PROVOST-JULY (1). The Man God is Looking for 39

Topic. I SAM 17:1-11, 45-50

Intro:-(1) /. We think we live in margellous days. with all above us..satellites.. "Spy in the sky" .. looking down on affairs of men.. photographing. Even traffic directed .. and speeders spotted from the air above. But far beyond all this gadgetry .. something else goes on that staggers very heart of man ... IT IS FACT THAT ALMIGHTY GOD IS SEARCHING THE WORLD . LOOKING WITH ALL \*SEEING EYE . FROM WHICH NOTHING . NOBODY HIDDEN. c/f Song. "You cannot hide from God". True. Out in wilderness of Beersheba..long ago..Gen.16:13-14. Read this again in Prov. 15:3. Awesome fact ought make men tremble. (2). But read on yet. God observing for purpose.. God is looking for a MAN..c/f Ezek 22:30. And again we read of His diligent search throut earth.. II Ohron. 16:9a. This is the man God is looking for! Waiting for .. Hoping for .. Wenting to find that He might be his all-in-all..strength .. victory..blessing..comfort..companion..sustainer..provider. IS HE HERE TENTERS? WILL GOD FIND HIM? What is he like?

I. Let me firstmake amazing statement. Evident GCD NEEDS MEN (a). He has plenty of power .. multitudes of angels .. seraphim and cherubim to fly at His bidding. Wealth of all universe at His disposal. BUT HE NEEDS MEN. And what we say about men applies to women also. God has chosen to commit to men His work on earth..to do His will. He gave this earth to men. to rule .. and so it must be ruled through men. Man is the trustee. That's why our Lord came as a MAN..to redeem the world. That's why Satan will send his MAN..antiX..sieze (b). Today .. in these desperate days .. God needs MEN. We do not need more great in that ors. Enough gadgets now to drive u all silly. We can get along for 100 yrs. without any more great financiers. Might be better if we quite talking in billions, , got back to thousand or hundreds. Less spectacula: but we might last longer. We could get along for few more generations without any more politicians, if we could find a real statesman now and then. Don't believe we need more great preachers, if we can have host of dedicated ones. . Top men not the answer. Intellectuals not the crying need.. foday evangel. X'nty is blowing a fuse trying to sound intellectual! But God uses just MEN. WOMEN who love Him. Wht world needs today is a MAN. real MAN in front door of every home. (And women sometimes as substitute!)

II. What sort of men is God looking for today? What like?
(a). Let me read again that simple Or. story of a man..who became a man while yet a boy the shepherd lad called David.

and partic. well-known story of his encounter with Golisth. for there..in valley of Elsh ("Strong..ths cak")..he was GOD'S MA Who is there here that doesn't know this story? Mighty Golisth defied all Israel .. but partic. note his boastful cry .. I Sam. 17:10.. Give me a MAN". Bragging enemy. And top brass of army of Israel met..discussed ways and means..shivered..until one day David showed up ... and it was all over! LET'S LEARN HOW HE DID IT (b). I want to put down three things about this man of God. FIRST:- He had a CONFIDENT POSITION. He knew GOD .. Knew His power..purposes..presence..plans. c/f vs. 26, 45-46. Those word are music in heaven .. and cause a groan in hell! Confidence! No doubts. A man's first concern must be to stand on firm ground Ground of faith in God. faith in the Book. sure of it. c/f I Cor. 15:58. This is first redemption ground.. Sure you stand there? "I have been born again" .. c/f I John 5:13. Do you rest of His promises? John 5:24. Have you fulfilled terms? Closed with it? This is first essential .. Dan . 11:32b. FIRST TO KNOW CHRIST! Come . (c). SECOND: - David had a COURAGEOUS PURPOSE. He was Daringly Different. Didn't scare easily. verses32-37. God looking for men like that. David not say "Too bad we don't have someone his size" .. Instead: - "I can handle him, in the name of the Lord. Had some practice on lion, bear .. Now this men next on my dorket". And note his methods..vs. 38-40. Do you dare to be different from rest of world..or MUST you conform? Today we see almost childish spectacle of nations trying outdo each other. . Imitating Who first to moon. Someone has said: "If Communists announced going send man to hell..immed. be two Gov't agencies asking for money on grounds that "We've got to get there first"! And in church realm..men asking "How does business world do it? Social world..Entertsinment world?" Imp. thing to know is "How does God do it?" The triumph is not to the mighty but to the Almighty A boy with substandard equipment slew the giant! May God turn our "faint-hearts" into men of courage and faith in Name of Lord. (d). And that brings us at once to THIRD: - David had CONQUERING POWER. vs. 47 God keep us in this place. Plenty of Golisths strutting around today .. Comm'ism . . Meterialism . . Naturalism . . Bestia! ism .. Cultism .. Eroticism. And answer is not scholarship (almost a new god in eveng. circles).. Not specialization..c/f Moody on street .. convention on How to reach the masses .. He did it! Not showmanship. David was just simple shephard boy from hills. Apostles after Pent. didn't sit around saying "We're just fishermen..no match for intellectual Pharisess". There wasn't a scholar or specialist or showman in whole lot..but they turned world upside down! c/f 6th chap. of John.problem about bread. Fhilip proposed a budget .. but Wadrew said "Here's a boy" .. God's bo Conclus: 1 GOD IS LOOKING DOWN .. HERE . . TONIGHT .. FOR MEN . . WOMEN . For valiant, born-again, Spirit-filled X'ns..to be prayer-warriors ..witnesses..soul-winners..dedicated..separated..sold-out to God. No need be chummy with Sodom..to win...But living for X. DEDICATE ORPAINED"-SET. - REVIVAL - SEEK