



# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 17:50-52

“So David triumphed over the Philistine giant with only a stone and sling. And since he had no sword, he ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it to kill the giant and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran. Then the Israelites gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron. ...” 1 Samuel 17:50-52  
NLT

“For you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:3

Immediately after David had removed Goliath's head, “the men of Israel and of Judah arose and shouted.” Sports fans all over the world, millions of them, weekly live out their fantasies vicariously through their sport's heroes. Their emotions vacillate on whether their team wins or loses. Our sports team's win or loss is for us to personally win or lose. The ancients were obviously no different. David is the champion and upon his victory, the men of Israel shout “we won” although they, moments before had been terrified and themselves afraid to even enter the field of battle. And nevertheless, when my team wins, I shout with all the other fans, “we won”, even though I have never set foot upon the field of play!

For Christians, Jesus is our Champion. Because we are “hidden with Christ in God,” what Jesus has won, we have won! Those enemies that Jesus has defeated – in Him, we have defeated them as well. Jesus vicarious sacrifice for us paid a price we could not afford to pay and defeated an enemy that we were not strong enough to defeat. Because of our being “hidden with Christ”, we have the right to now stand up and shout, “We won!”

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