

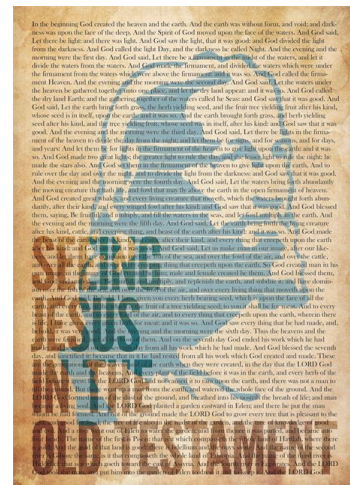


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (Luther's Works, 25:238).

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David, Goliath, Christ

Recently I was asked how the account of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 points to Christ. Without diving into too many details, you may already have an idea or two in mind. David is a shepherd, for example, which reminds us of “great David’s greater Son” (as a well-known hymn puts it), the Good Shepherd. But how else does this famous narrative give us an awesome picture of the person and work of Christ?

The first verse tells us that the Philistines were occupying God's Promised Land; God's people were captive to the enemy (1 Sam. 17:1). Goliath has been taunting God's people for forty days (1 Sam. 17:16), which is the number that's often used to depict a period of severe trial and testing. So also, we recall, how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for forty days before going on to defeat our enemy, the devil, for good (Mt. 4:1-11).

Fascinatingly, we're then told that Jesse sends David to give his brothers some food (1 Sam. 17:17-19). Much like Jacob sending his beloved son Joseph for the welfare of his brothers (Gen. 37), here we have yet another father sending another beloved son for the sake of his brothers. But how was this received? Not very well! Eliab, David's oldest brother, questioned it multiple times and even called it "evil" (1 Sam. 17:28). So also, we recall, how Jesus "came to his own, and his own people didn't receive him" (Jn. 1:11).

When Saul hears about what David is planning to do, he piles on the ridicule. "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth..." (1 Sam. 17:33). In response, David says that he's able to strike down and kill even a lion, the very animal that's used to describe the devil in 1 Pet. 5:8. Soon afterwards, David runs "quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine" (1 Sam. 17:48), just as Jesus was eager to endure the cross for our sake (Heb. 12:2).

Also, while it may seem throughout this narrative that the Israelites are always standing by ready to fight (1 Sam. 17:21), in reality, "All the men of Israel, when they saw the man [Goliath], *fled from him* and were much afraid" (1 Sam. 17:24). So also may it seem throughout the passion narrative that Jesus will have his disciples with him every step of the way, but when things get tough, "all the disciples left him and fled" (Mt. 26:56).

Finally, and perhaps most striking of all, is how Goliath dies. With unusually precise detail we're told that Goliath receives quite literally a *head-crushing* blow ("the stone *sank into his forehead*" [1 Sam. 17:49]), reminding us of the one who is to come and *crush the head of the serpent* (Gen. 3:15). At the same time, however, the text also makes it very clear that Goliath doesn't actually die by this stone, but by his own sword (1 Sam. 17:51). How fitting it is that the enemy is defeated by his own devices, just as our enemy, death, is defeated by death (Heb. 2:14)!

What a great picture of the person and work of Christ—David offers himself up for the sake of his people before receiving the kingship that God has in store for him, and the same goes for "great David's greater Son." As a result, we, like the Israelites of old, are victorious (1 Sam. 17:52-53). Thanks be to God!

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

Upcoming Events

Fall CBI Seminar:

"The Beauty of God's Gifts"

Featuring Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe

Saturday, October 12, 2019

8:45 – Registration and Coffee Hour
9:10 – Welcome & Introduction
9:15 – 10:15 – The Beauty of God's Creation
10:15 – 10:30 – Q & A
10:30 – 10:45 – Break
10:45 – 11:45 – The Beauty of God's Salvation in Christ
11:45 – 12:00 – Q & A
12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch Break (lunch included)
1:00 – 2:00 – The Beauty of God's Future for Those in Christ
2:00 – 2:15 – Q & A

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Fall In-Depth Bible Studies:

September 9 – Dr. John Kleinig – "The Key to the Book of Hebrews"

September 16 – Prof. Brad Alles – "Daniel 7: 4 Kingdoms & The King of Kings"

September 23 – Prof. Brian Mosemann – "The Art of Law and Gospel Distinction"

September 30 – Dr. Daniel Paavola – "Word Pictures of the New Testament: Bible Study Treasures from A.T. Robertson"

October 7 – Dr. Brian German – "A Close Look at Revelation 7"

October 14 – Dr. Nathan Jastram – "The Evolution of the Bible"

Come to any or all of the In-Depth Bible Studies, an amazing opportunity to hear *Christ in Every Word* from experts in their field!

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BIBLE STUDY






Dr. Kleinig's In-Depth Bible Study

On Monday, September 9, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, renowned Australian theologian Dr. John Kleinig offered a special In-Depth presentation at Concordia University Wisconsin on “The Key to the Book of Hebrews.” A longtime professor at Australian Lutheran College (1982–2009), Dr. Kleinig continues to serve the church around the globe by his extensive writing and lively guest lecturing. Perhaps most widely known for his commentaries on the books of Leviticus (CPH, 2003) and Hebrews (CPH, 2017), many have also benefited from his regular involvement in Doxology (The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel) and his interviews on Issues, Etc. For more about Dr. Kleinig, including access to some of his past presentations and other resources, visit www.johnkleinig.com.

Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 October		1 Jonah 2:2-9 Jeremiah 32-34	2 Psalm 114 Jeremiah 35-37	3 Psalm 115 Jeremiah 38-40	4 Psalm 116 Jeremiah 41-43	5 Psalm 117 Jeremiah 44-47	
	6 Psalm 118 Jeremiah 48-50	7 Psalm 119:1-8 Jeremiah 51-52	8 Psalm 119:9-16 Lamentations 1-2	9 Psalm 119:17-24 Lamentations 3-5	10 Psalm 119:25-32 Ezekiel 1-3	11 Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 4-6	12 Psalm 119:41-48 Ezekiel 7-9
	13 Psalm 119:49-56 Ezekiel 10-12	14 Psalm 119:57-64 Ezekiel 13-15	15 Psalm 119:65-72 Ezekiel 16-18	16 Psalm 119:73-80 Ezekiel 19-21	17 Psalm 119:81-88 Ezekiel 22-24	18 Psalm 119:89-96 Ezekiel 25-27	19 Psalm 119:97-104 Ezekiel 28-30
	20 Psalm 119:105-112 Ezekiel 31-33	21 Psalm 119:113-120 Ezekiel 34-36	22 Psalm 119:121-128 Ezekiel 37-39	23 Psalm 119:129-136 Ezekiel 40-42	24 Psalm 119:137-144 Ezekiel 43-45	25 Psalm 119:145-152 Ezekiel 46-48	26 Psalm 119:153-160 Daniel 1-3
	27 Psalm 119:161-168 Daniel 4-6	28 Psalm 119:169-176 Daniel 7-9	29 Psalm 120 Daniel 10-12	30 Psalm 121 Hosea 1-4	31 Jonah 2:2-9 Hosea 5-7		

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Saleska Scholarship Endowment

In honor of Rev. Dr. John Saleska's legacy of teaching "Christ in Every Word" among us, CBI has established "The Concordia Bible Institute Saleska Scholarship Endowment," whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to pre-seminary students at Concordia University Wisconsin. In an age of biblical illiteracy, it is hoped that this endowment will help future pastors carry forward Dr. Saleska's lifelong conviction of teaching "Christ in Every Word" as they read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures.

Please join me in spreading the word about the origination of this endowment and by praying for its growth. For ways to contribute, please visit <http://www.concordiabible.org/contribute/> and designate "Saleska Scholarship Endowment" on your method of giving.



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