

Chapter 17

*Goliath a Philiftian chalengeth anie one of Ifrael to com-
bate. 12. Daud being fent by his father to vifit his
brethren, 23. and hearing al Ifrael fo reprochfully prouoked,
offereth to vndertake the chalenge: 34. shewing by for-
mer actes that he dare accept it. 37. And fo by Gods
fpecial helpe wherein he trufteth, 49. ouerthroweth the
chalenger with a ftone of his fling, and cutteth of his
head with his owne fword. 51. The Philiftijms fleeing
are flaine, and Daud bringeth the mans head to Saul.*

And the Philiftijms gathering together their
companies vnto battel, affembled into Socho
of Iuda: and camped betwen Socho & Azeca
in the borders of Dommim. ² Moreouer Saul and the
children of Ifrael being gathered together came into the
Valley of terebinth, and they put the armie in aray
to fight againft the Philiftijms. ³ And the Philiftijms
ftoode vpon the mountaine on this fide, and Ifrael ftoode
vpon the mountaine on the other fide: and the val-
ley was betwen them. ⁴ And there came forth a man
that was a baftard from the campe of the Philiftians
named ^aGoliath, of Geth, in height fix cubites and a
palme: ⁵ and a helmet of braffe vpon his head, and he
was clothed with a cote of mayle linked, moreouer the
weight of his cote of mayle was fiue thoufand ficles of
braffe: ⁶ and he had braffen bootes on his thighes, and
a target of braffe couered his foulders. ⁷ And the fhaft
of his fpeare had fix hundred ficles of yron: and his
efquier went before him. ⁸ And ftanding he cried againft
the bandes of Ifrael, and fayd to them: Why came you
prepared to fight? Am not I a Philiftian, and you the
feruantes of Saul? Choofe out a man of you and let
him defcend to fight hand to hand. ⁹ If he fhall be able

^a This bold and impudent chalenger fignifieth the diuel, or anie arch
heretike, that prouoketh the Church of God. But is ouercome by
the humble of hart and confident in God, & flaine with his owne
weapon.

to fight with me, and ftrike me, we wil be feruantes to you: but if I fhall preuaile, and fhall beate him, you fhall be feruantes, and fhall ferue vs. ¹⁰ And the Philiftian fayd: I haue defyed the bandes of Ifrael this day: Geue me a man, and let him fight with me hand to hand. ¹¹ And Saul and al the Ifraelites hearing fuch wordes of the Philiftian were aftonied, and feared exceedingly. ¹² And there was Daud the fonne of a man that was an Ephratheite, of whom there was mention before, of Bethlehem Iuda, whose name was Ifai, who had eight fonnes, and he was in the dayes of Saul an old man, and aged among men. ¹³ And his three elder fonnes went after Saul into battel: and the names of his three fonnes, which went to battel, were Eliab the firft begotten, and the fecond Abinadab, the third alfo Samma: ¹⁴ and Daud was the yongest. The three elder therefore hauing folowed Saul, ¹⁵ Daud went, and returned from Saul, to feede his fathers flocke in Bethlehem. ¹⁶ But the Philiftian came forth morning and euening, and ftoode fourtie dayes. ¹⁷ And Ifai fayd to Daud his fonne: Take for thy brethren an ephi of polent, and thefe ten loaues, and runne into the campe to thy brethren, ¹⁸ and thefe ten litle cheefes thou shalt carie to the tribune: and shalt vifite thy brethren, if they doe wel: and learne with whom they are placed. ¹⁹ And Saul, and they, and al the children of Ifrael fought in the Valley of terebinth againft the Philiftijms. ²⁰ Daud therefore arofe in the morning, and commended the flocke to the keeper: and he went loaded as Ifai had commanded him. And he came to the place Magala, and to the hoft, which iffuing out to fight had made a shoute in the battel. ²¹ For Ifrael had put them felues in aray, and the Philiftijms on the contrarie faid were prepared. ²² Daud therefore leauing the veffels which he had brought, vnder the hand of him, that was keeper at the baggage, ranne to the place of the battel and asked if al thinges went wel with his brethren. ²³ And when he yet fpake to them, that man the baftard appeared coming vp, named Goliath, the Philiftian of Geth, coming vp from the campe of the Philiftians: and he fpeaking thefe felf fame wordes,

Dauid heard them. ²⁴ And al the Ifraelites when they had fene the man, fled from his face, fearing him exceedingly. ²⁵ And some one of Ifrael fayd: Haue you feene this man that came vp, to defye Ifrael he came vp? The man therefore ^athat shal fstrike him, the King wil geue him his daughter, and he wil make his fathers houle without tribute in Ifrael. ²⁶ And Dauid fpake to the men that ftood with him, faying: What shal be geuen to the man that shal beate this Philiftian, and shal take away the reproch from Ifrael? For who is this vncircumcised Philiftian, which hath vpbraided the armies of the liuing God? ²⁷ And the people reported vnto him the self fame worde, faying: These thinges shal be geuen to the man, that shal fstrike him. ²⁸ Which when Eliab his eldest brother had heard, when he fpake with others, he was angrie againft Dauid, and fayd: Wherefore cameft thou? and why haft thou left thofe few sheepe in the defert? I know thy pride, and the wickednes of thy hart: that to fee the battel thou art come downe. ²⁹ And Dauid fayd: What haue I done? is there not caufe to fpeake? ³⁰ And he went a litle afide from him to an other: and fayd the self fame word. And the people answered him as before. ³¹ And the wordes which Dauid fpake were heard, and told in the fight of Saul. ³² To whom when he was brought, he fpake vnto him: Let not any mans hart be difcouraged in him: I thy feruant wil goe, and wil fight againft the Philiftian. ³³ And Saul fayd to Dauid: Thou art not able to refift this Philiftian, nor to fight againft him, becaufe thou art a childe, but he is a man of warre from his youth. ³⁴ And Dauid fayd to Saul: Thy feruant did feede his fathers flock, and there came a lyon, or a beare, and tooke a ramme out of the middes of the flocke: ³⁵ and I purfued them, and fstroke them, and plucked them out of their mouth, and they arofe vp againft me, and I caught their chinne, and I ftrangled

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v. 36. 37.

^a Chrift ouercoming the diuel receiued the Church to his fpoufe.
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and flew them. ³⁶ For ^aboth the lyon and the beare did I thy feruant kil: therefore this vncircumcised Philiftian also, shal be as it were one of them. Now wil I goe and take away the reproch of the people: for who is this vncircumcised Philiftain, which hath beene so hardie to curse the host of the liuing God? ³⁷ And Daudid sayd: Our Lord which hath deliuered me from the hand of the lion, and of the beare, he wil deliuer me from the hand of this Philiftian. And Saul sayd to Daudid: Goe, and our Lord be with thee. ³⁸ And Saul clothed Daudid with his rayments, and put an helmet of brasse vpon his head, and vested him with a coate of maile. ³⁹ Daudid therefore being girded with his sword ouer his rayment, beganne to proue if he could goe armed: for he was not accustomed. And Daudid sayd to Saul: I can not goe so, because I am not used, and he layd them of. ⁴⁰ And he tooke his staffe, which he had alwaies in his handes: & he chose him fiue most bright stones out of the torrent, and cast them into the shepherds skrippe, which he had with him, and he tooke a sling in his hand, and went forth against the Philiftian. ⁴¹ And the Philiftian went, going, and approaching against Daudid, and his esquier before him. ⁴² And when the Philiftian had seene, and beheld Daudid, he despised him. And he was a yong man redde, and beautiful to behold. ⁴³ And the Philiftian sayd to Daudid: Why am I a dogge, that thou comest to me with a staffe? And the Philiftian cursed Daudid in his goddes. ⁴⁴ And sayd to Daudid: Come to me, and I wil geue thy flesh to the foules of the ayre and the beastes of the earth. ⁴⁵ And Daudid sayd to the Philiftian: Thou comest to me with a sword, and speare, and sheeld, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the bandes of Ifrael, whom thou hast defied ⁴⁶ this day, and our Lord shal geue thee in my hand, and I shal strike thee, and take away thy head from thee: and I shal geue the carcasses of the campe of the Philiftijms this day, to the fowles of the ayre, and to the beastes

^a He that hath overcome the spirit of pride, and of carnalitie (fignified by a lion, and a beare) is able also to overcome the diuel.

of the earth: that al the earth may knowe that there is a God in Ifrael. ⁴⁷ And al this affemblic shal know, that not in fword, nor in fpeare, doth our Lord faue, for it is his battel, and he wil deliuer you into our handes. ⁴⁸ When the Philiftian therefore was rifen vp, and came and approched againft Daud, Daud made haft, & ranne to the battel againft the Philiftian. ⁴⁹ And he put his hand into his skrippe, and tooke one ftone, and caft it with the fling, and fetching it about ftroke the Philiftian in ^athe forehead, and he fel on his face vpon the earth. ⁵⁰ And Daud preuailed agaynft the Philiftian with fling and ftone, and he ftroke, and flew the Philiftian. And whereas Daud had no fword in his hand, ⁵¹ he ranne, and ftood vpon the Philiftian, and tooke his fword, and drew it out of the fcabard, and flew him, and cut of his head. And the Philiftijms feing, that the ftrongeft of them was dead, did flee. ⁵² And the men of Ifrael and Iuda rifing vp shouted, and purfued the Philiftians til they came into a valley to the gates of Accaron, and there fel wounded of the Philiftijms in the way of Saraim, as farre as Geth, & as farre as Accaron. ⁵³ And the children of Ifrael returning, after they had purfued the Philiftians, inuaded their campe. ⁵⁴ And Daud taking the head of the Philiftian brought it into Ierufalem: but his armour he layd in his tabernacle. ⁵⁵ And at the fame time that Saul faw Daud going forth againft the Philiftian, he fayd to Abner the prince of the armie: ^bOf what ftocke is this yong man defcended, Abner? And Abner fayd: Thy foule liueth ô king, if I know. ⁵⁶ And the king fayd: Aske thou, whofe fonne this yong man is. ⁵⁷ And when Daud was returned, after the Philiftian was flaine, Abner tooke him, and brought him in before Saul, hauing the head of the Philiftian in his hand. ⁵⁸ And Saul fayd to him: O

^a Pride hauing impudencie of the forehead, is ouerthrowne by humilitie of Chrifts croffe. Whofe figne therefore we carie in our forehead. *S. Aug. li. 50. homil. ho. 31.*

^b Saul knew not Daud, being perhaps in a fhepardes habite: though he had not long before ferued & pleaed him wel. *ch. 16. v. 21.*

yong man of what progenie art thou? And Daud fayd:
I am the fonne of thy feruant Ifai the Bethlemite.