

4. What two (or three) reasons are given for Saul’s being afraid of David (18:12-15)? _____

(bonus) Saul wasn’t with David; who was (verses 13-14)? _____

5. Who was offered to David, but what happened instead (18:17-19)? _____

6. Give something from this section you can apply to your life and take with you for the day (especially from verses 17-19)! _____

Saturday (May 26)— **prayerfully** read I Samuel 18:20-30.

1. How did Michal’s motivation toward David contrast with her dad’s wanting to make her David’s wife (18:20-21)? _____

2. What plan did Saul devise to get rid of David (18:22-25)? _____

3. Did the king’s plan please David (18:26)? _____

(bonus) What do you suppose is meant by “and the days were not expired” (same verse)? _____

4. What was impressive regarding what David did, in light of his assignment in verse 25 (18:27)? _____

5. What would have been a godly response of Saul to David at this point (18:28-30)? _____

(bonus) What do you suppose is meant by “Then the princes of the Philistines went forth” (verse 30)? _____

6. Think of someone in your life who currently seems to be wiser or more popular or have more health or wealth or be more blessed than you, and think through handling that wisely, and take it with you for the day!

Sunday (May 27)—pray for today’s discussion and fellowship, **determining to talk your fair share** (not too much or too little).

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For the LORD sees not as man sees (16:7)!

I Samuel 16-18

(repeat thought, last time) The “answers” supplied to the teachers (and visitors and those not filling out their own sheets ahead of time—don’t stay away for that!) are more thorough than yours “should be.” Feel free to go “on and on” as you have time, but you have other Bible studies and memorizing you are doing, and there is only so much time (see Ecc. 3:1-8). **I do hope the teachers (“discussion leaders”)** will read the supplied answers after doing their own work, to help keep us unified (see Eph 4:1). This set of questions might take a little longer, but maybe not.

Monday (May 21)—prayerfully read and enjoy I Samuel 16:1-17 (thinking in terms of God’s accurately recording what happened).

1. Why did Samuel mourn, and then what made him afraid (16:1-3)? _____

2. What reason did Samuel give the elders for arriving in Bethlehem, how many sons did Jesse have, and what are the names of the ones identified here (16:4-13)? _____

(bonus) How does what the LORD notices compare to what man notices (“looks on”) (verse 7)? _____

3. Where was David anointed by Samuel, where had David been immediately before that, and what came upon David from that day forward (upon being anointed) (16:11-13, 4-5)? _____

4. What departed from Saul, what troubled him, and what did his servants propose be done about this (16:13-16)? _____

5. What qualities of David were noted by one of the servants (16:18)? _____

6. What qualities of David listed in the answer to the preceding question were affected by David’s choices (versus simply being natural gifts)? Feel free to write a general answer or take more time to be specific with each of the qualities. _____

Tuesday (May 22)—prayerfully read I Samuel 17:1-20.

1. What valley lay between what two armies, and how tall was the champion of the Philistines (17:1-4)? _____

2. How many different kinds of metals were used in armoring Goliath, and what were they; also, what was the condition under which the Philistines agreed to serve the Israelites, according to Goliath (17:5-10)? _____

3. How did Saul and all Israel respond to the taunts of Goliath, how old would you guess Jesse to be at this time, and what was David doing at this time (17:11-15)? _____

4. How often did Goliath (“the Philistine”) present himself, how many cheeses did David take to his brothers, and what do you suppose is meant by “take their pledge” (17:16-18)? _____

5. Where was the fighting taking place, when did David leave to go see his brothers, and how did he cover his responsibility for the sheep (17:19-20)? _____

6. How does this apply to your life (and seek to meditate on this or another biblical truth for the day)? _____

Wednesday (May 23)—prayerfully read I Samuel 17:21-40.

1. What three noteworthy character qualities did David manifest in 17:22? _____

2. What reaction (emotion) do you think David was manifesting (feeling) when he heard and saw the interaction of Goliath and Israelites (17:23-30)? _____

3. What could Eliab’s response to David in verse 28 indicate? _____

(bonus) What most famous line did David utter at this time (verse 29)? (Interesting that other translations give a completely different take on the translation of this great line.) _____

4. What bold statement did David make at this time, which would be an encouragement even today, as someone would similarly use it (17:32)? _____
5. How was David prepared to fight Goliath 17:40) (17:40)? _____

6. What underlying principle is David illustrating in his claiming that he was qualified to fight Goliath because of having already defeated a lion and a bear (and take it with you for the day) (cf. 17:33-37, 39)? _____

Thursday (May 24)—**prayerfully** read I Samuel 17:41-58.

1. It has been said that there are only two religions, **Christianity** (that is, God is my source of strength and wisdom) and **humanism** (I am my own source of strength and wisdom); how do Goliath and David illustrate the difference (17:41-47)? _____

2. What seems to be David’s characteristic way of moving (17:48, 51, also 22)? _____
3. How did David kill Goliath (17:49-51)? _____

4. What did David do with the remains of the Philistine (17:54)? _____

5. Who discussed David’s identity, and how did David self-identify (17:55-58)? _____
6. What can you apply to your life from this chapter (and take it with you for the day)? _____

Friday (May 25)—**prayerfully** read I Samuel 18:1-19.

1. Who became fast (firmly loyal) friends, and what were evidences of that friendship (18:1-4)? _____

2. How did David behave himself, who accepted him, and what seemed to turn Saul against David (18:5-9)? _____

3. What seems incongruous (doesn’t seem to fit) in 18:10? _____
