FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 17:1-58

PART THREE

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"WINNING THE BATTLES OF LIFE"

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INTRODUCTION *to the text I Samuel 17:12-30*

We have seen thus far in our studies together that:

The Philistines and Goliath were Factual Enemies of Israel

That warfare operates from a basic platform; information about your opponent / power over your opposition and the ability to intimidate him…

Part 1 – **Awakening to the Conflict**
1 Samuel 17:1-7

Part 2 – **Enter the Battle**
1 Samuel 17:8-11

Part 3
WE HAVE A CAUSE
1 Samuel 17:12-30

By way of background: vs. 12-16 tell us of preparation

12 Now David was the son of that Efrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, and advanced in years in the days of Saul. 13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. The names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14 David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul. 15 But David **occasionally went** and **returned** from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. 16 And the Philistine (Goliath) drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening.

Goliath's Mantra was…

1 Samuel 17:10
"I defy the armies of Israel this day;
give me a man, that we may fight together."

The Enemies of God, they know how to talk

Psalm 2:1-2
Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed,

Your Enemies Know What to Say Against You Too

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"WE HAVE A CAUSE"

1.) Eternity is rapidly approaching vv. 17-24

17 Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp. 18 "And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them." 19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, were fighting with the Philistines. 20 So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle. 21 For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. 22 And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. 23 Then as he talked with them, **there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.**

a.) Cause – the souls of men are in danger vv. 17-18

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In and Through the Life of David
We see many typologies that speak to our lives today

see how your brothers fare

No doubt - by now news had spread that Israel was in for the fight of its life

The Threat was simple…

If Goliath kills Israel's Champion – Israel will become our servants

Cause – the souls of men are in danger

see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them

create an offensive prayer list - and put the name of a person who you know needs Jesus

Eternity is rapidly approaching

b.) Cause – we must get up and go to them vv. 19-22

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David ran to the army, and came and <u>greeted his brothers</u>.

The Youngest Brother

David probably respected his brothers greatly. Most likely - he had heard of earlier battles of Israel's wars and how they had victory here and victory there.

Eternity is rapidly approaching

Isaiah 6:1-9
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." 9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people…

How Much Effort Am I Putting Towards People Hearing?

Acts 8:26
Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

Romans 10:13-17
For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 **And how shall they preach unless they are sent**? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We Need to See the People of the World
as Jesus Sees the People of the World

Matthew 9:35-38
Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Eternity is rapidly approaching

c.) Cause – we know what the truth is vv. 23-24

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Notice - The men of Israel saw Goliath, but David heard him

To David – it was the doctrine of Goliath that Troubled him

1 Samuel 17:8-10
Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." 10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

The Truth is:

John 17:15-17
"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 "Sanctify them by Your truth.
Your word is truth.

someone wrote me and asked;

"what do you think will happen if in the end, the bible isn't true?"

Your Word is truth.

- Test the scriptures and match them against;
- What is historic. Against what is scientific, against what is practical,
- Against what is factual, against what is knowable

I John 2:27
But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

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2.) *Eternity's benefits await us* *vv. 25-27*

25 So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him - the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel." 26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 27 And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him."

Eternity's benefits await us

a.) *Are things not of this world*

Have you Noticed the Perks that Satan Offers his Followers

Depending upon who you talk to

If you follow one group's false teachings -
You'll get to become a god **(if you're a man)** of your own planet with 200 wives that are to get pregnant and give birth to your spirit babies over and over again forever…

Another group says if you're willing to die for jihad
You'll get to your own sexual harem of 72 virgin women in heaven.

Eternity's benefits await us
Which are things not of this world

Psalms 27:4
One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD** all the days of my life, and to **behold the beauty of the LORD**, and to **inquire in His temple.**

2 Corinthians 5:8
We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be **present with the Lord.**

Philippians 1:23
For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and **be with Christ**, which is far better.

Psalm 23:6
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and **I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

John 14:3
"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

What was the portion of the inheritance? Given to the Tribe of Levi?
"The Lord"

Eternity's benefits await us

b.) Are things valuable to us now

Hebrews 6:10
For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

John 6:27
"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

What is Valuable ?

Galatians 5:22-23
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Philippians 4:6-7
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

John 13:35
"By this all will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another."

Eternity's benefits await us

c.) Are things that no man can take away

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3.) *Eternity is serving the purposes of God vv. 28-30*

Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." 29 And David said, "What have I done now? **Is there not a cause**?" 30 Then David turned from him toward another and said the same thing; (**Is there not a cause**?") and these people answered him as the first ones did…("Why did you come down here?)

Eternity is serving the purposes of God

a.) *There are things that just don't make sense - to me v. 28a*

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Do You Ever Ask the Question
Why Can't the World see the Truth?

Biblical Christianity in History
Not the Religious Crusades, not the British Empire, not the Catholic Church
Not even the doctrines of the Reformers - **But True Biblical Christianity!!!**

As Christians
we are rarely understood by others around us!

John 8:43
"Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

They Attacked Jesus on this Front

"Why did you come down here?

Eternity is serving the purposes of God

b.) *And there are things that make perfect sense – to me v. 28b-30*

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for you have come down to see the battle."

What a silly accusation – *there wasn't any battle going on!*

Eternity is serving the purposes of God
And there are things that make perfect sense – to me

- That God created all Things – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That He loves his creation – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That He built into that creation, choice – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That God would give us His Bible – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That God would preserve it in the world – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That God knows me personally – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That God would love sinners – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That God would come down to us – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That God planned on dying for us – *that makes perfect sense to me!*
- That God wants us in heaven with him – *that makes perfect sense to me!*

David's Preparedness

The things that had taken place in David's life before the Goliath encounter, were all things that prepared him to take on future giants.

The Difficulties, The Hardships, The Test, The Trials,
All intended to galvanize us for acts of faith…

Difficulties breed faith, faith breeds courage, and courage equals victory

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