

I. Saul the Philistine

- A. Return from victory (see Exodus 15:20-21; Judges 11:34)
- B. First attack: the spear (see 17:7, 45; 26:8)
- C. Saul is afraid *because* the Lord is with David (18:12, 28-29)
- D. Second attack: the stolen bride (see 17:25; Judges 14:19-15:8)
- E. Third attack: the “bride-price” (18:20-28; see also 23:13)

II. David vs. Saul (see Matthew 5:41)

III. Make sure you are not Saul.

IV. Follow David in loving your enemy.

- A. We all love the idea of destroying a terrifying enemy in one swift moment.
- B. You are *far* more likely to be called to face a Saul than a Goliath.
- C. For Christ's sake be patient – God is at work in them as well as in you
- D. Do not rebel against duly constituted authority. (see 2 Samuel 11:14-15; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

V. Four words

- A. You lack the perspective necessary to know enemy from friend.
- B. The only way to conquer a truly hard enemy is to love him.
- C. The true walk of faith goes through failure, disgrace, and defeat. (see Psalm 23:4; Job 13:15; Daniel 3:16-18)
- D. You will only be able to love your enemy when you see that you are the enemy loved.