

"DAVID AND GOLIATH"**Introduction**

1. A very famous event
2. David – so young!
3. But David was converted

1. DAVID'S STRENGTH WAS NOT IN HIMSELF

- 1) A picture of David's weakness
- 2) A picture of Goliath's might
- 3) Why did David not cringe?
 - (i) as so many others cringed?
 - (ii) at the thought of the conflict?
 - (iii) at the fearful prospect of death?

APPLICATION: The answer to all is FAITH.
What does faith do to us? Explain

2. DAVID'S VICTORY WAS BY FAITH IN GOD

- 1) This is expressed in the TEXT
- 2) Faith's concern is:
 - (i) the honour and glory of God
 - (ii) the success of Christ's cause
 - (iii) the vindication of God's promises

OBSERVE: all of this is visible in David
- 3) Those who have faith must:
 - (i) not be put off by jealous critics
 - (ii) tempted to use carnal weapons
 - (iii) the seeming weakness of their resources
 - (iv) the thunder and rage of Satan

- 4) The grace of God is sufficient for us all

ILLUSTRATION: (i) Naaman's maid (ii) Gladys Aylward

3. DAVID'S WORDS ARE AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL

- 1) Great things in life are not done by man's power but by God's help
APPLICATION: You young people – look here!
- 2) Scores of examples: Tyndale / Luther / the Pilgrim Fathers /
- 3) How are we to learn from this?
 - (i) parents: your children's souls
 - (ii) boys: the gospel's claims
 - (iii) girls: courageous wives
 - (iv) elderly: facing the "last enemy"

CONCLUSION

1. Look at young David!
2. So too, our Saviour
3. "This is the victory...our faith"

PSALM124²: 1 – 8

147: 6 – 13

33: 17 – 22