

I. The defiance of the enemy of God (v. 20-24)

A. The Philistine army assembled to fight Israel

*Picture of map

*Picture of Elah valley (aerial view)

*2 Pictures of valley

*Picture of dry creek bed

B. The Philistine champion Goliath defied God

*picture of Goliath

C. Goliath appeared to be unconquerable

D. The Israelite army ran away in fear

II. The faith of David (v. 25-37)

A. David is shocked at Israel's lack of faith

B. David sees clearly what must be done

C. David had prepared for this moment

“But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought after a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command.” (I Samuel 13:14)

D. David volunteered to fight Goliath

E. David had faith that God would give him victory

“The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

III. The man of faith versus the giant (v. 38-51)

A. David uses the weapons he has

B. Goliath demeans and threatens David

C. David proclaims his faith in God

1. By faith he comes in the name of the Lord

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

2. By faith he sees Goliath already dead

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

3. By faith he sees God fighting the battle

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still” (Exodus 14:14)

4. By faith he sees the enemy army defeated

D. David attacks the giant and kills him

E. David proclaims complete victory

F. David’s faith inspired the Israelite army