

**GOD'S PAVILION**  
Part XXIV  
*Psalm 103:1-5*

Introduction: The Word of God makes us cognizant that God has a voracious appetite for praise. From all eternity, God has been the recipient of praise in the form of music or in word. His very nature thrives on and merits acknowledgement and worship. We, the offspring of His creation, have an insatiable need to worship. If it is not God, we find someone or something else to worship. We can ascertain from this that in order to be in sync and in harmony with God, it necessitates that we give ebullient praise, worship, and acknowledgment of God by confessing His Name; otherwise, we are miserable and cannot be fulfilled because of not giving to our Creator what He requires.

A. God's pavilion

1. The vow of praise. *Psalm 61:8*. David made an inviolable vow to God to daily praise Him.
  - a) Have you ever wondered where David derived his faith to face Goliath? He apparently was the only one in the nation who had faith. The soldiers of the army of Israel were terrified, as were his brothers and King Saul. Where did this kind of indomitable faith come from?
  - b) Out of the seven sons of Jesse, why did God choose his youngest and smallest son? *1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:11-13*.
  - c) Right after Samuel anointed David, Saul the king was troubled by an evil spirit. *1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:14*. His servants talked Saul into bringing to him a skilled musician to play, in hopes that the evil spirit would depart. The talent search for that skilled musician found David to fit the requirement. Even though he tended his father's sheep, he still had put in the effort to learn to play an instrument.
  - d) In this case, praising God with music did spiritual warfare and drove the evil spirit out. *1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:23*.
  - e) David alluded to how God does warfare on our behalf through praise. *Psalm 8:1-2*. He may have written this psalm while a teenager. Praise stills the enemy, and it tells the devil to shut up. David, from experience, watched praise drive out the evil spirit from King Saul.
  - f) *Acts 13:22*. From this Scripture, we not only find that David was special in God's eyes, but we also see where David developed the faith to face the nine foot six inch Goliath who was menacing all of Israel. David knew that God wanted praise from His people, so he gave God what He wanted. This is the key to David's power. This is where David got faith to face Goliath. The stronger the praise, the stronger the faith, and vice versa. Praise is the generator for powerful faith.
  - g) Praise is like the trigger that releases an explosion of faith. Faith causes you to actively apply the Word of God.
  - h) David was continually offering praise to God. *Psalm 61:8*. David apparently had made a vow that he would daily praise the Lord. Everyday of his life was committed to praise, and that praise had built an incredible faith. His confrontation with Goliath was a demonstration of that faith.
  - i) *1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:10*. For forty days Goliath thundered his defiance of Israel. David responded to the giant in *1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17:45-46*. Even though David's older brothers attacked his faith, he was resolute in believing that God was with Israel and not with the Philistines.
  - j) The next challenge of David's faith came from Goliath. When he saw David coming toward him, he was enraged. *1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17:42-44*. David had a succinct answer for Goliath. *Verses 45-48*. Today we would say, "Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world."
  - k) David's determinate faith was met by God's reply. *Verses 49-51*.

Conclusion: The Bible has taught us the lesson as to why David could face the giant unafraid. His relationship with God, involving intimate praise and worship, served as a catalyst in the building of the strong faith that David had. Praise and worship, singing, and making melody unto the Lord, is the way to pleasing God and gaining His favor.