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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Dedicated to God's Reputation

1 Samuel 17

- I. Saul and his soldiers were terrified when they focused on Goliath's threat (1 Samuel 17:1-11).
  - A. Israel faced off in the valley of Elah against the Philistines (1-3).
  - B. The giant Goliath challenged any Israelite to a duel causing Saul and Israel to be terrified (4-11).
    - We live in fear when we live for ourselves.
- II. David focused on God's reputation instead of the size of Israel's enemy (1 Samuel 17:12-37).
  - A. David visited camp and heard Goliath taunt Israel (12-25).
  - B. David declared God would give him victory because God's glory was at stake (26-37).
    - We will live differently than other Christians if we focus on God's reputation and ability.
- III. David defeated Goliath because God empowers whatever brings him glory (1 Samuel 17:38-54).
  - A. David declined Saul's armor and used his usual stones and sling instead (38-40).
    - The world's methods can get in God's way.
  - B. David appealed to God's reputation and then attacked Goliath and delivered all Israel (41-54).
    - God activates his power for those who are dedicated to His glory.