

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 10, 2024
THEME: "KING DAVID"

THE CHALLENGE

Sunday..... Read I Samuel 17:8-10

"And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me." David was born into a family of four boys, he being the youngest. The nation of Israel was at war with the Philistines, their arch enemy. David's older brothers were in the army of Israel and were serving at the battle front! Goliath, a giant who was the champion of the Philistine army issued a challenge to the army of Israel. He suggested the war be decided by a dual of two soldiers: himself and a volunteer from the army of Israel. His logic was that it would be better if only one man would die rather than many on both sides. When we consider the challenge of the giant Goliath to the people of God, we are reminded of the challenges that God's people have today. The Christian is battling against the forces of evil today, and they can seem like giants. But nothing is too hard for God, and our faith in Him gives the courage to face the giants.

YOUNGEST SON

Monday..... Read I Samuel 17:10-14

"And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul." David was born into a family of eight boys and he was the youngest. When the nation of Israel went to war, David's older brothers became part of the Israeli army in their battle against the Philistines. David was home with his father, and it was up to them to care for the flock of sheep. They were the shepherds. Obviously, David's father was very concerned about his three oldest sons and how they were holding up in the war. To settle his mind, he sent David to check on his three older brothers. David, the brave young man that he was, eagerly took off to the battle front to see how things were going. Little did his father know what was in store for young David.

THE VOLUNTEER

Tuesday..... Read I Samuel 17:31-32

"And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine." When David got to the battle front to check on his brothers, he heard the challenge of the giant Goliath. When no one volunteered to confront Goliath, David volunteered. He did not make this courageous decision because of self-confidence, he made this decision because of his faith in God. David knew that the Israelites were the people of the Most High God. Goliath did not realize he was challenging God to a fight, David came as a civilian, and became a soldier. All believers should realize that we have that same assurance of victory because of our faith. That is the promise in I John 5:4: *"For whatsoever is born of*

God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

THE SOLDIER

Wednesday Read I Samuel 17:38-39

"And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail." The Israeli commander gave consent to David to battle the giant. The shepherd boy on a mission to check on his brothers became a volunteer soldier to confront the enemy. What a reminder to all Christians that we are in Spiritual war against a giant enemy: the devil himself. Many times Christians may think they are alone, but they never are. Their bodies are the dwelling place of God, the Holy Spirit. That is the truth of Acts 1:8: *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* We have the power to be victorious soldiers in the army of Christ.

FAITH

Thursday Read I Samuel 17:42-47

" Then 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." David, the boy on an errand to the battle front, became the soldier at the front of the battle. He went at the battle alone, humanly speaking. Believers of faith in God are never alone. We have God with us, always! Our confidence in the battle of life is not in our abilities, but is in God. God is omnipotent; believe that. We can claim the promise in Romans 8:31: *"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"* That is a sure victory!

THE BATTLE

Friday Read I Samuel 17:48-50

" And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine." David confronted the giant Goliath. Goliath, confident in his military armor and capabilities as a soldier, scoffed at David, the soldier in God's army. The seemingly well equipped giant went up against a young civilian with a sling shot, a stone, and God. Who won? God by using a young man of faith. And the people of God won a great battle because of David's faith. I John 5:4: *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."*

THE KING

Saturday Read II Samuel 5:1-4

" David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years." The Israelites, while under the rule of judges, wanted to be like other nations and have a king. We read of that in I Samuel 8:20: *"That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles."* The first king chosen was Saul. David was privileged to play his harp in the palace and won Saul's favor. Saul,

however, became jealous of David because of David's popularity with the people after he won the battle with the giant, Goliath. Then David became a target of Saul's. David, however, remained loyal to Saul even when he had an opportunity to kill Saul, he did not. Eventually, David became the king himself. David was a key figure in the Messianic line of Christ!