

THE CONFIDENCE IN KNOWING GOD DELIVERS

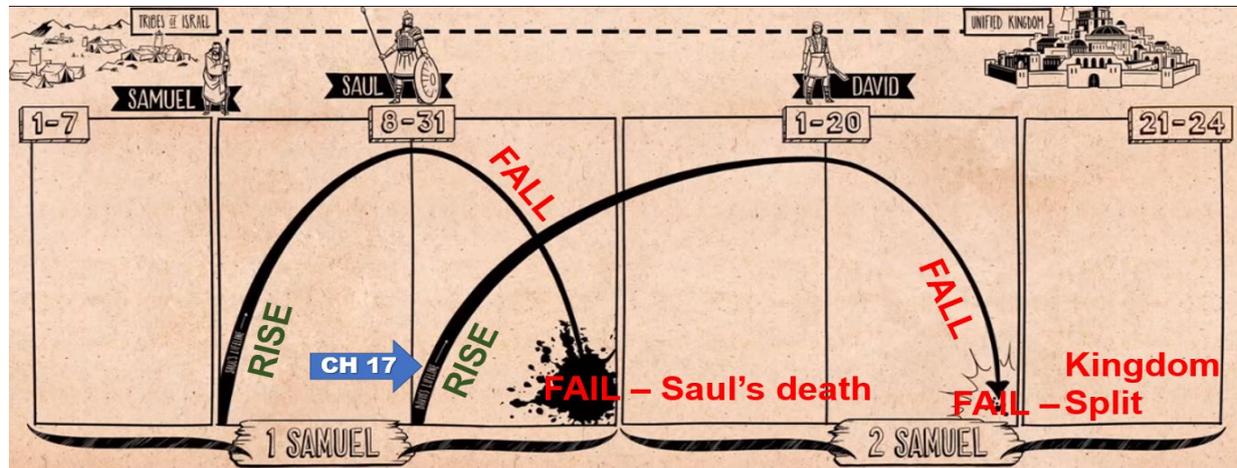
KEEPING YOUR HEAD IN A CRISIS

Big Idea: The LORD will rescue Israel so that the world will know God is alive.

³⁷The LORD (Yahweh) will **rescue** his people and will ⁴⁶**reveal** himself to the **whole world**

Chapter 17 Context within Samuel (originally one book):

Saul's Declining Kingship and David's Escalating Messiahship



GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING and APPEARANCE OF GOLIATH (vv. 1-7)

GOLIATH'S WORDS OF DISHONOUR (vv. 8-10)

FEAR: ISRAEL IMPRESSED BUT DEPRESSED (v 11)

ARRIVAL OF DAVID (vv. 12-22)

GOLIATH'S WORDS OF DISHONOUR (v 23)

FEAR: IS WEALTH AND WIFE WORTH IT? (vv. 24-25)

DAVID'S WORDS OR THEOLOGY (vv. 26-27)

ELIAB'S COMPLAINT OF CONTEMPT (vv. 28-30)

SAUL'S RESIGNATION TO USE WORLDLY MEANS (vv. 31-33)

Dale Ralph Davis, 1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart, 2000

1. YAHWEH'S NAME DEFAMED

KINGDOM PEOPLE: NEED THEIR CHAMPION

SAMUEL 17:17-33

Verse

17: A critical casual yet causal arrival of David begins the great 'bread and cheese' mission. A *champion* ('man between two') engaged in single combat with a hostile enemy for resolution.

23: **Goliath's defiantly** poured out abuse and taunts 6 times **Sam 17:10, 25, 26 x2, 36, 45**

Anxious fear in crisis situations is a significant strategy of the devil against all believers.

24: **DISCOURAGED:** Saul and the Israelites were afraid and dismayed **Sam 17:11**

25: Three times David asks what will be done about the **defying** Philistine **Sam 17:23, 26, 29**

26: **Reply of Faith:** the first words of David recorded regarding the honour of the **living God** and removal of the disgraceful **unclean defiant** Philistine **Sam 17:36**

28: **DISGRUNTLED:** Eliab showed **contemptable** anger at David's wicked heart (a conceited pain)

33: **DISENFRANCHISED:** **Saul scorned the inexperienced warrior.** Saul, the once fierce and successful military leader, was the logical choice to fight Goliath. **Num 13:31, Sam 14:52**

➤ **Three goliath attacks** of "the man after God's own heart". **Sam 13:14, Acts 13:22**

➤ **A LIVING GOD WILL NOT ALLOW HIS NAME TO BE DISHONoured**

✚ **DEVOTION TO YAHWEH: KNOW HIS PERSPECTIVE**

2. YAHWEH'S NAME DELIVERS

KINGDOM PEOPLE: NAME THEIR REDEEMER 📖 SAMUEL 17:34-47, 50-54

Devine Delivery Contrasted with Worldly Ways

- 34-36: Lions, bears and **the Unclean Philistine** are **no match for David's God**. David did not believe in his own prowess but ascribed his success to God.
- 37: **Yahweh will rescue David** who volunteered to enter the battlefield! 2 Tim 4:17-18
- 38-40: **Saul's worldly weapons** rejected as David knows **it is God's victory** Sam 17:45-47
- 41-44: **Unclean Philistine** advances with his armour bearer **cursing by his gods** Psalm 123
To Goliath the healthy, handsome pretty-boy insulted his manhood
(also dog in Hebrew 'kaleb' is used for male prostitutes) Deuteronomy 23:18
- 45-47: David's speech is full of theology; God is victory and his name is honoured
- 48-49: **Round 1 over** in **36** Hebrew words (Cf. **63** words of David's speech)
- 2 verses out of 51 have significantly determined the world's wrong view of David & Goliath
- 50-51: True conclusion to the triumph of God's deliverance and fulfilment of David's words

✚ LIBERATED BY YAHWEH: TRUST HIS PROVIDENCE

BIBLICAL TYPOLOGY is where a passage or person in the Old Testament symbolises or foreshadows Christ in the New Testament. By appreciating how David's story (Sam. 17) provides us with insights into who Jesus is, we can discover how it applies to Kingdom people today.



Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up.

John 3:14



3. YAHWEH'S NAME PROCLAIMED

KINGDOM PEOPLE: KNOW THEIR THEO-LOGY 📖 SAMUEL 7:45-47
(GOD-study of)

Understanding what is said about God is equally important as what is done

- 45: Worldly weapons and ungodly **defiance** are what we are against. David makes a contrast between himself and Goliath by giving credit to the **Name of Yahweh, God** of the Israelite army. 'I am a sent man, on a mission from God.' 1 Peter 5:8
Col 3:17 & 1 Cor 10:31
- 46: *This day* Yahweh would deliver. David is boldly telling Saul and now Goliath he will kill him. This very day is fit for animals and birds to join a Philistine feast
- **DAVID'S THEOLOGY IS THAT BY THEIR DELIVERANCE THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW THEIR GOD IS ALIVE.** John 17:23
- 47: Those gathered (Israelite army) and those gathering today (the church) know **Yahweh saves** not through worldly means, but by his mighty will and **to His honour (glory)**. **If Israel won't trust Yahweh, David would trust him for them.** Eph 1:19-20
- **KEY: FAITHFUL DAVID'S VICTORY WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH BEING RESCUED IN THE NAME OF YAHWEH ALMIGHTY** (45 Cf. 47)

✚ AUTHORIZED BY YAHWEH: CLAIM HIS POWER

- God's **omnipotence** delivers great victories for His **official** missions
- The **honour** of God's name is far superior than the **horror** of our opposition

GOD SAVES AND THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS IT

MISSIONARY MAN VERSES THE DEFIANT GIANT OF GATH

17 Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted **grain** and these ten loaves of **bread** for your brothers and hurry to their camp. ¹⁸Take along ten **cheeses** to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring **back some assurance** from them. ¹⁹They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

²⁰ Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. ²¹Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. ²²David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were.

²³ As he talked with them, Goliath the Philistine champion from Gath stepped out from his lines and shouted his **usual defiance**, and David heard it.

²⁴ Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all **fled from him in great fear**. ²⁵ Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to **defy Israel**. The **king will give great wealth** to the man who kills him. He will also give him **his daughter in marriage** and will **exempt his family from taxes** in Israel."

²⁶ **David asked** the men standing near him,

"What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this **disgrace from Israel**? Who is this **uncircumcised Philistine** that he should **defy the armies of the living God**?"

²⁷ **They repeated** to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."

²⁸ When Eliab, David's oldest brother heard him speaking with the men, he **burned with anger at him** and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know **how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is**; you came down only to watch the battle."

²⁹ "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" ³⁰ He then turned away to someone else and **brought up the same matter**, and they answered him as before. ³¹ What David said was overheard and reported to Saul who sent for him.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." ³³ Saul replied, "**You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.**"

"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. Yahweh does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart."

FAITHFUL DAVID'S FAMOUS DIALOGUE FLOORS DEFIANCE

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, **struck it** and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, **struck it and killed it**. ³⁶ Your servant has **killed** both the lion and the bear; this **uncircumcised** Philistine will be like one of them, because he has **defied the armies of the living God**.

³⁷ And David said, "**Yahweh who rescued me** from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear **will rescue me** from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and Yahweh be with you." ³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. **He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head**. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these because I am not used to them" he said to Saul. So, he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ **Meanwhile**, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was **little** more than a **boy**, glowing with health and handsome, and **he despised him**. ⁴³ He said to David, "Am I a **dog**, that you come at me with **sticks**?" And the **Philistine cursed David by his gods**. ⁴⁴ "Come here," he said, "and *I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!*"

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine,

"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you **in the name of Yahweh Almighty**, the **God of the armies of Israel**, **whom you have defied**. ⁴⁶ **This day Yahweh will deliver you into my hands**, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. *This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals*, and **the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel**. ⁴⁷ All those **gathered here will know** that it is not by sword or spear that Yahweh saves; for the **battle (glory) is Yahweh's**, and he will give all of you into our hands."

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. ⁵¹ David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.