

David the Shepherd (1 Samuel 17:1–58)

There's much more to the story of David and Goliath than appears at first. David is able to lead God's people to victory because he sees things with God's eyes and is faithful to the task he's been called to fulfil.

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- I. A story in threes
 - A. Goliath's 3 pieces of armour (17:5–6)
 - B. Goliath's 3 weapons (17:45)
 - C. David's 3 brothers (17:13)
 - D. David's 3 presents (17:17–18)
 - E. 3 rewards (17:25)
 - F. 3 mentions of the rewards (17:25, 26–27, 30)
 - G. 3 creatures with hands (17:37)
 - H. Saul's 3 pieces of equipment (17:38–39)
 - I. Saul's 3 questions (17:55–58)

II. Three lessons for us

A. Concern for God's glory

B. Trust in God's revelation

C. Seeing with God's eyes

1. Jesse regards the leader of 1,000 (17:18)
2. The Israelites regard Goliath ('have you seen this man?' 17:25)
3. Eliab regards his little brother (17:28–30) while Samuel and God regard Eliab differently (16:6–7)
4. Saul regards David (17:33)
5. Saul regards David's father (17:55–58)
6. Goliath regards David (17:42–43)
7. David regards Goliath (17:26, 36–37, 45–47)
8. David regards the lamb (17:34–35)

III. Lessons about Christ