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1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

17 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled(A) at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh(B) and Azekah.(C)

4 A champion named Goliath,(A) who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.[a] 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels[b]; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin(B) was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, (C) and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.[c] His shield bearer(D) went ahead of him.

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose(E) a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." 10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy(F) the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.(G)" 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

19 They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

20 Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. 21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. 22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies,(A) ran to the battle lines and

asked his brothers how they were. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual(B) defiance, and David heard it.

32 David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart(A) on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

33 Saul replied,(B) “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion(C) or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized(D) it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion(E) and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued(F) me from the paw of the lion(G) and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with(H) you.”

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own(I) tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer(J) in front of him, kept coming closer to David. 42 He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome,(K) and he despised(L)

him. 43 He said to David, “Am I a dog,(M) that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds(N) and the wild animals!(O)”

45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin,(P) but I come against you in the name(Q) of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.(R) 46 This day the Lord will deliver(S) you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses(T) of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world(U) will know that there is a God in Israel.(V) 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword(W) or spear that the Lord saves;(X) for the battle(Y) is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

Psalm 9:9-20

9 The Lord is a refuge(A) for the oppressed,(B) a stronghold in times of trouble.(C) 10 Those who know your name(D) trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken(E) those who seek you.(F)

11 Sing the praises(G) of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;(H) proclaim among the nations(I) what he has done.(J) 12 For he who avenges blood(K) remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.(L)

13 Lord, see how my enemies(M) persecute me! Have mercy(N) and lift me up from the gates of death,(O) 14 that I may declare your praises(P) in the gates of Daughter Zion,(Q) and there rejoice in your salvation.(R)

15 The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;(S) their feet are

caught in the net they have hidden.(T)16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.[a](U)17 The wicked go down to the realm of the dead,(V) all the nations that forget God.(W)18 But God will never forget the needy; the hope(X) of the afflicted(Y) will never perish.

19 Arise,(Z) Lord, do not let mortals triumph;(AA) let the nations be judged(AB) in your presence.20 Strike them with terror,(AC) Lord; let the nations know they are only mortal.(AD)

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16

57 As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head.

58 "Whose son are you, young man?" Saul asked him.

David said, "I am the son of your servant Jesse(A) of Bethlehem."

18 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan(B) became one in spirit with David, and he loved(C) him as himself.(D) 2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. 3 And Jonathan made a covenant(E) with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan took off the robe(F) he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.(G)

5 Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful(H) that Saul gave him a high rank in the army.(I) This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

10 The next day an evil[a] spirit(A) from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre,(B) as he usually(C) did. Saul had a spear(D) in his hand 11 and he hurled it, saying to himself,(E) "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded(F) him twice.

(G)

12 Saul was afraid(H) of David, because the Lord(I) was with(J) David but had departed from(K) Saul. 13 So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led(L) the troops in their campaigns.(M) 14 In everything he did he had great success,(N) because the Lord was with(O) him. 15 When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.(P)

Psalm 133

1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together(A) in unity!(B)

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head,(C) running down on the beard,running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.3 It is as if the dew(D) of Hermon(E) were falling on Mount Zion.(F)For there the Lord bestows his blessing,(G) even life forevermore.(H)

Job 38:1-11

38 Then the Lord spoke to Job(A) out of the storm.(B) He said:

2 "Who is this that obscures my plans(C) with words without knowledge?(D)3 Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.(E)

4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?(F) Tell me, if you understand.(G)5 Who marked off its dimensions?(H) Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line(I) across it?6 On what were its footings set,(J) or who laid its cornerstone(K)—7 while the morning stars(L) sang together(M) and all the angels[a](N) shouted for joy?(O)

8 “Who shut up the sea behind doors(P) when it burst forth from the womb,(Q)9 when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness,(R)10 when I fixed limits for it(S) and set its doors and bars in place,(T)11 when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;(U) here is where your proud waves halt’?(V)

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

1 Give thanks to the Lord,(A) for he is good;(B) his love endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed(C) of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,3 those he gathered(D) from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.[a]

23 Some went out on the sea(A) in ships;(B) they were merchants on the mighty waters.24 They saw the works of the Lord,(C) his wonderful deeds in the deep.25 For he spoke(D) and stirred up a tempest(E) that lifted high the waves.(F)26 They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril(G) their courage melted(H) away.27 They reeled(I) and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits’ end.28 Then they cried(J) out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.(K)29 He stilled the storm(L) to a whisper; the waves(M) of the sea[a] were hushed.(N)30 They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them(O) to their desired haven.31 Let them give thanks(P) to the Lord for his unfailing love(Q) and his wonderful deeds(R) for mankind.32 Let them exalt(S) him in the assembly(T) of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

6 As God’s co-workers(A) we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.(B)
2 For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped

you.”[a](C)

I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.

3 We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path,(D) so that our ministry will not be discredited. 4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; 5 in beatings, imprisonments(E) and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;(F) 6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit(G) and in sincere love;(H) 7 in truthful speech(I) and in the power of God;(J) with weapons of righteousness(K) in the right hand and in the left; 8 through glory and dishonor,(L) bad report(M) and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;(N) 9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying,(O) and yet we live on;(P) beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;(Q) poor, yet making many rich;(R) having nothing,(S) and yet possessing everything.(T)

11 We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you.(U) 12 We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. 13 As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children(V)—open wide your hearts(W) also.

Mark 4:35-41

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat.(B) There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”(C)

41 They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”