

Objective: to enable every believer to live the supernatural lifestyle that God intended.

11 November 2019
NLBC a.m.

Responding To The “Goliath” That You Face

1 Samuel 17:1-58;

Introduction

Everyone faces a “Goliath(s)” in this life. If you haven’t faced any situation that *seems* overwhelmingly huge, you haven’t lived very long. Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. John 10:10. Satan **presents**, on some occasions, not as some “ant” you can step on, but something much, much larger than you.

Knowing what to do, when you face your “Goliath” is vital to your success in life. Individuals, governments, laws, circumstances, scientific and medical reports, financial calamities, weather conditions, losses, challenges, and many other things can **present** themselves, as “Goliaths,” to you, threatening you, opposing you, and coming against you. The following well-known Bible story is the “gps” or map, of how to respond to the seemingly-oversized threats to your life and success.

1. The Space of Confrontation – Vs.3 – the distance between you and the threatened disaster---can be time, can be consequences, can be an appointment with someone or some deadline. This ‘valley between’ you and some form of disaster or the “Goliath” that you face, is your God-ordained opportunity to **form your plan** for overcoming. You absolutely **must** form your plan!

There are suddenlies or things that occur without warning, but most often, we become aware of something before we die in one way or another from it. If there is a suddenly, He will give you the necessary response 'while you are in the way....'

2. Philistines come from a place of treading on you (Gath) Vs. 4
"Philistines" are always looking to destroy you...stop wondering **"Why has this come?"** Its simply part of our earthly journey and we are meant to be 'more-than-conquerors.' Rom. 8:37, 38; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 2:20-23; 1 John 5:4; 1 Cor. 15:57, 58.
3. "Goliaths" *appear* to be over 9 ½ + feet tall - Vs. 4...super-sized...inhuman...everything about this opponent was formidable, intimidating, --he looked undefeatable...in human terms. Satan presents as Huge. However, in relation to the One that you carry, he is small. Don't forget this! Satan will be as big as you make him. Magnify God...satan's size will reduce. You have been **raised up** to be much taller and greater than any earthly thing. Eph. 1:20, 21; 2:6.
4. The shout of oppression – Vs 8...small things don't shout...big things or giant things do...how loud is *your* shout in response to the "Goliath" shout? You know you have turned down the volume of Goliath's (Satan) shout when your emotions or feelings have come back up or stabilised. You have **settled** on the outcome of this battle and you are now resting in peace, not allowing the contrary thoughts to remain in your head. 2 Cor. 10:3-5. You have shut down emphatically all the negative, "what if's?"
5. The "why" question – Vs. 8 ...the assumption of your helplessness! The sarcasm...a Philistine vs servants of Saul (plural). Are you a 'servant of Saul' or a servant of the Most High God? This world

will minimise and falsely label your true identity. Don't accept their identification of who you really are—rehearse your true identity.

6. Satan wants you to come on his terms - Vs 8... come “down” to me... “if he is able to fight”...once again, the assumption of your helplessness, inadequacy and weakness. Answer that question immediately. “I am not only able to fight, I have won!” Say it, **aloud!**
7. The defiant insult against your God, your faith, the Word, the promises of God, and your history! Vs. 10.
8. Faith comes by hearing and fear comes by hearing...dismay and terror...the “what-ifs” begin! Vs. 11.
9. The ordinary vs. the trained professional...vs 15, vs 33, a boy versus a trained soldier. Goliaths always speak of your alleged lack of qualification, experience, insight, training, capability, knowledge, and track record.

Goliath says, “You can't get **that** job, you can't buy a home, you can't achieve that score, you can't receive that promise, you can't make that relationship work, you can't overcome that sickness, you can't have a holiday, you can't raise your children safe, you can't lose weight, you can't overcome that habit, you can't get out of all debt and so many more **lies!** You confess emphatically, “I **can do all things through Christ!**” Phil. 4:13. Start today—sit with your family and say aloud, “I/We **CAN** do, accomplish, overcome, possess, receive, etc. any and all the ‘stuff’ that Satan has lied to you about.”

10. The 40 days of testing...a.m. and p.m. Vs. 16 —the enemy always takes a stand – you **must** make a stand and **maintain** your stand! This ‘stand’ is an immovable inner disposition you will not let go of!
11. Your appointment with the opposition – Vs. 17-20...you have numerous appointments in life...some good, some a challenge...nevertheless, God has allowed your life to extend to this occasion...your steps have been ordered to meet this Satanic opposition, oppression, attack or resistance...like David you didn’t awaken on a particular day expecting to have to face a “goliath” but, nevertheless, you were chosen for battle...and for victory!
12. The enemy is “called” a champion – vs. 23...he has taken so many lives before, successfully...he comes with that reputation...will you be another in his ‘win’ column? You are meant to win against him every time! 1 Cor. 15:57,58. You, with Him, are The Champion in this contest! Say it, “I am the real Champion here!”
13. You hear the voice of the goliath – vs 23...you cannot help but hear it...it is part of what enables you to locate the enemy’s presence in the middle of your stuff. Don’t make the mistake of echoing his voice. That makes him bigger.
14. Others have simply surrendered to Goliath and run away – vs. 24...what will you do? No one would blame you for bowing before the ‘inevitable.’ —but do you want to lose?
15. Opposition from those who don’t understand – vs.28...often the nearest and dearest...who don’t comprehend the ‘fight of faith’...believe you have lost your mind...

16. Your speech is different than the 'crowd' – vs. 29... it's a different message...vs 31, 32
17. Some have lost their 'heart' – vs. 32 They have no 'heart' or 'stomach' for the battle...
18. Spiritual aggression – vs. 32 - 'go and fight' – not a defensive posture
19. Track record of victories – vs. 34-37...this is who I am and this is who God is...speak of what God has done in your life in past victories...He is the same today! Soul-anchoring faith demands you to rehearse the Greater One with His faithful works and words of promise!
20. The confession of God's faithfulness – Vs. 37 You **must** say it aloud!
21. The 'head and shoulder' weapons don't work – vs. 38...Saul was 'head and shoulders above' (1 Sam. 9:2 NKJV) when he was anointed king...mind and strength...it is not your intelligence or your human strength that gives you victory...it is your faith! 1 John 5:4. Your anointing to win rises out of your faith and obedience.
22. You have something to sling at the enemy – vs. 39,40 Non-conventional weapons that this world does not understand...your faith-filled words of confession and declaration are your 'forehead-finding' rocks of victory!
23. God allows you to get close to the enemy...the drama level ratchets up... -vs. 41. You have to stay 'focused' in this part of the battle!

24. What your enemy sees and says... vs. 42. He says what he sees and you say what you see...
25. The release of demonic curses designed to terrorise and paralyse – vs. 43. Discerning this primary ‘spiritual’ component you wage warfare ‘in the Spirit-realm,’ with your faith, your speaking in tongues, and your commanding authority! Luke 10:19
26. You must speak **to** the opposition...using your voice aloud make your declaration in the Name! Vs. 45
27. Pre-announce your pre-supplied victory over Satan...say it Today! Be emphatic and thorough as David was...Vs. 46
28. Any attack against you is an attack against God...He has appointed you to secure the victory in His Name and in His power with your words, your faith and your actions! Vs. 47
29. Run with passion, energy and zeal **toward the Goliath** that you face! Vs. 48. This is not an agreeable negotiation but a demolition work!
30. When you have the victory in your head you can strike the blow of victory to the ‘head of the Goliath’ that you face...vs. 49, 51
31. God has intended and designed you to ‘stand over in triumph’ any and all ‘goliaths’ that you face! Vs. 51

