

We All Have Giants To Slay

There's not a kid who ever went to Bible class who hasn't heard the story of David and Goliath. The account of the shepherd boy who went head-to-head with the Philistine champion who stood almost 10 feet tall is a Bible classic. The victory given to David by the Lord, despite uneven odds, is the same success we all seek over the various temptations we face throughout our lives.

Christians stand in the valley, challenged by the devil, just as David stood in front of the giant in the Valley of Elah (1 Samuel 17:2). David had the king's armor available to him, but it didn't fit, so he chose not to wear it. We are encouraged to put on the whole armor of God in order to defend ourselves against the schemes and fiery darts of the devil (Ephesians 6:10-20). It fits perfectly.

As Jesus came out of the wilderness, He took the devil straight on. Satan tempted Him in all the ways that he tempts us, yet the Lord never gave in to sin (Hebrews 4:15).

At times the enticements of sin seem gigantic, powerful, and ten feet tall. They become our "Goliath"! But just as David loaded a small smooth stone into his sling, we must have the sword of the spirit drawn and ready to slay our adversary, the devil, who walks about like a predator seeking whom he can destroy and devour (1 Peter 5:8).

The giants you battle may be different than the ones I face, but the strength and eventual victory comes from the source: our Almighty God! As Philippians 4:13 states so well, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." And with this strength, we will slay all of our giants.

--Jay Launius (Maud, TX) adapted (via Justin Church of Christ, Justin, TX--

Rob Us of the Sun?

The Bible is an armory of heavenly weapons,
a laboratory of infallible medicines,
a mine of exhaustless wealth.

It is a guidebook for every road,
a chart for every sea,
a medicine for every malady,
and a balm for every wound.

Rob us of our Bible and our sky has lost its sun.

- Thomas Guthrie -

"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same
the LORD'S name is to be praised." - Psalm 113:3

- House to House Heart to Heart -



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psm. 119:105

News Notes

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Resumes next Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

BIRTHDAY PARTY: For Aiden Toomey (1 year old), Saturday, August 22nd, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. RSVP: MaClay Toomey, (304) 374-4857.

BIBLE QUESTIONS: If you have Bible questions you would like Bro. Rico to study and consider for a Bible answer, please submit them to him in writing by Sunday, August 23rd.

YOUTH RALLY: Saturday, August 29th, 9:00 a.m.—Lunch. Lubeck Church of Christ, Washington, WV. "Understanding the Will of God for my life." Lunch provided. Additional details on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Clam chowder.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

VA HOSPITAL, PITTSBURGH: Harry Huff (pneumonia).

HOME: Anita Hopwood, Donna Stevens, Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones.

FOX, CHESTER: Marlene Evans, Mary Johnson.

SERRA MANOR, WEIRTON: Jean Haught (Skip's mother).

ADDITIONAL SICK & SHUT-IN: Debbie Waite, Nancy Hadley, Brenda Harris, Sue Baumgardner, Carolyn Carbone, Christy Claypool, Jackie Brown, Herman McHan, Rob Wilson, Georgia Hackathorn, Brett Thompson.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m.
on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

He Went That Way

William T. Ellis (Deceased)

One of the delusions of immaturity is that its experiences are unique, whereas wisdom knows that what befalls anybody has happened a myriad of times before. For the Christian, there is a special significance in this truth because Jesus has first been over the road we are traveling.

Does our path lead over dark and difficult experiences?—He went that way.

Are we burdened with cares and problems and sorrows as we walk?—He went that way.

Are we lonely, misunderstood, and criticized?—He went that way.

Have friends failed us and even hurt us by betrayal?—He went that way.

Is life's pack of troubles and mysteries weighing down our souls?—He went that way.

Whatever befalls a Christian first befell Jesus; so, He walks beside us and before us, a sharing, sympathetic friend.

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -