



Way Point Chronicles

Traveling through the Old Testament by Chronological Stories

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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.

The challenge was for a one on one battle that would settle the battle between the armies.

1 Samuel 17:9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. 10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

II- Fear in Israel:

1 Samuel 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

We could be very spiritual and say that this was only a lack of faith. But, what about the giants in our lives do we not fail in faith before them at time, yea, most of the time? It may be true and in all probability is that fear is the lack of faith but this is one of those things that call us to truly trust in God.

Most of the teachings of Scripture on fear talk about fearing God and then when we are in Christ trusting Him with all things. We need to look at things with our E-D, (not 3-D glasses) eternal dimension glasses on. When we look at things from Heavens view we will be closer to practicing what Jesus told us in *Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

III- David Visits His Brothers:

Remember those strong strapping brothers of David, you know the ones who were in the army of Saul. They were on the hill and hearing Goliath each day for forty days. Jesse sends David to check on his brothers. *1 Samuel 17:17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren; 18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge....20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.*

David arrives at the camp and finds his brothers just as they are



Coordinates:

1 Samuel 17:1-54

Sights to See:

- 1- Each of us has giants in our lives that cause us fear.
- 2- Fear in many situations is a necessary life preserving action.
- 3- Goliath was not just challenging the army of Israel but the God of Israel as well.
- 4- When we overcome our fears it causes us to grow in faith by leaps and bounds. A faith not challenged is a faith not strengthened.
- 5- Many times we must stop and take inventory of our faith based on our reaction to a situation. Sometimes God sends others to help us do this and trust Him more.
- 6- We must not try to be someone we are not. Of all the ones that we might fool about our faith, God is not one of them.
- 7- When we are sure of the leadership of God it should give us courage, strength and energy to move forward.
- 8 A sling in the hand of God is more powerful than a sword in the hand of the enemy. God can give victory when we face insurmountable odds in life.

