

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR APRIL 25

DAVID AND GOLIATH.

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 17:3-51. GOLDEN TEXT—If God be for us, who is against us?—Rom. 8:31 R. V.

For forty days (v. 16) Goliath defied Saul's army, encamped near Bethlehem. Three of the sons of Jesse were in Saul's army and to them David is sent with food (vv. 13, 18, 19). These brothers scornfully reproached David when he expressed a willingness to fight Goliath, accusing him of pride and reminding him that he was but a shepherd (vv. 26-29). David's words are carried to Saul and he is introduced to the king.

I. Boastful Pride, vv. 38-44. Fear and dismay were aroused at the very sight of this proud Philistine (vv. 11, 24, 32), yet such fear was foreign to David, for his eyes were not upon man but upon God (v. 37). He related to Saul his exploits not as boasting but as giving him assurance that God was able to deliver him out of the hand of this Philistine. Saul, who had once been a man of like simple faith, is now as much in fear as any of his army. David was perhaps about twenty years of age and verse 56 calls him a "stripling," hence it was that Saul's armor would not fit him (cf. 10:23). Humanly speaking, it was an impossible thing David offered to accomplish single-handed. Even Saul (v. 32) sought to dissuade David, but David was not trusting in man nor depending upon the armor of the king (v. 39; Ps. 27:1-3; Isa. 12:2; Rom. 8:31). David took his familiar staff and sling (see 1 Thess. 5:2) and sallied forth, "strong in the Lord, not in himself; armed not with steel but with faith." Crossing "the valley" (v. 40 marg.) he prepared his sling, with which every Israelite was skilled (see 1 Sam. 13:19-23). On came the giant, a man about nine feet tall (v. 4), "a stalking mountain, overlaid with brass and iron," preceded by his protector (v. 41). Why such a soldier after his period of triumph should desire this added safety is not quite clear. It suggests, however, the sinner's timidity which reveals his essential weakness in that he trusts himself, takes no chances, and is even suspicious of his own supporters. What a contrast! This armored giant and this ruddy-faced, unarmed youth, carrying only the staff, wherewith he was wont to fight wild beasts, and his sling! When God calls a man he uses that weapon with which the man is most familiar, and when the church or the Christian soldier seeks to fight in the armor of another, or by using the weapons of the world, it is foredoomed to failure (Ex. 4:2; Judges 3:31).

II. Conquering Humility, vv. 45-51. David acknowledged Goliath's superior armament, yet armed with the name of the God of the army of Israel which Goliath had insulted, his confidence overtops that of the Philistine and he hurls back his proud boast. Furthermore, the victory was to be an immediate one, "this day" (Zech. 4:6; James 4:7). With calm assurance he informs Goliath of the outcome of their conflict, but takes no credit to himself. David had naught but naked faith and the sense of a just cause to strengthen his arm. He would do to Goliath and the Philistines the things that Goliath had boasted he would do to David (vv. 44 and 46) "that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel;" see also v. 47. David's seemingly insufficient preparation is now revealed to be abundant, for he had four stones more than he needed (v. 40). It is thus that God chooses the weak things to confound the mighty (1 Cor. 1:27).

III. Summary. We have before us three lessons. First the lesson of individual responsibility. A sinful king had paralyzed the effectiveness of the army of Israel. David, "a man after God's own heart," refused Saul's armor, crying out "I cannot go in these." Saul, bound by tradition, must use conventional weapons. Every great advance in the history of the church has been led by some man who struck out boldly, insensible alike to the conventionalism of his friends and the gibes of the enemy. God would have every man work according to himself, not copying, not imitating, but with his own equipment. Second, all the giants of sin have not yet been overthrown. We still have the giants of Intemperance, Unchastity, Graft, Selfishness, Ambition and the Inequalities of our civic and social life. These can only be overcome in the strength of God. Bunyan mentions three giants, Pride, Grim and Pagan; to these we may add, Anger, Untruthfulness, Selfishness and Sullenness.

Third, Our Helper. See Golden Text. Of all the graces David possessed, faith was the root of each one—faith in a living God. His active faith caused him with nimble feet to attack this blasphemous enemy (v. 48). His faith in God characterizes his entire life, resounds in his songs and strengthened his life of service for Jehovah.

It is such faith that strengthens the arm of the true saint of God, that enables him to "overcome" in his own life, to undertake for God and to go to the ends of the earth in his name.

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#### FRAGMENTS OF

**GENERAL NEWS.**  
The man of the hour in New York medical circles at present is, Dr. Harry Plotz, a young bacteriologist of Mt. Sinai hospital, who announced recently at a meeting of the New York Pathological Society that he had discovered an anti-typhus vaccine. In view of the recent spread of this dread disease in Serbia, where many American physicians are leading in the fight against it, the discovery was hailed as timely as well as important.

Twenty masked robbers early on Thursday held up in true Western style a New York Central fast freight train near Sanborn, Niagara County, escaping with 10 auto truck loads of valuable silks worth \$70,000. The train was from Boston, bound for Chicago via the Michigan Central at Niagara Falls. The daring of Engineer Moss in cutting out his engine under fire and running into the Suspension Bridge prevented more extensive looting.

As a result of the enforcement of the new law against the traffic in habit forming drugs ten young men who said they feared they would become insane because they could not obtain drugs were under treatment in Bellevue hospital in New York, last week. Many others applied for admission to that hospital. One young man who could not obtain drugs fell dead upon the street from the effect of a narcotic pill sold him by an Italian peddler.

There is plenty of work in Maryland for men who are willing to work "I can find a job at fair pay for any man who wants it. There is no reason for hard times in Maryland, because we have more jobs than we have men to fill them." The preceding was the statement of John A. Tschantre, secretary of the Maryland State Bureau of Immigration, who has direct charge of the employment work of the bureau in Baltimore. Since the arrival of the supposed hard times he has found positions for more than 1,000 men and has other positions waiting. "The trouble with the most of these men who are complaining about not being able to find positions," said Mr. Tschantre, "is 'hat white looking for jobs they are praying not to find any. I have been raked over the coals time and again during the last winter by farmers to whom I sent supposed laborers. The farmers tell me that these men work two or three days and fill themselves up with good food and then beat it."

**PETITION FOR DISCHARGE OF ADMINISTRATOR. IN RE ESTATE OF Samuel K. Weimer, Late of Greenville Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, deceased.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an application was presented to the Orphans' Court of Somerset County by the undersigned administrator, c. t. a. of the estate of the said Samuel K. Weimer, deceased, for discharge as such administrator, and the Court has fixed Monday, 17th day of May, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Court House at Somerset, Pennsylvania, as the time and the place for the hearing of such application when and where all parties interested may appear if they see fit.

OZIAS WEIMER, Administrator c. t. a. of SAMUEL K. WEIMER, Dec'd.

#### WILLS PROBATED.

The will of the late Harrison T. Lohr, of Shade township, was probated last week. He left a life interest in his estate to his wife, Martha J. Lohr, at whose death the same is to be equally divided among their children: Annie Gerhard, Irvin Lohr, Luther Lohr, Newton Lohr, Emma Croyle, Harry Lohr, Nellie Lohr and Park Lohr. Newton Lohr was appointed executor. The will was dated September 27, 1912, and witnessed by Irvin Lohr, Ada Uster and A. L. Livingston.

Mary Tipton, late of Lincoln Township, bequeathed her property to her husband, Jacob H. Tipton, who is named as executor. The will was dated March 22, 1915, and witnessed by Jere S. Miller and Alice Tipton.

Letters of administration have recently been issued as follows: Sarah A. Gerhard and Francis S. Gerhard, estate of Nelson Gerhard, late of Somerset Township. Bond \$10,000.

Sarah E. Hyatt, estate of William H. Hyatt, late of Addison Township. Bond, \$150.

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S. L. Livengood, estate of Jeremiah J. Livengood, late of Salisbury. Bond \$2,000.

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#### CAT CHAPERONS CHICKS.

Watches Over Them Daily Till They Go to Roost.

Jefferson City, Mo.—A cat that cares for a brood of chickens is the property of Mrs. John P. Gordon, wife of the state auditor.

The cat attracted the attention of neighbors some time ago by its peculiar conduct. At first it was thought it was following the chickens around to kill one for a meal. This idea was soon dissipated when day after day the performance was repeated.

Then it was observed that the cat attached itself to a brood of late "fryers," now about half grown. It watches over this bunch of chickens with apparent motherly solicitude, follows them about all day and never leaves them until they go to roost for the night. Then the cat returns to the Gordon residence.

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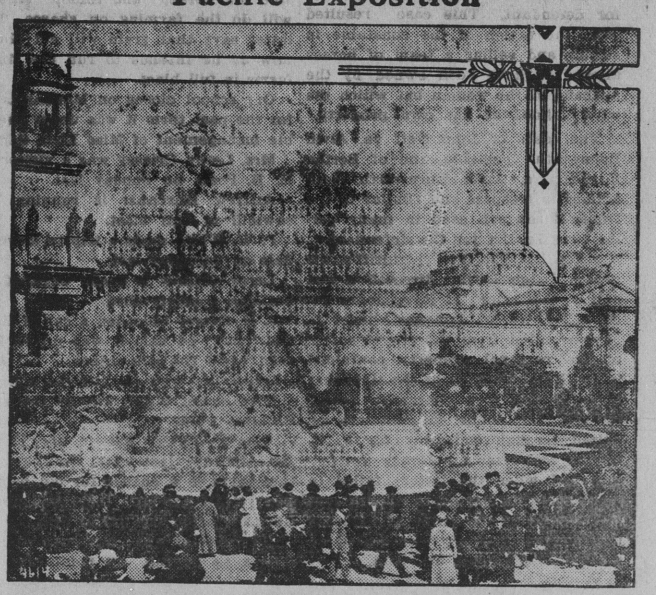
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