

Lesson VI.

DAVID AND GOLIATH

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1 Sam. 17 : 38-49. Study 1 Sam. 17 : 32-54—Memory Verses, 45-47.

Golden Text—If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8 : 31.

38 And Saul armed Da'vid with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head ; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And Da'vid girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go ; for he had not proved *it*. And Da'vid said unto Saul, I cannot go with these ; for I have not proved *them*. And Da'vid put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip ; and his sling was in his hand : and he drew near to the Philistines.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto Da'vid ; and the man that bear the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw Da'vid, he disdained him : for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto Da'vid, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves ? And the Philistine cursed Da'vid by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to Da'vid, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said Da'vid to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear, and with a shield : but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Is'rael, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand ; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee : and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth ; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Is'rael.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear : for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet Da'vid, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And Da'vid put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead ; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day David's father called him in out of the field, to carry food to his brothers, who were in the camp of Saul a few miles away, fighting against the Philistines.

Now the name of the champion of the Philistines was Goliath, a man eleven feet tall. Every morning and evening Goliath, clad in armor from head to foot came and walked before the camp, saying, "I challenge the whole army of Israel ! Send out a man that we may fight !" But there was no one found in Israel who could match him in size or strength.

When David heard the words of Goliath,

he went to Saul and begged to be allowed to go and fight the giant.

"You cannot, you are too young," said the king." But David begged so hard that at last Saul consented and gave David his own armor and a sword.

But they were so heavy that David put them off, and running down to the brook he picked up fine smooth stones for his sling, and putting them in his shepherd's bag, went on with no other weapon to face the giant.

When Goliath saw the fair, unarmed boy in his shepherd's dress coming against him, he broke out into a rage and cursed David by