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PART 21: SINGING TO KILLING

TEENAGE YEARS OF DAVID

David came from a good family. His great-grandfather Boaz married Ruth the Moabite. **Ruth 4:9-17**

Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed, which means “worshiper.” Obed had a son named Jesse, which means “gift.” Jesse became a farmer and raised sheep in Bethlehem. David was the youngest of Jesse’s eight sons, and as a teenager, David was put in charge of his father’s sheep. **1 Samuel 16:11**

Even though David was young, he was a fierce fighter and killed a bear and lion which had attacked his flock. **1 Samuel 17:33-36**

David was a good looking man with a healthy red skin tone. **1 Samuel 16:12**

David was a skilled harp player and sang as well. He was well known in the community and his reputation as a musician reached the court of King Saul. **1 Samuel 16:15-23**

After being a court musician for some time, David returned home when war broke out with the Philistines. **1 Samuel 17:15**

David was a skilled shepherd; he was brave, loved music and knew how to sing. God would use his gifts when he became king to create songs for the people of Israel that blessed the nation and are known as Psalms in the Bible today. David was tender, loving, sweet and without guile at this point in his life. This is why God stated that David was a man after his own heart. **1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22**

David eventually became a soldier and he became a different man as his heart hardened. Because of all the bloodshed, David was not allowed to build the temple of God. **1 Chronicles 17:1-4; 22:8**

BATTLE IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH

It was at the battle in the Valley of Elah that David lost his innocence and turned into a hardened warrior who would not think twice about killing a man that stood in his way.

Saul and the army of Israel were on one side of the valley and the Philistine army on the other. There were giants among the Philistines and one of them was named Goliath. He was 9 feet 9 inches tall and wore an armored coat weighing 125 pounds, which protected him from arrows, swords and spears. His legs from the knees down to the feet were protected by brass greaves (armor), he also wore a brass helmet and a brass plate on his back. The head of his spear weighed 15 pounds. **1 Samuel 17:1-11**

The Bible records that there was a giant in Gath with four sons and Goliath was one of them. **2 Samuel 21:16-22**

It is interesting to note that these huge men had six fingers on their hands and six toes on their feet.





Compare this with Robert Wadlow from Alton, Illinois who grew 8 feet 11.1 inches and weighed 439 pounds at his death in 1940. He had a 5 foot cane and wore special made 37AA shoes.

These giants were not descendants of the Nephilim who lived before Noah's flood but were the offspring of Anak (meaning "giant"). They were first spotted by the 12 spies sent out by Moses. **Numbers 13:21-22; 33**

God told Joshua to destroy this people group who were also known as Anakims. The Bible reveals there were survivors of these giants that settled in Gaza, Ashdod and Gath. Goliath came from Gath. **Joshua 11:21-22**

DAVID ARRIVES ON THE SCENE

David had no plans to join the army since he was too young. As a result, he returned home to take up his old job of herding sheep. Jesse decided to send food supplies to the army since his three oldest sons were with Saul. **1 Samuel 17:17-18**

David respected his father and got up early in the morning and begin his journey toward the Valley of Elah. The food had been loaded on a wagon and he arrived with the intention of finding his brothers. **verses 19- 22**

This was the time of the day when Goliath would come close to the position of the Israelite army and challenge them to send him a soldier to fight him. **verses 23-24**

David was informed that King Saul had offered a reward to any soldier who would kill Goliath. **verses 25**

David showed great interest in the reward. **verses 26-27**

When his oldest brother, Eliab, heard the conversation between David and the soldiers, he became angry and verbally tore into David. No doubt Eliab was still chafing from Samuel's rejection when David was anointed to be the next king of Israel. **verse 28; 1 Samuel 16:6-10**

It is obvious that the Spirit of the Lord came upon David as he approached King Saul and offered to kill Goliath. **1 Samuel 17:29-37**

Saul realized that Goliath was a walking fortress and wanted to arm David likewise. **verses 38**

David realized that he had no training as a soldier and removed Saul's armor. **verse 39**

DAVID KILLS GOLIATH

David was skilled in the use of the sling and he carefully selected five small stones from a brook and put them in his bag. With a sling in his hand, he began to walk toward Goliath. **verse 40**

When Goliath came close to David, he saw it was just a young man with no beard and he despised David. It was an insult to Goliath that King Saul would send a teenager against the most respected and feared soldier in the Philistine army. **verses 41-44**

David responded by speaking about the God of Israel and that he was coming against Goliath in the name of the Lord. **verses 45-47**

The fight was now set and Goliath advanced toward David. Instead of running away, David ran toward Goliath, and as he came into the range of his sling, he let loose one stone against the only unprotected spot, and that was his forehead. Goliath was a moving target, meaning he was not standing still, and David only had one chance to strike before Goliath closed the distance. David used his sling and I believe it was an angel that took the stone and accelerated it right into the forehead of Goliath. The speed of the stone was so great that it penetrated Goliath's skull and entered his brain, killing him instantly. **verses 48-50**

The men of the Philistine army stood in shock as their champion toppled over dead. Since David did not have a sword, he withdrew Goliath's sword and severed his head. The Bible doesn't explicitly say so, but it is presumed that David held up Goliath's head for all to see and the Philistines fled when they saw their man was dead. This in turn spurred on the Israelites who shouted and charged toward the enemy and commenced a great slaughter. **verses 52-53**

Saul's court was in Gibeah, which was in the land given to the tribe of Benjamin. **1 Samuel 15:34**

David took the head of Goliath and brought it to the city of Jerusalem in Judah. He also took Goliath's armor and brought it by the wagon to the tent where was staying. **1 Samuel 17:54**

King Saul did not recognize the young man that killed Goliath was in fact the same person that stood in his court singing when he was troubled by an evil spirit. **verses 55-58**

DAVID THE SOLDIER

David was brought to the palace of King Saul and a covenant was made between Jonathan and David. **1 Samuel 18:1-4**

David became a soldier in Saul's army, and because he behaved wisely, he was quickly appointed to lead the army of Israel. **verse 5**

Killing became a way of life for David as he led one battle after the other against the Philistines. He became the favorite among the women in Gibeah and this created jealousy in Saul. **verses 6-9**

THE ENEMY OF SAUL

When David was at Saul's palace, he was called upon to play the harp for Saul when the evil spirit plagued him but this time Saul tried to kill David. **verses 10-11**

Saul became afraid of David, as the latter obviously had an anointing from God, and so the king removed David from his presence and commissioned David as a captain over a unit of 1,000 men. **verses 12- 14**

The people loved David, and the more he prospered, the more Saul feared David. **verses 15-16**

SAUL LAYS A TRAP

Saul had promised that the man who killed Goliath would be given one of Saul's daughters as a wife. Saul came up with a clever way to kill David and that was by having his advisors tell David the king wanted a dowry of 100 Philistine foreskins.

No man will indiscriminately stand while you cut off a portion of his penis. This task can only be accomplished by killing the man first and then cutting off the foreskin. Saul was hoping that David would be killed when he tried to collect the foreskins from the Philistine men.

David should have refused to murder 100 men just to please the king. We can see by this time in David's life that he had no regard for life. This was pre-meditated murder and he completely ignored God's instructions. **Exodus 20:13**

David took a group of his men and murdered 200 Philistines, mutilated their bodies and doubled the dowry. **1 Samuel 18:20-27**

The marriage to Michal was cursed from the beginning and David was not able to stay with his wife for long. **1 Samuel 19:9-18**

Saul eventually gave Michal in marriage to Phalti. **1 Samuel 25:44**

Years later David demanded to have Michal back after he became King of Israel. This action broke the heart of Phalti but David couldn't have cared less. **2 Samuel 3:12-16**

The second round with Michael did not go well as she despised David; in return, he set her aside and she ended up childless. **2 Samuel 6:12-23**

SUMMARY

Satan is the author of war and the ugliness of the battlefield damages the souls of men.

There is always destruction, pain and sorrow for all people involved when you become a people pleaser.

David started out as a sweet, loving man, but he ended up hardened after fighting his way through life.

David's life would have been different if he had refused to live in the palace of King Saul and marry Michal.

David's life would had been vastly different if he had heeded what God told Moses. **Deuteronomy 28:1-7**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?