

The Battle Is The Lord's

(1 Samuel 17:1-58)

- Introduction:
1. One of the most thrilling childhood stories is the battle of David and Goliath.
 2. However, this story was intended to do more than thrill and awe us - it contains many adult lessons within it.
 3. Let us note several of these lessons.

I. A Challenge Issued

- A. (1 Samuel 17:1-11).
- B. God's people will always have enemies.
 1. (1 Peter 3:8) The Devil is a roaring lion...
 2. (John 15:18-20) Persecution is assured.
 3. (Eph. 6:11) Our personal giants may differ in their appearance and form, but they are nonetheless real.
- C. Our battles with Satan often affect more than just ourselves.
 1. (1 Samuel 17:9).
 2. (Romans 14:7) No man lives to himself.
 3. (Luke 17:1-2) Woe to one who causes offenses.

II. A Cause To Defend

- A. (1 Samuel 17:12-37).
- B. Personal offenses should not dissuade us from our defense of the truth.
 1. (Romans 8:38-39) What can separate us from the love of God?
 2. (2 Corinthians 11:26) In perils among brethren.
- C. Age has nothing to do with faith.
 1. (Daniel 1-6).
 2. (Joshua 14:7-12).
- D. Put things into perspective.
 1. We often write our victories in sand and our defeats in granite. But such actions destroy our faith and distort our vision.

III. A Champion To Be Crowned

- A. (1 Samuel 17:38-38).
- B. Our victories are God given, not earned.
 1. (Judges 7) Gideon and the 300 men.
 2. (Joshua 6) Joshua and Jericho.
 3. (1 Corinthians 15:10) By the grace of God I am what I am.
- C. The outcome of the battle has already been decided.
 1. (Daniel 3:16-18).
 2. (Romans 8:37).

- Conclusion:
1. There is a war being waged for our soul right now, and whether you realize it or not, you have taken sides.
 2. My appeal is that you join forces with the Lord and fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12), and receive the eternal reward (2 Timothy 4:7-8).