



1 Samuel 17:40-47, 54

1. STONES & STAFF

-God is most magnified when we are weak!

(Psalms 23:1-6) <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (KJV)

(Psalms 5:1-12) <<To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.>> Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. Destroy thou them, O God; let

them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield. (KJV)

2. SWORD & SPEAR

-God is most magnified when we are full of faith!

Rocky Mountain Newspaper in Denver, Colorado. The story centers around a hot dog vendor and a fancy restaurant. "The beef between a hot dog vendor and a Wolfgang Puck restaurant in Cherry Creek boiled over Tuesday in a victory for the cart owner. Efforts to push Valentina Petty and her hot dog cart 60 feet across the street from the eatery in Fillmore Plaza are done, the restaurant's vice president said Tuesday. "It's over as far as we're concerned," Dennis Deslongchamp said. "We're done with this." Wolfgang Puck Express, part of a franchise owned by the celebrity chef, had tried to get the Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District to move Petty, who has sold hot dogs and other food at East Second Avenue and Fillmore Street for seven years. The eatery, which opened in March, contended the hot dog cart adversely affected its business. News of the restaurant's plan to move Petty, a Russian immigrant and single mother helping her 18-year-old daughter, Maria, pay for college, generated public outrage.

*Around lunchtime one particular week, a man walked in front of Wolfgang Puck Express holding up his hot dog to the window in one hand and giving the restaurant a thumbs-down with the other. More than a dozen customers and several employees were inside. For Petty, the spat over her pushcart proved profitable. She said business picked up after people heard about her predicament. She said she's had regular and new customers from Golden, Boulder, Westminster, Aurora - "from everywhere" - offering their support. "Everybody knows my name," said Petty, who is shy and soft-spoken. "It's very nice." The title of the article? "**David Beats Goliath in hot dog cart battle.**"*

- **Obedience precedes victory!**

Psalm 44:6-8

For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But Thou has saved us from our enemies, and has put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

- **There is no substitute for a personal knowledge/relationship w/ God.**

▪ **God calls His servants to a world-wide stage so that the world can see God.**

- i. *Call of Abraham Gen. 12:1-3*
"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing..."
- ii. *Choosing of Israel Deut. 28:9-10*
"And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee."
- iii. *Judgments upon Pharoah Ex. 9:16*
"And in very deed, for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth."
- iv. *Parting of the Red Sea and Jordan River Josh 4:23-24*
"For the Lord you God dried up the waters...that all the people of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty; that ye might fear the LORD your God forever."
- v. *Building of the Temple I Kings 8:42-43*

3. SACRED & SALUTARY

-God is most magnified when we proclaim His works!

(see II Sam. 5:1-10 when David becomes king he brings head to Jerusalem esp. verse 10)