

Five Smooth Stones

(1 Samuel 17:40)

- Introduction:
1. Most people acquainted with the Bible know that the title of this lesson references an event in the account of David & Goliath.
 2. The question has often been asked, "If David had faith in God, then why did he take five stones, and not just one?"
 - a. Some, through speculation and no biblical justification say he took five stones because Goliath had four brothers.
 - b. Some have used this as a way to criticize David's trust in God.
 3. May I suggest that this his choice is little more than "sanctified common sense," and preparing himself to cooperate with God?
 4. Yes, the victory was God given, but only through the cooperation of David.
 5. Likewise, God is still working in this world, but he seeks our cooperation.
 6. The following "smooth stones" are ways that we can partner with God in accomplishing his purposes, even today.

I. Evangelism

- A. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47; John 20:21).
- B. (Romans 1:16).
- C. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

II. Truth

- A. (John 8:32).
- B. (1 Timothy 4:16).
- C. (Psalm 119:105).

III. Holiness

- A. (Hebrews 12:14).
- B. (Romans 12:1-2).
- C. (Philippians 2:15).

IV. Unity

- A. (John 17:20).
- B. (Matthew 12:25).
- C. (Ephesians 4:3).

V. Love

- A. (Matthew 22:34-40).
- B. (Romans 2:4).

- Conclusion:
1. May we never forget that the victory of Jesus over Satan, life over death, and forgiveness over guilt is accomplished by God.
 2. However, may we fill our pouches with these "five smooth stones" and partner with God in this victory.