Devotion

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:37-39

“37David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto Daivd, Go, and the LORD be with thee.38And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. 39And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

**Preparation and avoiding the unproven**

As individuals, we face many obstacles in life. No one is immune to the problems of life. Believer or non-believer, we all face the trials and problems with life. These obstacles could be financial, health, or even personal problems. Sometimes these obstacles we face can seem like a Goliath in itself. Having the proper preparation and avoiding things that are unproven are necessary in overcoming these issues.

When we face life’s obstacles it is important that we are prepared in the proper way. One way we can be prepared is through prayer. In verse 37, David states, “The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.” I have no doubt that David was prepared mentally and spiritually. You can tell that David has spent some serious time in prayer with the Lord prior to these event with Goliath. As Christians, we need to make sure that we are prepared in the same way. We need to make sure we are spending time in God’s word and having prayer with the Lord continuously.

Just as being prepared is important for Christians, I think that avoiding things that are unproven is just as equally as important. In our 21st century society, people are quick to try to sale us something to fix our problems. Now there is nothing wrong with these tools to help fix our problems. There is nothing wrong with sound investments, physicians, and therapists. However, there is a problem when we start trusting those things more than we do than the Lord. We should also trust the one that was proven. Jesus Christ proved all He needed to prove with his death at Calvary on the cross and his resurrection on the 3rd day. We should never stop trusting in God.

Have a blessed day!  
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