

This week our study is about David who was anointed to be the future King and how with God's help, he brought down a giant.



Torchlight

"The people were not slow to see that David was a competent person, and that the affairs entrusted to his hands were managed with wisdom and skill. The counsels of the young man were of a wise and discreet character, and proved to be safe to follow; while the judgement of Saul was at times unreliable, and his decisions were not wise."

– Patriarchs & Prophets p. 651



David and Goliath

Daily Devotional 37



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, I praise You for the goodness You show me. Help me to be more thankful and grateful and have joy in my heart. Help me to understand what I read in the Bible today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 16:1-13



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The Bible tells us today that God instructed Samuel to go to Bethlehem to anoint a new king. Verse 2 tells us that Samuel was concerned about his safety, but God told him to go for the purpose of offering a sacrifice and to invite Jesse and his sons. At the feast Jesse's seven sons were presented before Samuel but God informed Samuel that He had not chosen any of them. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more sons. David, who was out minding the sheep was Jesse's youngest son, was summoned to come and appear before Samuel. God told Samuel that



this was the one and to anoint him. This Samuel did. When Samuel had anointed Saul, Samuel had told him he was going to be the king. But this time Samuel did not tell David or the family the reason for the anointing. Probably Samuel did not want the news to get back to king Saul.

Samuel wanted to anoint Jesse's oldest son Eliab because he looked like Saul – very tall and handsome. But this time God wanted a 'man after his own heart'. You can find that in *1 Samuel 13:14*. God knew David's heart and God wanted a man who was going to remain humble and follow Him.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 16:_____

“Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to _____, ‘ _____ _____ _____ _____.’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for keeping me safe while I went about my day today. Please come into my heart so I can love and obey You more. Help me to be kind and helpful to my family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 16:14-23



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today Saul was distressed. Saul knew from Samuel that God had chosen someone else, who was not in his family line, to take his place when he died. Saul did not want to recognize that it was his sin and unrepentant heart that had caused his downfall. Saul's servants wanted someone to come and play beautiful music to him to help soothe his troubled mind. David was suggested as he was known for playing the harp well and verse 23 tells us that David's harp playing did indeed help Saul. When not needed by the king, David would go home to take care for his father's sheep. When David was called to play his harp for the king, he would return to Saul's house.

God was using these experiences to help prepare David for the work ahead of him. David was gaining experience from his time spent in the royal court and witnessing the responsibilities of a king, but also God had lessons for David to learn during the times he spent out in nature taking care of his father's sheep. In these quiet times God was able to speak to his heart and it was here that David composed many beautiful songs on his harp. He wrote a lot of the psalms (songs) recorded in the Bible.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 16:_____

“ _____ , ‘ _____ a man who can play well, and bring him to me.’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for the privilege of owning a Bible. Please send me the Holy Spirit so I can understand what I study today. Help me to have the faith of David and not be afraid of the giants in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 17:1-11



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us that war again broke out between the Philistines and the Israelites. The Philistines had a giant called Goliath working for them. Verse 4 tells us that Goliath was six cubits and a span tall. A cubit is eighteen inches and a span is half a cubit. So when you work it all out it adds up to one hundred and seventeen inches, which, in our measurement, is two hundred and ninety seven centimetres tall! That's nearly three metres! So Goliath was a very big man, made to look even bigger by the amazing armour he wore. Verses 8-10 tell us that Goliath went out and stood before Israel crying out to them to come and fight him. The Israelites were very afraid.



If you didn't see our life-sized model of Goliath on our TV program, measure out 297cm to see how truly big Goliath was. Stand up against your measurement and look up! Do you think you would be brave enough to take on a giant? Doing this exercise makes you realise just how much faith David really had. It's something to think about!

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 17:_____

“Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six _____; _____.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY

Dear Father, I praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die for my sins. Thank You, Father, that I have an opportunity to live eternally with You. Please be close to me as I read Your Word today so I can understand what it says, as I know You have something new for me to learn today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 17:12-37



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our story in the Bible continues today with Goliath taunting the Israelites both morning and evening for forty days. David's three eldest brothers had gone with Saul to fight the Philistines and Jessie asked David to deliver some food supplies to them. When David arrived he heard the 'ranting and raving' of Goliath challenging the trembling Israelites. David couldn't believe that someone would make fun of his God. David made his views known and David's eldest brother Eliab reprimanded him. They were upset that their little brother was so vocal in his views as it made them look bad for being so afraid. Saul summoned David to come before him when he heard the reports of what David was saying. When David told



Saul that he would go fight the giant, Saul protested and told him he was too young. But David convinced him that because God had kept him safe while fighting lions and bears, God would keep him safe from Goliath. What faith! Saul finally allowed him to go.

David's brothers could see the great courage and strength of David's character. They thought back to the strange visit by Samuel and David's anointing. The events that were happening around them brought up thoughts in their minds that something important was going on in the life of their little brother and this greatly unsettled them.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 17:_____

“Then David said to Saul, ‘Let no man's heart fail because of him; _____.’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for my family. Help me to be joyful and thankful for the many things they do for me. Lord, please help me to share the Bible with someone today so they can know how much You love them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 17:38-58



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today the Bible says that Saul wanted David to wear his armour, but David took it off straight away, as he could not walk in it. Instead he went off to confront Goliath with only his slingshot in his hand. Goliath was not happy that such a young man with only a sling had come out to fight him and he cursed him. David, in holy boldness, told Goliath that God would deliver him despite the fact he had no armour. With only one stone from David's slingshot Goliath, the three-metre giant, came crashing to the ground. David used Goliath's own sword to cut off his head. The Philistines, in shock and terror, fled with the Israelites in hot pursuit.

The Philistines had prevented the Israelites from owning swords and spears hoping that it would prevent them from winning the wars against them. But as David said, in verses 45 and 47, God didn't need swords and spears to fight the enemy. God would win the battle in whatever way He chose. Check out these verses: *Exodus 14:27*, *Exodus 23:28* and *Joshua 10:11*.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 17:_____

“ _____
_____, _____ him.
But there was no sword in the hand of David.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for my amazing week and all the wonderful things You have done for me. Help me to prepare for Your Sabbath and to be helpful to my family. I love You Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 18:1-16



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

After the victory over the Philistines, Saul would not let David return home to his father but kept him at his royal court. It was during this time that Jonathan and David formed a very special bond and friendship. God had orchestrated this so that Jonathan could keep David safe in the years to come. Saul sent David out to war against the Philistines, where he led out the Israelite army faithfully and wisely, and won the affections of the people. Verse 6 tells us that on one occasion after returning from battle, the women danced and sang that David was more successful than Saul. Saul was so jealous of David that on one occasion when David was playing his harp for him, Saul tried to kill David with his spear.



Verses 12, 14, and 15 all tell us that Saul recognised that God was with David and he led his life wisely. Proverbs 16:16 tells us wisdom is more precious than gold. Pray every day that God will give you wisdom, and just as Saul and the people recognised it in David, people will also recognise it in you.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - 1 SAMUEL 18:_____

“And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David,
_____, _____,
_____.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me so much that You gave me a day in which to rest, recharge, and learn more about You. Help me to discover something new in Your Bible today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Samuel 18:17-30



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Saul had come to the point in which he did not want David in his presence because his goodness made Saul look bad. Saul thought of ways to get rid of David. He offered David one of his daughters in marriage if he went out against the Philistines, hoping that David would die in battle. But Saul decided to give his oldest daughter away to another man. When he found out that his younger daughter Michal loved David he again plotted to send David out to fight the Philistines. Saul arranged a difficult assignment hoping David would die in the process, but God protected David and he came back safely. Saul realized again that God was with David and he gave him his daughter Michal in marriage.

Saul's lack of integrity was really showing here. Integrity means to do what you say, and to be trustworthy and honest. If you look at the verse in 1 Samuel 17:25, it tells us that the person who killed Goliath would automatically get one of Saul's daughters hand in marriage, but Saul put more conditions on David. So, this was the sum of Saul's character and life. He was not making wise decisions and he would say one thing and do something else. Basically, Saul's leadership was 'all over the place.' This was why the people were seeing that David was a more stable leader.



SABBATH QUIZ

1. Where did God send Samuel to anoint the next king?

2. What musical instrument did David play? _____
3. How much did Goliath's coat of mail weigh? _____
4. How many of the brothers of David went to war with Saul?

5. How many stones did David place in his shepherd's bag before going to meet Goliath? _____