

PUT ON GOD'S ARMOR

Ephesians 6:10-18

INTRODUCTION: No matter what type of armor we chose to try to protect ourselves, sooner or later it will be put to the test. David learned that early in his life: Psalm 18:20-29. As David put his trust in his God he found Him more than able to protect him: 1 Samuel 17:34-36. We are all tested by life to see in whom or in what we will use to protect us: 1 Samuel 17:36-37.

I. OUR TEMPTATION TO TRUST IN MAN'S ARMOR!

With the very best of intentions sometimes the advice of man will get us into all kinds of trouble: 1 Samuel 17:38-40. We must learn as soon as possible that man's ways are often not God's ways: Isaiah 55:8-9. King Saul wanted young David to trust in his armor even though he would not trust in it himself with Goliath. When the time of testing of your choice of armor comes may you be trusting in the Lord: Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 26:6-7. Just as David was God's anointed one, so are we: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Revelation 5:9-10. You and I have been anointed by our God to reign on this earth with Jesus Christ. We need to get used to it! As God's anointed ones we must not trust in man's ways or in man's armor: 1 Samuel 17:38-39; Proverbs 3:3-8. Young David chose to trust in the Lord and God's armor was more than enough to see him through: 1 Samuel 17:40-47.

II. SOME OF OUR TESTS ARE NOT SO OBVIOUS!

There are giants without which are very dangerous but God's Word tells us that there are giants within which are influenced by giants in the spiritual realm: Ephesians 6:10-12. We love the story of David trusting his God against the giant Goliath. However, there was a time when David failed to walk in God's armor: 2 Samuel 11:1-3. David should have been off fighting, but David was bored. David could fight a battle with a 9-foot 6-inch giant but because he was not about his Father's business he could not stand before a 5-foot 4-inch beauty. Ephesians 6:13-14; 2 Samuel 11:3. What was he right thing, the righteous thing to do here? Ephesians 6:15; Ephesians 6:16. Now what would have been the shield of faith here? Psalm 84:11-12. Instead of putting on the armor of God, David fell for the temptations of Satan and it costs him dearly. Ephesians 6:17: not only David but we must ask ourselves: Are we putting on the armor of God? Titus 2:11-15. Saying no to sin is what David should have done. He knew God's Word: Exodus 2:14. David here did not seek to glorify his God; he sought to please his own sinful nature: Ephesians 6:18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Let me ask you: Are you taking every thought and making it obedient to Christ? David wished he had: 2 Samuel 12:7-12.

III. OUR UNSEEN GIANTS!

We also have both seen and unseen giants in our lives and we must have God's armor to fight them: Ephesians 6:12-13. Just because we cannot see Satan and his demons does not mean they are not opposed to God and to us: 1 Peter 5:8-11. Satan uses our own untamed lusts to tempt us to trust in our own understanding instead of submitting to our God: James 1:12-15. David was in much greater danger from Bathsheba than from Goliath: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Peter 2:11. Failure here brought on a generational curse: Exodus 20:5-6. How can we learn to deal with the giants of lusts in our own eyes that we have inherited from our own parents? Colossians 3:1-10. You could be the start of a 1,000-generation blessing: Exodus 20:4-6. We must learn how to put to death our own giants of lust within our hearts: Job 31:1-4. King David learned from his failure and later prayed: Psalm 139:23-24. Once the Lord reveals your giants of lust put them to death through His mighty power!

