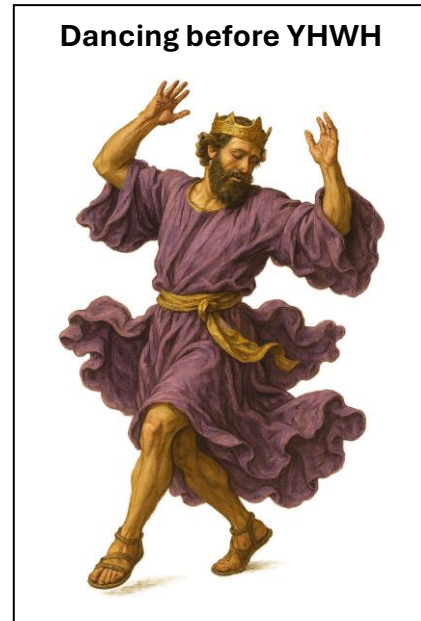


“Dancing with David”

#4 The Dramatic Introduction of the Star Dancer, the Man in God’s own Mind (1 Samuel 16–17)

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A. YHWH’s Election of the Man He Had in Mind from the Beginning (16:1–23)

1. YHWH’s Charge to Samuel (vv. 1–3)
2. Samuel’s Response (vv. 4–5)
3. The Frustrating Process of David’s Election (vv. 6–10)
4. The Surprising Resolution of the Frustration (v. 11–13)
5. The Introduction of David to Saul (16:14–23)
 - a. The Diagnosis of and Prescription for Saul’s Malady (vv. 14–15)
 - b. Saul’s Response to the Diagnosis and Prescription (vv. 17–19)
 - c. David’s Giftedness as a Musical Therapist (16:20–23)

B. YHWH’s Response to the National Crisis (17:1–18:9)

1. The Nature and Context of the Crisis (17:1–3)
2. The Physical Challenge Goliath? (17:4–7)
 - a. His status: the Philistine champion (אַיִשׁ הַבְּנִיִּים)
 - b. His name: Golyath (גִּלְיָת, cf. Ugaritic *glyt*)
 - c. His size: 9 feet 9 inches (6 cubits and a span)
 - d. His armor: 125-pound coat-of-mail
3. The Psychological Challenge: Goliath’s Taunt (vv. 8–11)
4. The Arrival of David (vv. 12–20)
5. The Problem in the Israelite Camp (vv. 21–24)
6. David’s Response to the Challenge (17:26–37)

- a. His Questions (vv. 26–30)
 - b. His Offer to Serve as Israel's Champion (vv. 31–37)
- 7. YHWH's Resolution of the Crisis (17:38–54)
 - a. The Champion's Preparation (17:38–40)
 - b. The Champion's Victory (17:41–49)
 - The Preliminary Dialogue between the Champion of Darkness and the Champion of Light (vv. 41–47)
 - The Climactic Moment (vv. 48–49)
 - c. The Champion's Trophy (17:50–54)
- 8. The Multi-Dimensional Significance of YHWH's Victory (17:55–18:9)
 - a. David's Relationship to His Family (17:55–58)
 - b. David's Relationship to Jonathan (18:1–4)
 - c. David's Relationship to the People (18:5–7)
 - d. David's Relationship to Saul (18:8–9)

C. The Theological Significance of 1 Samuel 17

- 1. What does this account tell us about Saul?
- 2. What does this account tell us about Goliath?
- 3. What does this account tell us about David?
- 4. What does this account tell us about Jerusalem? (v. 54)
- 5. What does this account tell us about David's family (v. 28–30)?
- 6. What does this account tell us about God?
 - a. He was committed to David: He was his chosen king.
 - b. He was committed to Israel: He was their God; they were his hosts.
 - c. He was committed to the revelation of his name, power, his presence in Israel.
 - Exodus 7:5; 14:4, 18
 - Joshua 4:21–24
 - 1 Kings 8:43
 - 2 Kings 19:15–19

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” Martin Luther