

The Master's Tournament

By John Cospers

www.righteousinsanity.com

CHARACTERS

Bob- A sports anchor

Pam, Glen, Sally, Gary- Roving reporters

This skit can be done reader's theater style, or filmed as a video on a golf course, or performed on stage with Bob at a desk and the other reporters scattered throughout the auditorium. No background action is required. Open with theme music from a sports show, something majestic.

BOB: Welcome back to the Master's Tournament. If you're just joining us, we've had a great day of action so far. Right now the Apostle Paul is on top of leader board having shot the lowest score. That may seem strange to those of you not familiar with the game of golf, but as the Master himself once said, "The last will be first and the first shall be last." Let's get right to the action with Pam who is on the eighteenth green with Moses. Pam?

PAM: Bob, Moses is having a difficult time trying to finish his day, as he has been stuck in the rough just outside the 18th green for what feels like forty years. This has to be disappointing to the one time leader who had a nice start to the day. As you recall, his first drive of the day landed in the water hazard off one, but Moses was able to use his brother's 9-iron to part the waters and eagle the first hole. Bob?

BOB: Thanks, Pam. While Moses struggles to finish his day, another favorite, Elijah, is having trouble getting his day started. For that story, we go to Glen on the first hole. Glen, what seems to be the hold up?

GLEN: Bob, Elijah was paired with the Baal for this round of the tournament, but while Baal's followers and fans have shown up in droves, the false god has yet to show up and tee off. Despite the hours and hours of chanting and cheering by his fans, Baal remains a no-show while Elijah waits patiently beside the first green. Bob?

BOB: Thanks, Glen. Meanwhile, a tournament underdog continues to wow the fans with an improbable run at the leaders. Sally is standing by with that story. Sally?

SALLY: Bob, I'm standing here beside the eleventh green, where young David continues to astonish fans and foes with his play on the course. He's just birdied his fourth hole in a row, prompting fans to break out in a cheer of "Saul birdied thousands, but David tens of thousands."

BOB: That can't be sitting well with the former champ.

SALLY: Not at all, Bob. In fact, every time David makes a nice shot, Saul throws one of his clubs at his head.

BOB: Saul would do well to remember what David did on the first hole to his former playing partner. By the way, how is Goliath doing?

SALLY: He's dead, Bob.

BOB: Thanks, Sally. Now over to Gary on the ninth hole, where another shocking story is developing even as we speak. Gary?

GARY: Thank you, Bob. And it looks like one of the more interesting pairings of the day is no more, as Abraham and his nephew Lot have decided to part ways here in the ninth fairway.

BOB: Can you tell us what happened there, Gary?

GARY: Bob, Abraham and Lot are as close as an uncle and nephew can be, but it seems their caddies can't stop fighting amongst each other. Rather than try to continue with their quarreling caddies, Abraham and Lot have agreed to part ways. Abraham will continue playing the Master's course, while Lot and his caddy will play at the much more lucrative Sodom and Gomorrah Open, presented by Visa. Bob?

BOB: It sounds like we have an update on Moses, so let's go back to Pam on the eighteenth hole. Pam, how did the old man do?

PAM: Bob, a disappointing finish for Moses today. Unable to get the ball out of the rough himself, Moses consulted with The Master himself, who told Moses that if he would simply speak to the ball, it would drop in the hole. But rather than listen to the Master, Moses chose to hit the ball with his driver hard as he could. He finished the hole, but as a result of his disobedience, the Master has forbidden him to enter the club house.

BOB: Pam, I understand Zacchaeus just finished his day as well.

PAM: Yes he did, Bob. He had a nice drive off the eighteenth tee and only needed to sink a four foot putt for a piece of the lead. But unfortunately, he came up a little short.

BOB: Thanks, Pam. And it seems that pandemonium has broken out on the first tee. Let's go back to Glen for an update. Glen?

GLEN: Bob, the followers of Baal have started a bonfire to try and summon their champion to the course, but as we said earlier, there has just been no sign of the deity anywhere. Ever the jokester, Elijah began teasing the fans that Baal had gone back home to get a second pair of pants in case he made a hole in one. Bob?

BOB: That's why they fans love Elijah. Meanwhile, another fan favorite seems to be having his struggles on the third hole. Sally, what's the word on Samson?

SALLY: Not good, Bob. Fans will remember from past tournaments that Samson was easily the strongest driver on the course, regularly hitting five hundred feet off the tee with the jawbone of a donkey. But the former champion came out this weekend with a new haircut, and it looks as if all the power has gone out of his game.

BOB: Any chance he might make a late run?

SALLY: There's always a hope with the Master, Bob, but I gotta be honest, Samson is just kind of staggering around like a blind man out there.

BOB: Thank you, Sally. Now let's go to Gary on the eighth hole, where another player has had some struggles with the water hazards. Gary?

GARY: Bob, the Apostle Peter was having a great day until he chipped his second shot on eight into the water. Prompted by the Master, he began walking out onto the water to hit out of the hazard with a chance for birdie. But as we've seen him do before, Peter began to doubt and sank right into the water. Looks like he's going to double bogey this one.

BOB: Wow, tough break. But that's how it goes here on the Master's course. There are hazards to the left and right, but if you stay on the straight and narrow path, you'll find the Master waiting for you with open arms in the end. We'll be right back.