

# I Come in the Name of the Lord

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1 Samuel 17:40-54

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## Review

- Often misunderstood story...
- God's Spirit left Saul<sup>16:14</sup>; David anointed, has Spirit<sup>16:13</sup>
- "those who trust in the Lord's provision will be saved by the Anointed One that God has provided."

## Fighting in the Lord's Name

- David heads toward Goliath<sup>40</sup> with staff & 5 smooth stones
- Goliath was not impressed, actually enraged<sup>41-44</sup>
- David is not intimidated but preaches a sermonette<sup>45-47</sup>
- Blasphemy against God punishable by death<sup>Lev24:16</sup>
- David comes "in the name of the Lord"<sup>45</sup>
- God's name is powerful blessing<sup>Num6:22-27</sup> - key weapon!
- David knew of God's past demonstrations of power
- We like David must rely on Christ's name, not self<sup>Phil3:3-9</sup>

## That the World May Know

- Note how evangelistic David is in his speech<sup>46-47</sup>
- *That all the earth may know*<sup>46</sup>... Goliath and the Philistines were put on notice - bad news for Goliath
- *that this assembly may know*<sup>47</sup>... that God's people might know *that the Lord saves not with sword and spear*<sup>47</sup>. Israel was trusting Saul
- God wanted His people to trust Him alone in faith!

## The Battle is Quickly Over

- The battle was very quick – almost anti-climactic!
- Goliath lumbered towards David. David moved quickly...
- David's sling was a ranged weapon with a powerful blow
- Let us remember the weapons God has given us<sup>Eph6:10-20</sup>
- We don't need the weapons of the world
- David uses Goliath's own sword<sup>46</sup> to behead him
- David took Goliath's head to Jerusalem<sup>54</sup> - notice to world

## So What?

- World mocks Church like Goliath did - use God's Word
- Goliath's sword turned against him - Jesus turned death against Satan<sup>Heb2:14-15</sup>
- David fought as representative - Jesus fought as our representative and won our salvation - received by faith.
- God's people rejoiced after victory – we rejoice in Christ's victory on our behalf - Gospel yourself everyday!
- After victory, the people pursued their enemies. Jesus defeated Satan, sin and death, let us continue to pursue enemies with God's Word that all the world may know<sup>48</sup>...
- Does your daily life reflect faith in Christ's victory? John encouraged us 1 John 5:4-5