

People of Faith

(Lesson 15)

Introduction:

1. A number of men and women from the Old Testament are mentioned in Hebrews 11 to show how faith will enable a person to be in good standing with God.
2. David is among Israel's leaders mentioned in vs.32.
3. We learn from 1 Samuel 16 that:
 - a. David was anointed to replace Saul as king of Israel (vs.1-13)
 - 1) According to 1 Samuel 15:1-9, Saul had disobeyed God's instructions to destroy the Amalekites.
 - 2) Consequently, God rejected Saul as king (1 Samuel 15:26).
 - b. David served Saul by playing the harp for him (vs.14-23).
4. David's writings indicate that he had great faith in God (Psalm 18:1-6, 46-50).
5. Many of David's actions also show that he possessed great faith, especially his fight with Goliath (1 Samuel 17).

Discussion:

- I. (1 Samuel 17:1-37) THE SETTING FOR THE BATTLE BETWEEN DAVID AND GOLIATH
 - A. (vs.1-3) The Israelites were at war with the Philistines.
 - B. (vs.4-11) Goliath, the Philistine giant, issued a challenge to the Israelites.
 - C. (vs.12-22) Jesse sent David to check on the welfare of his three sons who served in the Israelite army.
 - D. (vs.23-31) David heard Goliath's challenge.
 - E. (vs.32-37) David informed Saul that he would fight Goliath.
- II. (1 Samuel 17:38-51) THE BATTLE BETWEEN DAVID AND GOLIATH
 - A. (vs.38-40) David prepared for the fight.
 - B. (vs.41-48) Goliath and David exchanged words as they approached each other on the battlefield.
 1. (vs.41) Goliath approached David.
 2. (vs.42-44) Goliath mocked, cursed, and challenged David.
 3. (vs.45-47) David responded to Goliath.
 4. (vs.48) David and Goliath approached each other for the battle.
 - C. (vs.49-51) David defeated Goliath.
- III. (1 Samuel 17:52-58) ISRAEL WON A GREAT VICTORY OVER THE PHILISTINES