EPISODE NO. 127

1 Sam. 17:4-14

Goliath the Giant

4 There was a champion warrior named Goliath who appeared between them. He came out of the Philistine camp. He was from Gath. And, he was 9 feet 6 inches tall. 5 He had a brass helmet on his head. And, he wore a coat of scale-armor. It was also made of bronze, and it weighed 125 pounds. 6 He wore brass shin-guards on his legs. And, he had a small, bronze javelin across his shoulders. 7 The shaft of his big spear was made of wood. It was like a weaver's pole. The iron point of it weighed 17 pounds. A man who carried his shield walked ahead of him.

8 Goliath stood there and shouted to the soldiers of Israel, "Why have you taken positions for battle!? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul! Choose just one man and send him down to fight me! 9 If he can fight me and kill me, we will become your slaves. But if I defeat him and kill him, then you will become our slaves and serve us!" 10 Then the Philistine giant said, "Today I dare you, O army of Israel! Give me ONE man, and let's fight it out!" 11 When Saul and all the Israelites heard the words of this Philistine, they were terrified and demoralized.

David Arrived on the Scene

12 Now David was the son of Jesse, an Ephrathite. (This man was from Bethlehem in the territory of Judah.) In Saul's time, Jesse was a very old man. Jesse had eight sons. 13 The three oldest sons of Jesse followed Saul to war. Here are the names of the sons who went to war:

The first son was Eliab.
The second son was Abinadab.
And the third son was Shammah.

14 David was the youngest son of all of Jesse's sons. (Only the three oldest sons were in Saul's army.)