

The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 16 – 17

Sunday, November 19 & Wednesday, November 22

Chapter 16 (Sunday, November 19)

- From **1 Samuel 16: 1 – 3**, what direction did God give to Samuel? What concern did Samuel have, and what solution did God provide?
- In **1 Samuel 16: 4 – 5**, how did the elders in Bethlehem react to Samuel's arrival? What reassurance did Samuel provide, and what action did he take with Jesse and his sons?
- As recorded in **1 Samuel 16: 6 – 10**, what was Samuel's reaction when he looked at Jesse's oldest son Eliab? How did God respond, and what lesson did He teach to Samuel? What happened when all of Jesse's sons (except his youngest) passed before Samuel? (*John 7: 24; James 2: 1 – 4*)
- In **1 Samuel 16: 11 – 13**, what request did Samuel make to Jesse? How was David described, and what did God direct Samuel to do? What was the result for David?
- From **1 Samuel 16: 14 – 16**, what situation was Saul experiencing? What solution did his servants recommend to remedy the situation?
- How is David described by one of the king's servants in **1 Samuel 16: 17 – 18**?
- In **1 Samuel 16: 19 – 23**, what position did Saul give to David? How did David help Saul to overcome the "distressing / evil spirit"?

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Chapter 17 (Wednesday, November 22)

- From **1 Samuel 17: 1 – 11**, how was Goliath described? What challenge did he make to the Israelites, and what effect did his challenge have?
(*Numbers 13: 33; Deuteronomy 9: 1 – 3; Joshua 11: 22*)
- In **1 Samuel 17: 12 – 19**, what task did Jesse give to David?
- According to **1 Samuel 17: 20 – 25**, what did David witness when he arrived at the battlefield? What effect did Goliath have on the soldiers of Israel?
- From **1 Samuel 17: 26 – 30**, how did David describe Goliath when he spoke to the soldiers? What accusation did his oldest brother make against David, and how did David respond?
- Describe the conversation between David and Saul, as recorded in **1 Samuel 17: 31 – 37**. How did David describe his experiences as a shepherd? What did David indicate about his faith in God, and how did Saul respond? (*Matthew 19: 26*)
- In **1 Samuel 17: 38 – 44**, how did Saul attempt to prepare David to fight against Goliath, and what does this indicate about Saul's leadership and character? How did David choose to prepare for battle, and how did Goliath react when he saw David?
- From **1 Samuel 17: 45 – 47**, describe David's comments to Goliath. What did David's comments indicate about his faith in God?
(*Matthew 17: 19 – 20*)
- Describe the battle between David and Goliath, as recorded in **1 Samuel 17: 48 – 54**. What effect did the outcome have on the Philistines, and how did the army of Israel respond?
- In **1 Samuel 17: 55 – 58**, how did Saul respond to the outcome of the battle? What question did he ask of David?