

God with Us

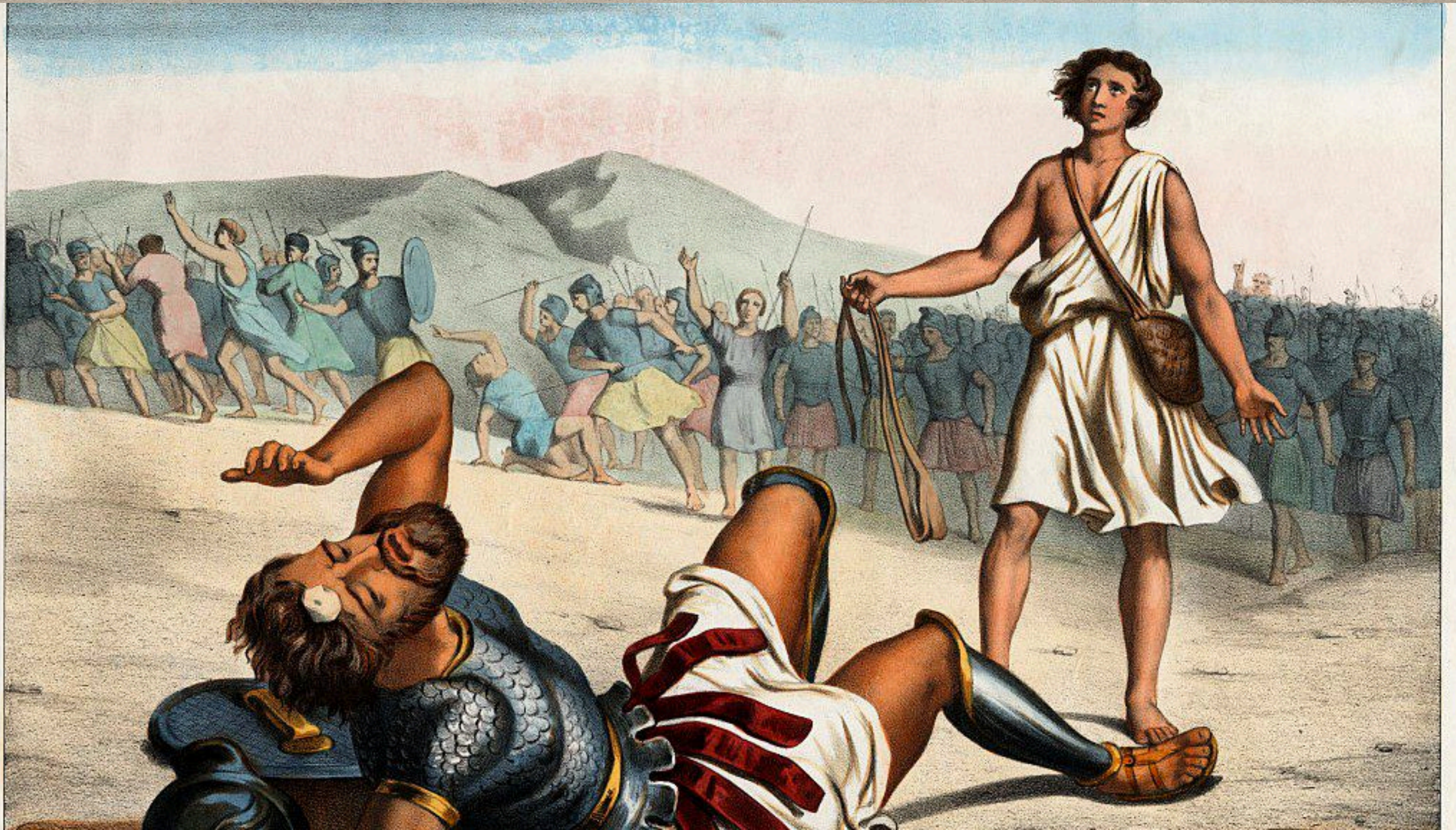
1 Chronicles 17:2

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CHRONICLES

- Probably written by a 'Chronicler' after the Israelites returned from their Babylonian exile
- Summarises all of Jewish scripture as the final book in the traditional Jewish order of the Bible
- Weaves together stories from the past to give hope for the future, focusing on elements of history that God wanted the returning Jews to meditate upon



1 CHRONICLES 17

- Parallels 2 Samuel 7
- 3 distinct parts:
 1. David's wish to build a permanent home for the Ark of the Covenant (v. 1-2)
 2. God's covenant promise to David spoken through prophet Nathan (v. 3-15)
 3. David's prayer of response (v. 16-27)

"Now when David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under a tent."" And Nathan said to David, "**Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.**""

- 1 Chronicles 17:1-2



THE LORD DOES NOT
SEE AS MAN SEES;
FOR MAN LOOKS AT THE
OUTWARD APPEARANCE,
BUT
THE
LORD **LOOKS AT**
THE HEART.

1 SAMUEL 16:7



-I HAVE FOUND DAVID,-

A MAN AFTER

MY HEART,

WHO WILL DO MY WILL.

- ACTS 13:22





above all else
guard your
heart,
for everything you
do flows from it
proverbs 4.23

What was the condition of David's heart, such that Nathan proclaimed that God was with him, and would support all his endeavours?

#1. A heart that is humble

"Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?"

- 1 Chronicles 17:16

"There is none like you, O Lord, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears."

– *1 Chronicles 17:20*



**HUMILITY
IS NOT
THINKING
LESS OF
YOURSELF,
IT'S THINKING
OF YOURSELF
LESS.**

C.S. LEWIS



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#2. A heart that acknowledges God's Sovereignty

"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: It is not you who will build me a house to dwell in.'"

– *1 Chronicles 17:4*

"For your servant's sake, O Lord, and according to your own heart, you have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things."

– *1 Chronicles 17:19*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN





When you go through a trial, the
sovereignty of God is the pillow
upon which you lay your head.

~ Charles Spurgeon

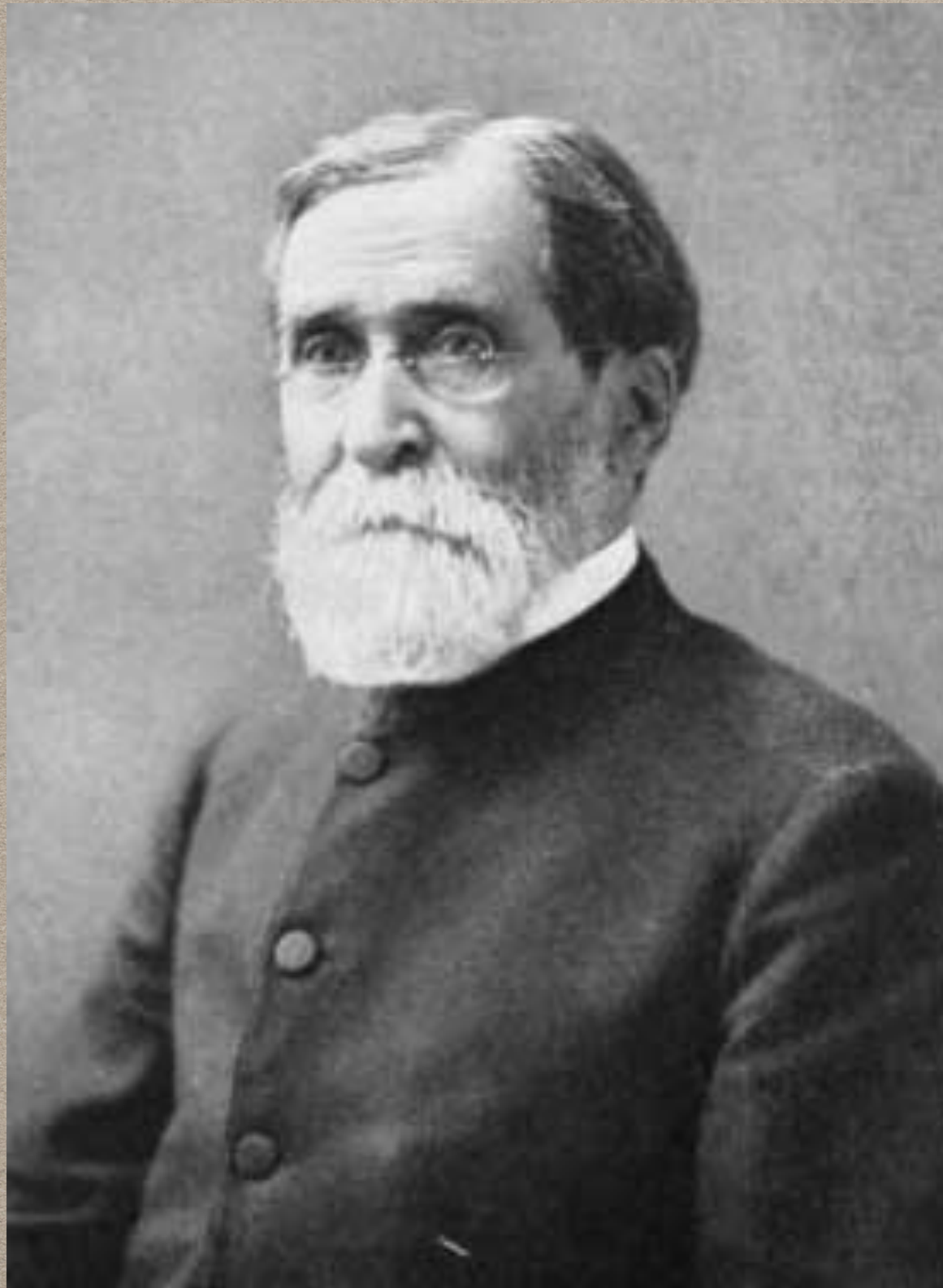
**#3. A heart that believes
in God's promises**

"And now, O Lord, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house be established forever, and do as you have spoken,"

– *1 Chronicles 17:23*

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Hebrews 11:8-10





Now
Faith
is the Substance
of things
hoped
for,
the evidence of
THINGS NOT
SEEN.
HEBREWS 11:1

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How can we condition our heart,
such that God is with us in all our
endeavours?

A person is seen from the side, holding a large heart-shaped sign in a sunlit forest. The sign contains a Bible verse. The background is a soft-focus forest with sunlight filtering through the trees.

Create in me

a clean heart, O God; and

renew a right spirit

within me. Cast me

not away from thy

presence; and take

not thy holy

spirit from me.

Restore unto

me the

joy of thy

salvation; and

uphold me with

thy free spirit.

– Psalm 51:10-12