Zeal for God's Name
1 Samuel 17

Introduction: "'<u>David</u> and <u>Goliath</u>' has become a stock phrase for any 'little guy' who takes on and defeats a bigger, stronger foe, whether in war, sports, business, or politics." - Richard Phillips

1 Peter 5:6-7

Goliath is called a "<u>champion</u>." The Hebrew expression means a "man between the two."

Goliath was approximately <u>9</u> feet <u>6</u> inches tall.

Goliath's coat of mail weighed about <u>126</u> pounds.

The point of Goliath's spear weighed about <u>15</u> pounds.

The word translated "<u>defy</u>" appears <u>six</u> times in the chapter: 17:10, 25, 26, 36, 45

Key Truth: When you have a zeal for God's name you'll have the <u>perspective</u>, <u>motivation</u>, and <u>courage</u> to fight evil.

"Am I <u>ignitable</u>? God deliver me from the <u>asbestos</u> of 'other things.' Saturate me with the oil of the Spirit that I may be a flame." - Jim Elliot

Philippians 3:6; Proverbs 19:2

I. The <u>Perspective</u> to Fight Evil

David's <u>zeal</u> for God's name gave him a completely different perspective from everyone else.

Romans 12:2; Acts 17:6

II. The <u>Motivation</u> to Fight Evil

John 2:13-17; Psalm 69:9

"A zealous <u>Savior</u> ought to have zealous <u>disciples</u>." - J.C. Ryle

III. The <u>Courage</u> to Fight Evil

These stones would range from <u>two</u> to <u>three</u> inches in diameter, and when flung from the sling of a skilled warrior they could reach speeds of <u>100</u> to <u>150</u> miles per hour!

"<u>Courage</u> consists not in hazarding without <u>fear</u> but being resolutely minded in a just cause." - Plutarch

Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:14

In what <u>situations</u> is God's honor at <u>stake</u> in our day?

What people think of God is often determined by what they see in the <u>church</u> and in the <u>lives</u> of <u>individual</u> believers.

Romans 2:24; 1 Peter 3:15

Zeal for God's name is expressed by the pursuit of <u>personal</u> <u>holiness</u>.

Zeal for God's name is <u>cultivated</u> through meditating on the <u>sacrifice</u> of our Lord.

1 Peter 1:13-21