

# I Samuel 17:45

by Chuck Smith

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*David's confidence in God's deliverance is rooted in his trust in the Lord's power and deliverance, and we can learn from his example to trust in God's unconventional methods.*

**Scripture:** Exodus 14:14, 1 Samuel 17:45, Psalm 20:7, Psalm 34:17, Isaiah 55:8-9, John 3:16, Romans 10:13, 2 Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 1:6, 1 Peter 5:7

**Topics:** "God's Deliverance", "Faith in Unconventional Methods"

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## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes God's salvation through the story of David and Goliath, highlighting David's unwavering confidence in the Lord's deliverance. David understood that the battle belonged to God, and his past experiences of God's faithfulness fueled his trust for the future. Smith points out that God's methods of deliverance are often unconventional, teaching us to rely on Him rather than our own understanding or conventional means. Ultimately, the purpose of God's deliverance is to reveal His power to the world and to bless all humanity, demonstrating that He saves not through worldly weapons but through faith.

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## Transcript

"GOD'S SALVATION"

I. DAVID'S CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD'S DELIVERANCE. "THIS DAY WILL THE LORD DELIVER THEE

INTO MY HANDS."

A. Where did he get such confidence?

1. He knew it was the Lord's, "the battle is the Lord's."

a. The giant had not defiled David's name.

b. He had defiled the name of Jehovah.

c. David knew the Lord would defend His name

2. There is a vast difference between fighting the Lord's battles and

letting the Lord fight his battles through you.

3. He had experienced the Lord's deliverance in the past. (verse 37..

a. God's deliverance in the past is always an assurance of His deliverance in the future.

1. Paul -- "Who hath delivered me..."

4. Here I am. How did I make it this far? By the help of the Lord.

a. Samuel set up a stone and called it ebonezer.

b. God has not brought me this far to dump me here.

c. If He brought me this far, He will take me all the way. "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth you."

d. Many times I thought I was through. I could see no way out.

B. The importance of putting our trust in God.

1. "Some men put their trust in chariots and horses, but we will trust in the name of Jehovah, our God."

2. Friends can turn, banks can fail, guns can jam, computers can go off line, but the Lord is always there. He will never fail.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD 'S DELIVERANCE.

A. "That the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

1. God wants the whole earth to know of His power to deliver.

2. God desires to bless all men.

a. "God is not willing that any should perish."

B. "And that all the assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword or spear."

III. METHOD OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE.

A. He wants to teach us His methods.

B. They are usually unconventional.

1. Goliath was affitted with conventional armor.

- a. Helmet of brass, coat of mail, brass greaves on his legs, brass chest protector, sword, spear, shield.
  - 2. David came in unconventional war garb.
    - a. No Sword or spear.
    - b. No armor plate or shield.
    - c. In the name of Jehovah and his sling.
    - d. Goliath was outraged.
  - 3. God wants to teach us not to rely on conventional methods.
    - a. We usually try to figure ways and means.
    - b. I know how God can do it.
    - c. If there is no conventional way we panic.
    - d. Mary and Martha had it all figured out how their brother could be healed.
    - e. God has ways and resources of which we know nothing at all.
  - 4. He enjoys using the unconventional.
    - a. He is recognized more readily.
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