

GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL PROMOTION

Introduction: Although he was not yet wearing the crown, David was still God's _____ for the next king of Israel. God was slowly, but surely _____ David to assume the throne that He was taking away from Saul.

- I. God will often use a _____ to promote whom he chooses (1 Sam. 17:1-11).
 - A. The world will always have a giant to _____ against God's people in an attempt to intimidate them into inaction and silence.
 - B. Satan loves to taunt God's _____.
- II. God will bless when we _____ to stay humble after the promotion (1 Sam. 17:12-23).
 - A. Even after serving in the palace, David went back to _____.
 - B. "He knew better than most do how to come _____ again after he had begun to rise" (Henry).
 - C. David seems to have "preferred the retirements of the pastoral life before all the _____ of the court" (Henry).
 - D. It was as David was obeying his father's instructions that he _____ of the problem that needed to be addressed.
 - E. We do well when we are not looking for problems, but _____ with the ones that come our way as we fulfill our duties.
- III. God promotes those in His service who truly _____ (1 Sam. 17:24-30).
 - A. Too often God's people shrink away from "giants" in _____ (Num. 13:31-33).
 - B. When you decide to take _____ you will be criticized by those who do not take any action.
 - C. Christianity today is filled with apathy; God wants us to _____.
- IV. God will promote those who _____ trust Him (1 Sam. 17:31-58).
 - A. David cared enough to _____ something about the problem.
 - B. Do not allow any criticisms to keep you from _____ God.
 - C. Use past _____ as encouragements for future battles.
 - D. Use what you are _____ with and let God get all the glory.

Conclusion: "Those that aim at things above their education and usage, and covet the attire and armor of princes, forget that it is the best for us which we are fit and accustomed to" (Henry).