

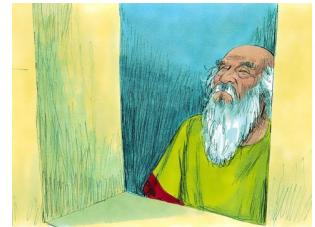
THE SOURCE OF POWER FOR VICTORY IS IN THE ANOINTING

Arise and anoint him.

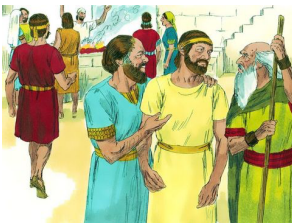
TEXT: **1 Samuel 16:12:** *And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.*

Quite unknown to the natural minds of the most brilliant, God has a very secret way of preparing His Own servants for the greatest hour of need.

1 Samuel 16:1: *And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided Me a king among his sons.*



God looks not on the outward appearance — something that is very hard for us not to do. Samuel is cautioned by the Lord because he is about to anoint Eliab — a fine appearing young man of great stature — as king, for the Lord said, “***I have refused him.***” Why? “***The Lord looketh on the heart.***”



1 Samuel 16:7: *But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*

Some time after that, the Philistines gathered together in the valley of Elah to fight against the children of Israel. A frightful battle was set in array. Soldiers struggled; armour glistened in the bright sunlight. The armies of the Philistines were opposing the saints of the Most High God.

1 Samuel 17:1-4, 8-11:

1 *Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.*

2 *And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.*

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.



4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

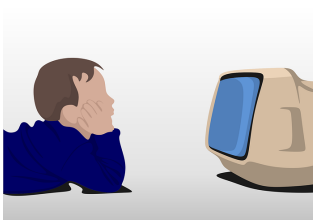
9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.



Likewise today on the battlefield of life, satan's hosts with his champion, Goliath of Gath, comes daily to stand and mock the Church of Jesus Christ and our God. The giant — the love of the world and its pleasures — cries out: *"I have taken your young and your old into my power in the dance halls, theaters, and in my many haunts of amusement places. Now I have emptied your churches with my other enticements — television and the internet. I have brought into your homes the shows which you once condemned. I have made them appear innocent and educational, and so entertaining. I'm greater than God and His armies. I tower over the church. Its moral courage is shaken, and you have lost the old time power, and the amen corner, and the church members. And the church is fast emptying, and is even now seeking my famed pleasures for satisfaction."*

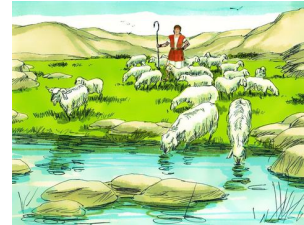


As the world is defying the church, taking captive its youth, and taking its strength, I gaze at the hosts of Israel who were standing on the mountain of truth. Their knees were knocking. Their power was missing. Their shout had died out. Even the leaders of this spiritual army were so occupied with the sounds of defiance from the flesh that they had lost their power for God.

But, bless God, He still prepares His Davids out alone in the field. Alone with God,

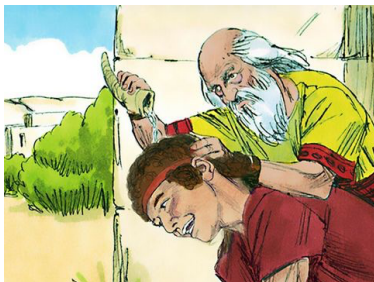
untainted by man's ingenuity and unmarred by the frail abilities of flesh and blood, God was making a giant-killer out of a little shepherd lad.

Man would choose the one who is brilliant, capable, tall, and has a physically commanding appearance, but God chooses the weak, the foolish, and the base so that *He* will receive all the glory.



God made David faithful, first of all, over the few sheep. He was faithful in the little things before he was brought to the greatest of tests — into the camp of the quaking, fearful armies of powerless saints.

Samuel had to come with the anointing oil before his work began in the Spirit. The time had come when God, at just the right moment, brought His champion to the front. He was despised by those who knew him. He was mocked and called a stripling. Yet he went forth — by the commission of his father — to bring bread (the bread of life) to his weak, fearful brothers, bread from the father's table to the warriors on the battlefield of life. He brought them a comforting message. Hallelujah! Being rebuked by his brethren, he told them he had come at his father's bidding — and in his father's name — to bring them food and drink.



1 Samuel 17:22-26:

22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.



26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should

defy the armies of the Living God?

David was asking, ***“Where is your God? Where is His Power?”***

Preach, pray, sing if you can — but your power is gone. Like the Ten Foolish Virgins who cried out, ***“Our lamps are gone out.”***

Matthew 25:1-13:

1 Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

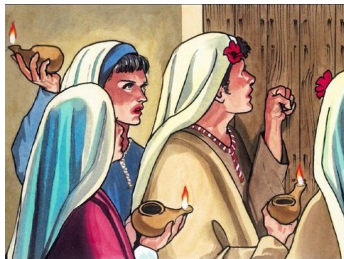
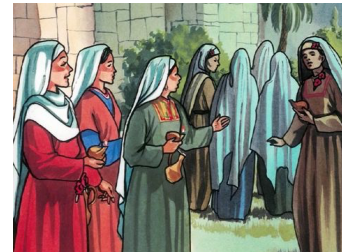
5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.



10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

Oh, what an awful testimony in this dreadful hour in the world's history.

Stirred at the insults to God, transformed from a childish heart into a warrior not of this world, David stared Goliath in the face.

“Who is this uncircumcised Philistine who defies the armies of God?” David knew that to God, Goliath was a grasshopper with foolish chirps and squeaky noises. He knew his God could snap Goliath like a twig.

The people were moved. Their hearts were deeply touched and strengthened. They sent word to King Saul concerning all they had heard. Saul had shaken so long and much that he was weary of trembling. He was glad to find someone with courage. He sent for David. *“If there is anyone without fear, and filled with boldness, bring him to me.”*

1 Samuel 17:31-37:

31 *And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he [Saul] sent for him.*

32 *And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.*

33 *And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.*

34 *And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:*

35 *And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.*

36 *Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.*

37 *David said moreover, The LORD Who delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.*



The power is in the anointing.

God sometimes upsets man's apperception of splendor so that none shall give glory to the flesh. Only him upon whom the Spirit dwells is sufficient for this day. The power is in the anointing. You cannot lose when God is on your side.

Hear him. *“Let no man's heart fail within him because of this Philistine”*. Just a boy is talking, but he speaks with authority and power that amazes the mighty giant, as it had king Saul.

Saul offered David his armour and helmet, but David had not tested them and would not wear them. He must be free in the Spirit, and man's equipment will bind every time.

1 Samuel 17:38-39:

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

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

The world-defying giant is stirred to hatred when he sees him. He rears and snorts at the little giant, empowered by God. David comes with no armour. He needs none. The devil cannot touch him. He comes out to win; his protection is God.

1 Samuel 17:40-42 :

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 Philistine.*

41 *And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.*

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



David runs to meet Goliath. Listen to faith in action as he declares what all shall happen to the giant that day!

1 Samuel 17:42-47:

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

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

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

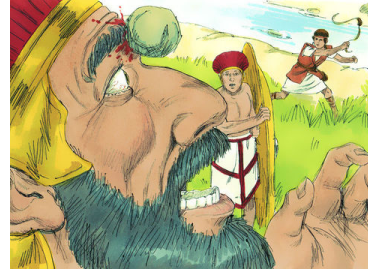
45 *Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the Name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, Whom thou hast defied.*

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 Israel.*

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.

David takes the most despised of military equipment — five stones. The giant is not able to resist the power for victory — which is in the anointing — and down he goes to the ground with a crash! David takes Goliath's very own sword and cuts Goliath's head off, and takes the sword to his tent.



A “tent” for a warrior like this! Yes. We are strangers and pilgrims down here. Now David did not get the a head over this cheering victory, but he goes to his humble tent dwelling and, uncrowned, gives all the glory to the Lord for his strength and power. The Lord’s Name is great in all the earth.

“Abner [the captain of the host], you are a man of war; you know the great warriors - the best of them. Who is this one? I am deeply impressed over this young warrior. I want to know him, Abner.”

1 Samuel 17:55: And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

“What! He who fought as never I have seen the likes before, and gave all Israel this great victory, and you do not know him?”

No. Those walking in the flesh do not know those walking in the power of the Holy Spirit’s anointing.

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