

WORD

⁹I will sing a new song to you, O God; on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you, ¹⁰to the One who gives victory to kings, who delivers his servant David from the deadly sword. PSALM 144:9,10

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David described God’s intervention in the battles that he faced. He praised God for the deliverance and the victory that God gave him. Let us look further at how David fought his battles with God and see how we can experience the same victory in our lives.

1 David knew God as his Deliverer.

³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” ¹ SAMUEL 17:36,37

Along with their king, the Israelite soldiers were terrified by Goliath, the Philistine giant who stood nine feet and six inches tall. But David boldly fought the giant because he knew God not just in his head but also personally. He was confident that the Lord would deliver him from Goliath’s sword. What past experiences made David so confident of defeating Goliath?

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2 David fought Goliath in the Name of the Lord Almighty.

David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” ¹ SAMUEL 17:45

While the Israelite soldiers focused on the danger of the battle or the rewards to be won, David fought for something bigger than his reputation. He fought for the honor and glory of God’s Name. He knew God as the Lord Almighty, the all-powerful God who is with him in this battle. What other instances in the Bible can you cite where saints fought in God’s Name?

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3 David knew that the God of Israel would give him the victory.

⁴⁶This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.” ¹ SAMUEL 17:46,47

David knew the power of God. He also knew that this battle was the Lord’s, not his. As David approached Goliath, he loudly declared his faith in the God of Israel and gave the honor to God. He was confident that no one compared to God, not even a giant. Comment on David’s personal relationship with God. What can you glean from this?

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