mt. 6:13  
Ps. 124:8 33:13-20
4. While the battle is the LORD’s, we are responsible to go out and fight. v. 48ff  
Col. 1:29 Phil. 2:12-13
5. The bold faith of a few can inspire the many. v. 52ff
6. The LORD has equipped us for battle. Eph. 6:11-17 I Pe. 4:10-11 Ps. 144:1
7. What is the nature of the battles we fight? Eph. 6:12 II Co. 10:3ff I Jo. 5:19  
Mt. 5:29
8. What should we think when it seems we are losing?
9. Give the LORD all the glory for your victories. Zec. 4:6 I Co. 1:27ff Ps. 147:10f  
Jer. 9:23-24

C. Whose side are you on? Ps. 2:9,12 Rev. 20:10

#### Discussion questions

1. What does Goliath represent?
2. What is David’s ultimate goal?
3. Give examples of how the faith of a few can inspire the many.
4. Is ‘trash talk’ ever appropriate?
5. How is David, in this story, a type (or picture) of Christ?
6. Does this story teach that no matter what the odds seem to be, we can win every victory?  
If not, how we can explain our defeats?
7. How does David’s fight with Goliath illustrate both the LORD’s sovereignty and human responsibility?
8. What is the nature of the warfare in which we are engaged?
9. With what weapons are we to fight?
10. How do we share in Jesus’ victory over Satan, sin and death?