

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

EVERY STORY WHISPERS THE NAME OF JESUS



The Anointed Shepherd King

1 Samuel 16-17

Main Idea

The anointed shepherd king stood in the place of God's unbelieving people to defeat their enemy.

Overview

- **God rejects Saul as King and anoints David as King (1 Sam. 16.1, 3, 13)**
- **The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart (1 Sam. 16.7)**
 - Jesse didn't see the youngest son David as one considered to be king (1. Sam. 16.11)
 - Goliath defied the people of God, but the people of God were scared of his appearance (1 Sam. 17.11)
 - David saw as the Lord saw when he looked at Goliath (1 Sam. 17.37)
 - Goliath saw as man sees (1 Sam. 17.42-43)
 - David's saw and trusted the Lord for Future Grace due to his seeing past grace
- **Goliath defies the Lord and David is Jealous for the Lord's Glory (1 Sam. 17.10 & 1 Sam. 17.26, 36, 44-47)**
 - Motivation of David was jealousy for the fame of God (Not defeating a personal "giant")
- **David, motivated by hatred for the defiance of God, and a love for the fame of God believes when others will not and stands to fight and deliver the enemies of God's people (1 Sam. 1 Sam. 17. 48-52, 56)**
- **Point of Story: Anointed Shepherd King from Bethlehem stands in the place of the fearful, unbelieving people of God and trusts/believes in the Lord and defeats the enemy**
 - This foreshadows the work of Christ
 - Point of the story is the defeat of sin by an intercession, though apparently weak, king that frees Gods people to live in the victory of belief for the glory of the Lord

Questions

Discussion starter: How have you generally either heard and/or applied stories in the 1st/Old Testament?

1. What is the danger of moralizing or making metaphors out of the stories of the 1st/Old Testament?
2. How does this treatment of David and Goliath seem to fit into the larger tapestry of the Bible (see excerpt below)?
3. Why do we always want to place ourselves as the “hero” in the stories of the Bible and what is the danger of doing so?
4. What is the Bible ultimately about? (Christ): Does that mean we have no place in the Bible?
5. Explain the ways David points to Christ in this story.
6. Explain who Goliath points towards and how. (sin)
7. Explain the ways the people of God relate to us.
8. What seems to be the motivation of David? How is that different than how we often act in life?
9. If David points to Christ as the substitutionary king who defeats the enemy (sin) then how are we to apply this to our lives in this story?
10. In what ways do you fear/not believe and sit idle while God is defied? How do you work against that?

Accountability Question: Where are you seeing as “man sees” and not seeing as “the Lord sees?” (1 Sam. 16.7) What promise do you need to trust for those things?

Excerpt: “Introduction” from *Jesus Story Book Bible*:

“Now, some people think the Bible is a book of rules, telling you what you should and shouldn't do. The Bible certainly does have some rules in it. They show you how life works best. But the bible isn't mainly about you and what you should be doing. It's about God and what he has done.

Other people think the Bible is a book of heroes, showing you people you should copy. The Bible does have some heroes in it, but (as you'll soon find out) most of the people in the Bible aren't heroes at all. They make some big mistakes (sometimes on purpose). They get afraid and run away. At times they are downright mean.

No, the Bible isn't a book of rules, or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a Story. It's an adventure story about a young Hero (Christ) who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne--everything--to rescue the one he loves.

There are a lot of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves his children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby (Christ). Every Story in the Bible whispers his name. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle ~ the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together; and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture.”