

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

1 Samuel 17

Key verse 45-46a

Discussion question:

- What kind of "Goliath" do we face as believers today?
- How are we to face our battles and situations?

Inductive study questions:

1. With whom and where did the standoff in this chapter occur? (1-3) Describe the Philistine champion. (4-7) What challenge did he issue to Israel, and how did the Israelites react? (8-11) How did intimidation affect the Israelites?
2. Describe David's family. (12-15) What errand did Jesse give David? (17-18) What was happening when David arrived, and what did he do? (20-22) What rewards had been promised to one who would defeat Goliath? (23-25) How did David view Goliath? (26) What did the interaction between David and Eliab show? (28-29) Why did David repeatedly ask about the rewards?
3. What did David volunteer to do, and what did Saul think about it? (32-33) Describe David's past experience and success in fighting. (34-37) How did David's faith affect his attitude toward fighting Goliath? What lessons can we learn? What weapons did Saul give David, and what did David do with them? (38-39) What does this teach us? What weapons did David choose instead? (40)
4. What did Goliath say to David? (41-44) Why say such things? What reason did David give why he would win? (45-47) What does this teach about faith and works? How did David prevail against Goliath? (48-50) What did Israel do as a result of David's victory over Goliath? (52-53) What question did Saul ask about David? (55-58)