

Great Differences:

Lessons from David & Solomon

This week – God has promised to help believers through all life’s trials and problems.

David said to Goliath, the Philistine,
**“For the battle is the LORD’s, and He will
 give you into our hands.”** 1 Samuel 17v47

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	1 Samuel 17v1-15 (Goliath’s challenge over 40 days)	
Monday	1 Samuel 17v16-30 (David hears Goliath’s challenge)	
Tuesday	1 Samuel 17v31-39 (David fully trusts the LORD)	
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17v40-58 (David slays Goliath with a stone)	
Thursday	Psalms 34 (In trouble David prays, ‘Help me O God’)	
Friday	Psalms 46 (God, the believer’s refuge and strength)	
Saturday	Psalms 38 (David prays for God’s forgiveness and help)	

Important Thought for us Today: How can I know peace in my soul even in times of trouble?

We must know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and LORD, as without forgiveness of sin we can have no peace. The Lord says, *‘My peace I give unto thee.’* John 14v27. The Lord Jesus Christ has made peace with God for us by dying in our place on Calvary. None but born-again believers know this blessing of the Holy Spirit. We must pray in faith for this peace when trials and troubles come our way, remembering that nothing happens to us outside of the LORD’s Sovereign will and purpose. We may have strayed away, and the Lord is calling us to repentance, or to come closer to Him for greater blessing in our Christian Walk. **Remember the LORD will hear and answer us.** Let our daily prayer be that God will bless us with His peace in life, and in death. **Philippians 4v7.**

Hymn 34. Based on Psalm 34 - David’s complete trust and confidence in his LORD.

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| 1. Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ. | 3. O magnify the Lord with me;
With me exalt His name,
When in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came. |
| 5. O make but trial of His love;
Experience will decide
How blessed are they, and only they,
Who in His truth confide! | 6. Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Come, make His service your delight,
Your wants shall be His care. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

Different Approaches To Battle.

David asks God for Help and Succeeds Against Goliath.

- **Background to Today’s Lesson.**
 - God had rejected King Saul due to his wilful sinfulness and disobedience.
 - The idolatrous and wicked Philistines attack Israel again.
 - The armies encamp on either side of the Valley of Elah, ready for battle.
- **The Different Approaches To Life’s Battles.**
 - **Saul** – Self Confident – but God had withdrawn His powerful support.
 - **The Unbeliever** – Proudly rejects any thought of God. **‘I can do it myself.’**
 - **The Believer** – Knows they need God’s help. **‘I cannot do it myself.’**

Do we reject God, ignoring all the blessings that He has showered upon us?

- **Saul is Taken Off Guard - Goliath Appears and Challenges Them.**
 - Goliath, 3 metres tall, ‘Send someone to fight me. Whoever wins, wins the battle’. Saul and all his army are petrified. **No one will volunteer.**
 - **Due to unbelief** - None had any thought of praying to God to seek His help.
- **A Different Reaction – Faithful David Appears on the Scene.**
 - He is offended by Goliath’s insulting attack upon the LORD and His people.
 - ‘I will fight Goliath. The LORD will be with me and give me the victory.’
- **Different Weapons – David Had Faith in The LORD.**
 - David unafraid, said, ‘I do not need your armour. I will use my trusted sling.’
 - He was ridiculed by his brothers but his absolute faith in God prevailed.
 - David wanted to show everyone that God would give the victory.
- **Two Kinds of Weaponry For Life with Two Different Results:**
 - **Unsuccessful – Unbelievers**, ‘I do not need God.’ ‘I will live for myself.’ ‘I can cope with all difficulties.’ **No thought of facing death and judgement.**
 - **Successful – Believers**, Using the same weapons as David did: -
 - **Salvation** – Knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and LORD.
 - **The Prayer of Faith** – Taking all things to God in believing prayer.
 - **God’s Guidance** – Seeking it and obeying the principles of God’s Word.
 - **God’s Help** – Recognising that all life’s problems need God’s help.
 - **God’s Word** – Reading it daily, meditating upon it, and obeying it.

For the believer, death is the doorway into Eternal Heaven. Not so for the unbeliever.

David wrote from experience, **“The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him.”** Psalm 28 v7.