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1 Samuel 17, Isaiah 61, Matthew 6



Clothed with the Garments of Salvation

David took supplies to his brothers at his father's command. He hears Goliath. He said, "who is this.. that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1Sa 17:26). Saul gave David his armour and sword. David said, "I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. 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; and his sling was in his hand" (17:38-40). He said, "all this assembly shall know that Yahweh saveth not with sword and spear" (17:47).

Like David to Israel in fear of the Philistines, "The Spirit of the Lord Yahweh is upon me; because Yahweh hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; (Isa 61:1). "I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness" as a bridegroom and bride(61:10). For as the earth bringeth forth her bud; so the Lord Yahweh will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. (61:11).

In Yeshua righteousness came forth. He said, "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Mat 6:20) "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (6:24). Therefore "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on"(6:25). "Consider the lilies of the field. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, shall he not much more you, O ye of little faith?" (6:30) Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (6:33) Take no thought for the morrow... Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (6:34) And we will be clothed with garments of salvation.