

# Elder Vernon Johnson

## Numbers

### Goliath's Armour

1 Sam. 17:4 "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. 6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. 7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed **six hundred shekels of iron**: and one bearing a shield went before him."

Not only was Goliath massive in size (somewhere between 9 ½ and 10 feet tall), but he also carried a massive amount of armour showing forth his tremendous strength. In the Old Testament a hundred shekels is equivalent to a pound. Goliath's coat of mail was equivalent to 50 pounds. His spearhead weighed about six pounds. The staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam. Most of us would have trouble throwing such a spear more than just a few feet, if at all. There is no man on the face of the earth today that is of such stature and strength.

Yet, Goliath with all of his size, strength, and armour was no match for David with a sling. The reason is that Goliath relied upon his strength to wage war, but David relied upon the Lord to deliver him in battle. With the Lord on your side, there is no foe that is a match to you regardless of how big a giant he may appear to be. All the foes we may be matched against in our fight of faith are no match for our Lord. He is greater and mightier than all combined.

In the army of our Lord, we are to go as David did with faith in our God to deliver us. The giants will fall before us.