



The Shot Heard Around The World

(1 Samuel 17)

Introduction:

1. The account of David and Goliath is a “timeless children’s classic.”
2. This story was not written just for children. It contains some powerful lessons for adults as well.
3. Let’s see what we can continue to learn about this great account...

I. Who Will Stand For God?

- A. Out of all the trained soldiers of Israel, an untrained shepherd stood up.
- B. There will always be challenges by the world, where we will have to stand up for God.
- C. (Daniel 3)
 1. Age has nothing to do with standing for God (1 Timothy 4:12).
- D. If we are on God’s side, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)
- E. God’s people will always have enemies (1 Peter 3:8)
- F. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

II. “Let It Roll Off Your Back”

- A. Criticism can hurt and even destroy a person or a great work.
- B. Perhaps David’s brother words were spoken out of frustration and jealousy, because they knew David was right (1 Samuel 17:28-30).
- C. Encouragement is a duty of a Christian (Hebrews 3:13).
- D. When everyone else is against us, God is there (Romans 8:35).

III. Champions Will Be Crowned

- A. David stood up, ignored criticism and was counted a champion.
- B. At the end of this life, at the end of criticism, champions will be crowned.
- C. The victories in our lives are God given, not earned.
 1. Gideon and 300 men (Judges 7)
 2. Joshua and Jericho (Joshua 6)
- D. As Christians we have been made “more that conquerors” (Romans 8:37).
- E. (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Conclusion:

1. The story of David and Goliath has many powerful meanings for us.
2. The small shepherd beat a trained warrior. Why?
3. Because God was on his side!
4. Will you be crowned a champion after this life?