

David Before Goliath

- For “*forty days, morning and evening,*” the armies of Israel, with fear in their hearts, heard the challenge of Goliath.
- Everyone “*fled from him and were dreadfully afraid,*”
- The first time David heard his words, he was confident of victory.
- He saw things vastly different than the rest of Israel.
- While they saw only the power of the man that made victory impossible,

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- Any challenge to God will end in failure.
- God is too wise and too powerful for any man, army, weapon, or any other created thing.
- David saw God's power can easily bring victory
- A few hours later, David stood before Goliath proclaiming:
- *You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 1 Sam 17:45-47*

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- *This day **the Lord will deliver you into my hand**, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.** 47 **Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands.**" 1Sam 17:45-47*

- Not only “*this assembly*” but you and I to this day if to our listening ears, we have truly heard.

David is Not the Only One

- Abraham never wavered with Isaac's birth
- Moses stood before Pharaoh
- Joshua and Caleb and the promised land.
- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego – Fiery furnace
- Daniel and the lion's den.
- Scripture is filled with accounts of those who won their souls and gained amazing victories.
- The common thread for every victory was an absolute trust and confidence in God's power.
- No matter the obstacle, confidence was the same

The Foundation Never Wavers

- Everyone begins in youth exactly the same way.
- because *what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being perceived by the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divine nature so that they are without excuse, Rm 1:19-20*
- This is why the gospel resonates so powerfully!!!!
- Makes what was already known— a cohesive whole
- Confirms and validates all Scripture reveals about God. There is no discord between the material creation and the events and doctrines in Scripture.

Deeper we look ... the more amazing!!

- More powerful the telescope the more stars
- The more powerful the microscope, the more complicated beautiful and amazing the cell in life and the atom and molecules in matter.
- The greater the science, the greater the complexity and impossibility of blind chance
- Astronomy, chemistry, physics, biology, anatomy, physiology, math, it never varies.
- The more we learn the vastness complexity just keeps multiplying and compounding.

The Foundation of All Faith

- Now faith is the *substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
- 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Heb 11:1-3, 33-35
- Always the same ... starts with creative power ...

We Have had a Week to Ponder

- If we are not drawing from the power of the material creation, the energy of our faith is weakened. We tend to see things like the 10 spies, or the rest of Israel with Goliath.
- The more we see: The greater the Praise and the Greater the conviction.
- There is, beyond the azure blue
- A God, concealed from human sight
- He tinted skies with heavenly hue
- And framed the worlds with His great might
- There is a God, He is alive, in Him we live and we survive; from dust our God created man, He is our God, the great I AM

Are We Doing This Too?

- *I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. 5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. 6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. 7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. Ps 145:1-7*

Things we Can Do

- *Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise Jas 5:13*
- How Great Thou Art
- This is My Father's World
- All Creatures of our God and King
- All Things Praise Thee
- Our God He is Alive
- Great is thy faithfulness
- Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah
- A Mighty Fortress is Our God
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Joyful Joyful, We adore Thee
- To God Be The Glory
- If we get into the habit of keeping this command, we will find it greatly strengthening

To be like David Must Think like him

- *Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. 12 Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all."* 1Chr. 29:11-12

Mighty Works, Wonders, Signs

- *Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know — Acts 2:22*
- The mighty works, wonders and signs which Jesus performed are just a small portion of His power.
- Most of them either set aside what He set up when He created them, or they set aside the consequences of the curse in His healings.

With Material Creation as Foundation

- 120 – 180 Gallons of Water into Wine
- Feeding 5000 and 4000
- Walking on Water
- Calming the Sea
- The Large Catch of Fish at beginning & End
- Setting Aside the Curse
- Raising the dead, healing the sick, making lame walk, nothing He can't Do.

Songs of Praise we Sing

- Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go
- Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid
- God will take care of you
- If Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere
- He leadeth me O blessed thought
- Jesus Savior pilot me
- Shelter in the time of storm
- Be with me Lord I cannot live without Thee
- I know Whom I have believed
- Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
- I need Thee every hour
- How firm a foundation