

Introduction

1. After Saul died, eventually David was made king over all Israel ([1 Sam. 31:1-2 Sam. 5:5](#))
 - a. David was described by God as a man after His own heart ([1 Sam. 13:14](#))
 - i. A fact that Paul repeated in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia ([Ac. 13:22](#))

I. Fearing God and Not Our Enemies

1. Goliath was a tall, strong man
 - a. His height was six cubits (~ 9.5 feet) and a span (~0.7 feet) or ~10.2 feet ([1 Sam. 17:4](#))
 - b. His coat of mail weighed five thousand shekels of bronze or ~126.8 pounds ([1 Sam. 17:5](#))
 - c. His iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels or ~15.2 pounds ([1 Sam. 17:7](#))
 - d. A man could not wield such weaponry and wear such armor without a lot of physical strength
2. Goliath defied the armies of Israel, God's chosen people ([1 Sam. 17:8-10](#))
 - a. His challenge caused great fear in king Saul and the Israelites ([1 Sam. 17:11](#))
 - b. This challenge continued for forty days, morning and evening ([1 Sam. 17:16](#))
3. David heard Goliath's challenge ([1 Sam. 17:17-23](#))
 - a. All the men of Israel still cowered in fear ([1 Sam. 17:24](#))
 - b. These men had no issue talking about the threat, but did nothing about it ([1 Sam. 17:25](#))
 - c. David was more interested in doing something about Goliath ([1 Sam. 17:26](#))
 - d. After being scolded by his oldest brother, Eliab, David showed there was a cause for his inquiry ([1 Sam. 17:28-30](#))
4. David determined to fight Goliath ([1 Sam. 17:31-32](#))
 - a. Saul provided excuses; David provided reasons ([1 Sam. 17:33-37](#))
 - b. David rejected Saul's attempt to arm him, and went to battle with a staff, sling, shepherd's bag, five smooth stones, and most importantly, God ([1 Sam. 17:38-40](#))
5. David feared God more than his enemy ([1 Sam. 17:41-47](#))
 - a. Instead of running away, David ran toward Goliath ([1 Sam. 17:48](#))

- b. Victory was achieved ([1 Sam. 17:49-51](#))
- c. Jesus stated plainly who we must fear ([Mt. 10:28](#))

II. Fearing God in Our Giving

1. David committed a sin in numbering the children of Israel ([1 Ch. 21:1-8](#); cf. [2 Sam. 24](#))
 - a. Due to his sin, God offered one of three punishments ([1 Ch. 21:9-12](#))
 - b. David wisely allowed God to choose the punishment which resulted in a plague by which seventy thousand men of Israel died ([1 Ch. 21:13-14](#))
 - c. David was commanded to make an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan ([1 Ch. 21:18](#))
 - d. David wished to purchase the threshing floor at full price, but Ornan offered to give it all including oxen, wood, and wheat ([1 Ch. 21:22-23](#))
2. David refused to give to God what cost him nothing ([1 Ch. 21:24](#))
 - a. David understood that the LORD must be honored with our possessions ([Pr. 3:7-10](#))
 - b. Giving God the leftovers will not suffice ([Mal 3:8-9](#))

III. Encouraging Others to Fear God

1. David described himself as, “the sweet psalmist of Israel” ([2 Sam. 23:1](#))
 - a. He was an inspired man when he wrote these sweet Psalms ([2 Sam. 23:2](#))
2. [Psalm 33](#)
3. [Psalm 34](#)

Conclusion

1. David was truly a man after God’s own heart when it came to the fear of the LORD
 - a. He showed that we fear God and not our enemies
 - b. He showed that our giving should reflect the reverence that we have to the Great Provider of all things
 - c. He wrote sweet words of encouragement to us so that we might fear God