

# SLAYING GIANTS

1 Samuel  
17 all.



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1 Sam 14:52 *The war against the Philistines* was **severe all the days of Saul**; and when Saul saw any mighty man or any valiant man, he attached him to his staff. [*On-going, relentless. Like ours!*]

1 Sam 17:2-3  
Saul and the  
*men of Israel*  
were gathered..  
and camped  
*in the valley*  
*of Elah*

1 Sam 17:1 Now the  
*Philistines* gathered  
their armies for  
battle ...

1 Sam 17:3-4 *Philistines* stood on  
the mountain on one side while  
*Israel* stood on the mountain on  
the other side..

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**1 Sam 17:4** Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named *Goliath, from Gath.*

**v.4** Height = 9'6"

NBA Shaq = 7'1"

**v.5** Armor: Bronze Helmet, Scale-armor: 157# *Barnes.*

**v.6** bronze greaves on legs.

**v.7** head of spear 15#.

**1) A giant in your life is a person or situation that intimidates you, bullies you & makes you afraid.**

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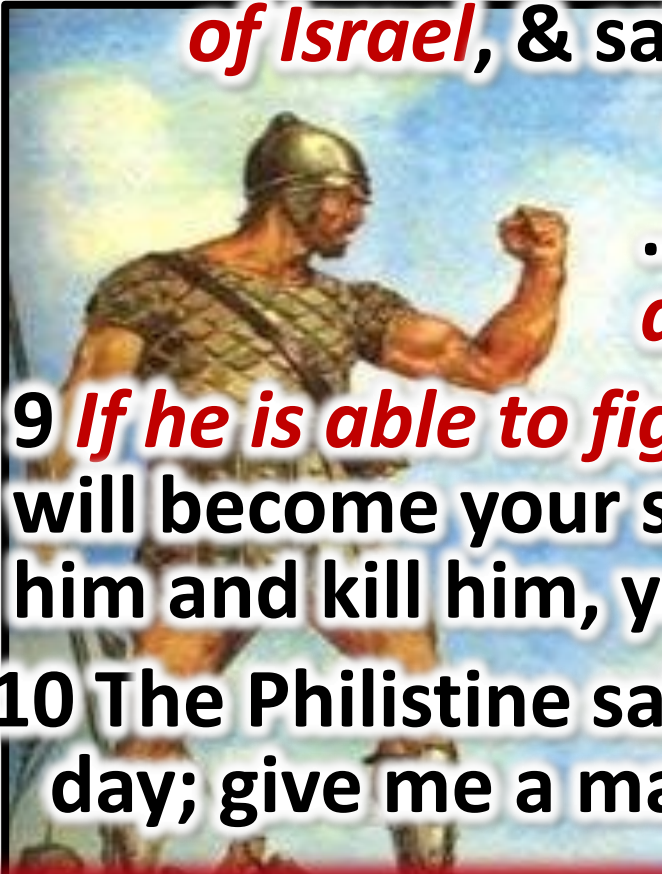
1 Sam 17:8 He stood and *shouted to the ranks of Israel*, & said to them, "Why do you come out to draw up in battle array?"

... Choose a man for yourselves *and let him come down to me*.

9 *If he is able to fight with me and kill me*, then we will become your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, you shall become our servants.

10 The Philistine said, "*I defy the ranks of Israel* this day; give me a man that we may fight together."

2) Giants make a lot of noise. We feel dismayed & afraid (v.11). They taunt us morning & night (v.16).



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1 Sam 17:11 *When Saul* and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were *dismayed and greatly afraid.*



1 Sam 16:14 “The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, *and an evil spirit ...terrorized him.*”

1 Sam 15:23 “Rebellion is as the sin of divination, *and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry.* You have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you from being king.”

3) The further you are from God— the bigger *your Goliath looks !!!!*

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In 1 Sam 16:18 David is “A mighty *man of valor, a warrior*, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man, and the Lord is with him.”  
(likely under age 20)

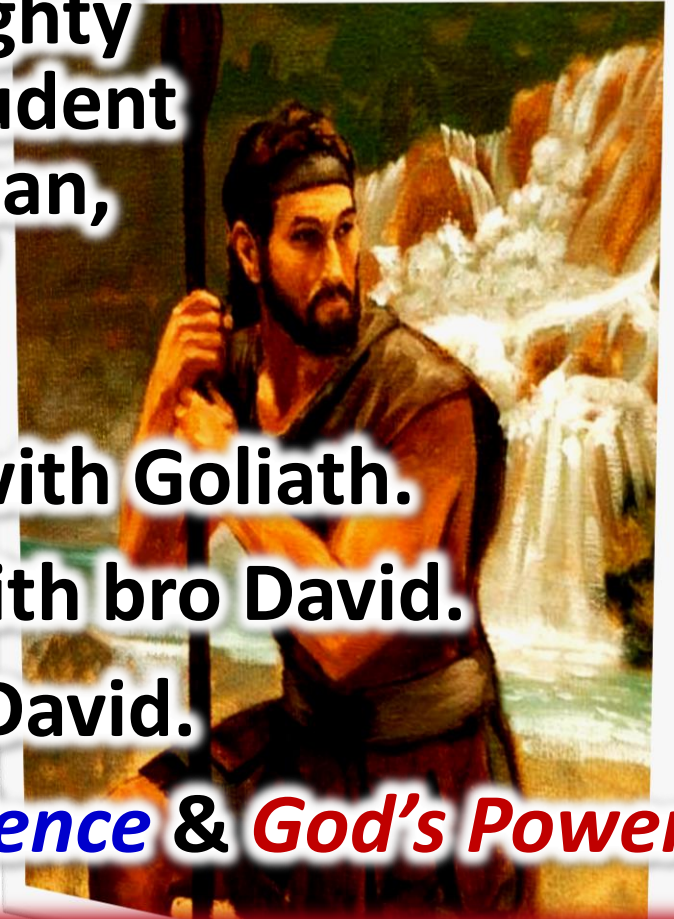
v.26 *David* is NOT impressed with Goliath.

v.28 *Eliab* is NOT impressed with bro David.

v.33 *Saul* is DOUBTFUL about David.

v.34-37 *David* knows his *experience* & *God's Power!*

4) Look at your Problem thru the Lord's eyes and it whittles it down to size (Eph 3:20) Exceedingly..



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1 Sam 17:37 Saul said to David,  
"***Go, and the Lord be with you.***"

1 Sam 17:38 "Saul clothed David  
with his ***garments*** & put a bronze  
***helmet*** on his head, and he  
clothed him with ***armor.***"

v.39 David fastened on his sword  
over the tunic & tried walking  
around, because he was  
***not used to them.*** NIV

5) Don't fight your Giants in another man's armor.  
Put on your ***OWN*** spiritual armor. (Eph 6:10-18)

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Tribe of Benjamin was known for an elite corps of slingers (Judg 20:15-16). Seven hundred of them could each *“sling a stone at a hair & not miss.”*



1 Sam 17:40 David.. chose for himself *five smooth stones* from the brook & put them in the shepherd's bag which he had... and his sling was in his hand and he approached the Philistine



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1 Sam 17:42-44 *Goliath* **disdained** David's youth & threatens him.

1 Sam 17:45 *David's challenge:*

v.45 I come in Name of Lord

v.46 I will remove your head

v.47<sup>a</sup> Lord doesn't deliver by sword or spear.

v.47<sup>b</sup> The Battle is the Lord's.

v.48 David *ran quickly* ... **to meet** the Philistine.

6) Are you running away from your Giants— or **Hustling** to Take Them Down? (2 Cor 10:4-5)

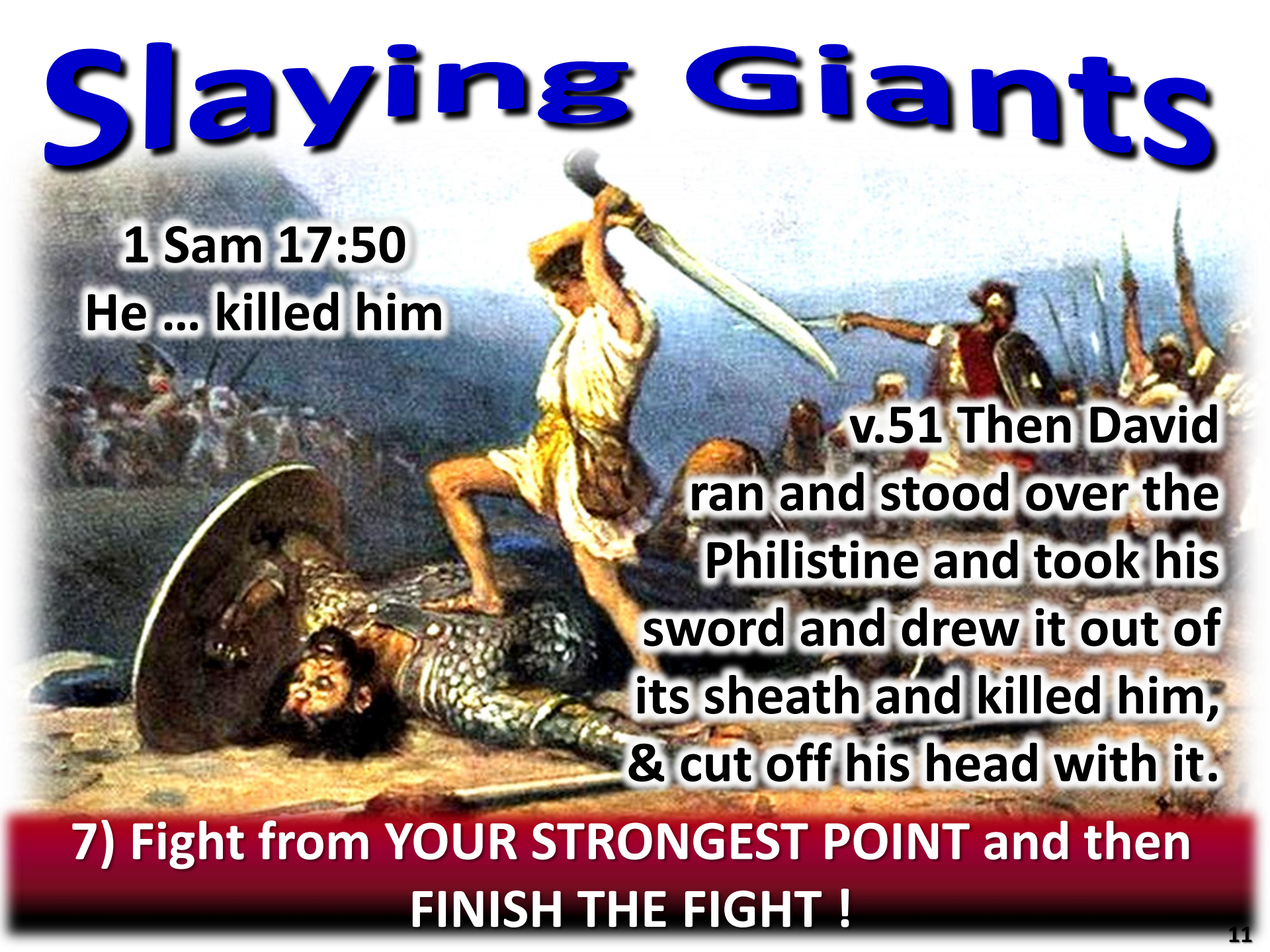
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1 Sam 17:49 He took ...  
a stone and slung it, &  
*struck the Philistine*  
*on his forehead.. and*

The stone  
*sank into*  
*his forehead.*

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1 Sam 17:50  
He ... killed him



v.51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, & cut off his head with it.

7) Fight from YOUR STRONGEST POINT and then  
FINISH THE FIGHT !