

HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR GIANT

TEXT:8:1-9

The Story of David and Goliath is one of the most exciting stories in the Old Testament. The Philistine champion would come out every morning, march to the brow of the hill, and look across the valley of Elah to the camp of Israel. Then he would begin his daily mockery of Israel. David listened in astonishment to Goliath. “Where’s the king?” he thought. “Why doesn’t Saul fight him? Or, “Why doesn’t Jonathan fight him?” Or, “Why doesn’t Shammah or Eliab fight him?” Since no one else would do so, David decided to fight the giant himself. Everyone thought Goliath was too big to fight; David thought he was too big to miss. Saul objected: **“Thou art not able ... thou art but a youth!”** but David said the giant has to be dealt with

I. THE LORD’S POSITION

(8:1) “Oh LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.”

**A. LOOK AT THE NOBILITY OF HIS POSITION
how excellent is Thy name**

Jehovah's name is not yet acknowledged in all the earth.

Half a billion Moslems place Allah on the throne of their hearts, a quarter of a billion Buddhists bow down to the graven image of Buddah, half a billion Hindus grovel at the feet of countless idols, millions of communists and atheists deny there is any God at all. But to those who have come to know Him, His is the name above all names—the saving, sovereign name: **“Oh LORD our Lord how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!”** Yes, even today, when God's glory is hidden, His Name *is* excellent in all the earth! Millions own that Name. We know it now as Jesus. In Old Testament times that name was Jehovah! David sang, “Oh LORD [Jehovah] our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!”

A. LOOK AT THE NOBILITY OF HIS POSITION
B. LOOK AT THE NATURE OF HIS POSITION

When Goliath saw David and realized that the Hebrews were sending a stripling against *him*, the mighty giant of Gath, he **“cursed David by his gods.”** David replied, **(1 Samuel 17:45) “Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD [in the name of Jehovah] of hosts”** The Lord's name is excellent in the earth and a glory set above the heavens.

I. THE LORD'S POSITION

II. THE LORD'S POWER (8:2-3)

David saw that power demonstrated in two dimensions.

A. THE CONQUEROR OF THE WORLD

(8:2) “Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.” A man once said, “God is on the side of the big battalions.” That is not so. God does not need armies at all. All God needs is a babe!

To humble mighty Pharaoh's empire, God did not summon Assyria or mobilize Macedonia. He sent a baby to a Hebrew home. The babe was hidden among the bulrushes and was found by Pharaoh's daughter. As the princess looked at the handsome little boy he cried. A tear ran down his cheek and Almighty God wrote the downfall of a kingdom. That tear sped like an arrow to the royal lady's heart and, disdaining court decrees, she raised him as her own. She called him Moses and, in the fullness of time, Moses humbled Egypt to the dust. **“Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.”**

A. THE CONQUEROR OF THE WORLD

B. THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD

(8:3) “When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained.”

John 1:1-3

I. THE LORD’S POSITION

II. THE LORD’S POWER

III. THE LORD’S PRESENCE (8:4–8)

David faced a double mystery—that God should *come* to us the way He does and that God should *care* for us the way He does.

A. HE CAME TO US

(8:4–5a) “When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained: What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels.” How wonderful! God is more interested in *people* than He is in *planets*, more interested in *souls* than He is in *stars*, more interested in *us* than He is in the *universe!* And because He is interested in us He *visits* us.

A. HE CAME TO US

B. HE CARES FOR US

(8:5b–9) “And hast crowned Him with glory and honour. Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under His feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field: The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.”

The writer of Hebrews relates this statement to Jesus. He, the second Person of the Godhead, came down from the pinnacle of glory to be born in that Bethlehem barn. He was “made flesh,” “made a little lower than the angels,” that He might redeem ruined mankind.

JP SAID Our glorious Lord has assumed again His throne on high. He has carried humanity with Him for there, in glory, He sits enthroned in a battle-scarred body of flesh! And we, the redeemed of Adam’s race, are to share that glory for all eternity.

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