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# The Giant Slayers, Part V (The 5 Stones of Ammunition)

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## Vision in The Land of Giants

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***Sermon: Vision in The Land of Giants: The Giant Slayers, Part V (The 5 Stones of Ammunition)***

***Lesson Text***

1 Samuel 17:40–47 (AV)<sup>40</sup> And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. <sup>41</sup> And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him. <sup>42</sup> And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. <sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. <sup>45</sup> Then said David to the Philistine, 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 of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. <sup>46</sup> This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

***Introduction***

Three weeks ago, we began to look at Giants from the perspective of their size and the perspective of their numbers.

- Giant Slayers I, Spiritual Warfare: Spirits of Intimidation, Fear, and Defiance
- Giants Slayers II, These Giants Ain't Normal: Principalities, Powers, Rulers, Wickedness
- Giants Slayers III, Is There Not A Cause: To Live For, To Fight For, To Die For
- Giants Slayers IV, This Doesn't Fit: The Heart, The Armor, The Fight

1 Samuel 17:40 (AV)<sup>40</sup> And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

As David approached his Giant he had a staff (Guidance/Comfort), a sling (Weapon), and a bag in which he had 5 stones (Ammunition).

Why did David Take 5 Stones when he went to face Goliath?

- Some presume that David took five smooth stones because he had some doubt.
- Others say David was simply being prepared
- Some say it was a result of his honed skills he developed while protecting his father's sheep against lions and bears.

- And still yet others speculated that David chose five smooth stones because Goliath had four brothers, or that Goliath represented 5 nation states.

Although we plan to explore the other 4 Giants in next week's sermon, today we want to look specifically at the stones: our Ammunition.

Ammunition is the material fired, scattered, dropped or detonated from a weapon or weapon system. Ammunition is what creates the effect on the target. All mechanical weapons require some form of ammunition to operate. A Gun without bullets is useless.

James 2:20 (AV)<sup>20</sup> But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

*“You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands.”*

What this passage reveals is what was in David's Bag. It wasn't the Armor of the World, but Ammunition of the Lord which is the Word of God.

The Word of that time was the Law of Moses. It's called the Torah or Pentateuch (which literally means 5 books)

The five books making up the Torah or Pentateuch are (in Hebrew): **Be-reshit, Shemot, Va-yikra, Be-midbar and Devarim**; Their English Bible counterparts of today are Genesis (Creation), Exodus (Deliverance), Leviticus (Worship), Numbers (Wilderness), and Deuteronomy (Law).

To destroy our giants, we need to make sure our bag is filled with the 5 Stones; the Ammunition of God's Word.

*Series and Sermon: Vision in The Land of Giants: The Giant Slayers, Part V (The 5 Stones of Ammunition)*

“The 5 Stones of Creation, Deliverance, Worship, Wilderness, and Law”

### *I. The Creation Stone (Genesis)*

1 Samuel 17: <sup>42</sup> And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

The first stone we're given to defeat our Giants is the Stone of Creation or Genesis. It means beginnings, origin, birth, and creation.

Before our giants ever showed up, God had already created, birthed, and begun a process in us.

Jeremiah 1:5 (AV)<sup>5</sup> Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Philippians 1:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

The enemy wants us to doubt our calling and purpose, but we have a creation stone in our bag.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AV)<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

“I was created for this, and I have the Creation Stone in my bag!”

## ***II. The Deliverance Stone (Exodus)***

1 Samuel 17:46 (AV)<sup>46</sup> This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

The next stone God gives us is the Stone of Deliverance or Exodus. This is where God reveals himself and delivers his people with spectacular miracles.

This stone gives us the confidence that God is able to do all things including delivering us in times of trouble.

Although we were created for this, we don't even know what we have until we get in trouble.

God sent Moses to Egypt to deliver his people, but God hardened the heart of Pharaoh to not let the people go. Why? Because he needed to reveal himself as a deliverer.

When you get in Trouble, pull out your Deliverance Stone.

Psalms 27:5 (AV)<sup>5</sup> For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalms 46:1–2 (AV)<sup>1</sup> God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Psalms 34:4 (AV)<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

“I'm Troubled on every side, yet I'm not distressed; the Deliverance Stone is in my Bag!”

## ***III. The Worship Stone (Leviticus)***

1 Samuel 17:47 (AV)<sup>47</sup> And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

This Stone of Worship, or Leviticus is a requirement if we are to defeat our Giants. It is our guidebook for holy living or holiness.

Leviticus 20: <sup>7</sup> Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Although we were created for this and serve a God that delivers us, he doesn't have requirements of holiness from us.

Romans 6:1–2 (AV)<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Romans 12:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Worship and adoration must come first in our lives if we are to be victorious.

Luke 4:6–8 (AV)<sup>6</sup> And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. <sup>7</sup> If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

Matthew 6:33 (AV)<sup>33</sup> **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

John 14:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

“Whatever I need is given to me when I have the Worship Stone in my bag”

#### ***IV. The Wilderness Stone (Numbers)***

1 Samuel 17:43–44 (AV)<sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

The Wilderness Stone, or Numbers represents the journey we go through because of our calling. This is about the experiences we get while journeying through the wilderness.

We are called by God, but to get to where he's sending us, we must go through the wilderness.

The journey of “not enough” and “just enough” is the path that gets us to “more than enough.”

Matthew 7:14 (NLT)<sup>14</sup> **But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.**

Psalms 119:133 (AV)<sup>133</sup> Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Matthew 6:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Jeremiah 29:11 (BSB) <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.

“Because I have the Wilderness Stone, God shall order my steps”

### ***V. The Law Stone (Deuteronomy)***

1 Samuel 17:40 (AV)<sup>40</sup> And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

The final stone we must have in our bag is the Stone of the Law or Deuteronomy. It represents obedience to the Word of God.

As the Children of Israel were entering into the Promised Land, God's final requirement of them was obedience to his Word.

Promises and blessings come because of Obedience.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (AV)<sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Deuteronomy 28:2–3 (AV)<sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. <sup>3</sup> Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

Isaiah 1:19 (AV)<sup>19</sup> If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Luke 4:3–4 (AV)<sup>3</sup> And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**

Psalms 119:11 (AV)<sup>11</sup> Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalms 1:1–3 (AV)<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

**Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Giant Slayers, Part V (The 5 Stones of Ammunition))**

**Lesson Text**

- 1 Samuel 17:40–47

**Sermon Outline (Notes)**

- I. The Creation Stone (Genesis)*
- II. The Deliverance Stone (Exodus)*
- III. The Worship Stone (Leviticus)*
- IV. The Wilderness Stone (Numbers)*
- V. The Law Stone (Deuteronomy)*

**Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)**

**I. Getting to Know “Me”**

1. When traveling, which do you prefer:
  - i. Lodging at, 1). Airbnb 2). Hotel 3). Motel 4). Staying w/family or friends?
  - ii. Traveling by, 1). Bus 2). Car 3). Airplane 4). Train?
  - iii. Eating at, 1). New restaurants never experienced 2). Familiar restaurants 3). Family or friend’s homes 4). “Forget spending money eating out; I’m cooking when I get there.”?
2. *Riddle Me This...* It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it?

**II. Into the Bible**

1. The Deliverance Stone. In Exodus 4:21-23, the Lord tells Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let Israel go, but also tells Moses that he will harden Pharaoh's heart that he will not let the people go. What did God accomplish by hardening Pharaoh’s heart before delivering Israel? Does sometimes delayed deliverance in our lives serve a similar purpose?
2. The Worship Stone. In Luke 4:6-8, like any scam artist, Satan seems to offer Jesus the opportunity to gain a lot (the kingdoms of the world) in exchange for very little (a moment of worship). Answer the following: (a) Did Satan have the kingdoms of the world to give to Jesus? (b) What would Satan have gained if Jesus worshipped him for just a moment? (c) What did Jesus gain by reserving his worship for God alone? (d) What do we gain when we make God the only object of worship in our lives?

**III. Life Application**

1. One of the points in the sermon is The Wilderness Stone, which is the journey we go through because of our calling. Maybe you’re on this journey now or you’ve been on it at one time. What are some emotions you feel or felt when on this journey? What actions are necessary to move forward?
2. David knew God had prepared him for his calling. What is your calling and what has been your preparation?