

His Hand Clave To The Sword – 10/24/21

TEXT- 2 Sa 23:1-10 *And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the*

INTRO – 1 Sa 22:1-2 *David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.*

1 Ch 11:13-14 *He was with David at **Pasdamim**, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines and **the LORD saved them by a great deliverance.***

Pas-dammim - the border of blood

- **Some things are worth fighting for**

1 Pe 5:8-10 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.*

- **These men recognized David as the true king**

David was the anointed and rightful king, but he was not yet recognized. He was rejected by the establishment. In the same way, Jesus Christ is the rightful King over mankind, but He is not yet recognized. Likewise, we who have recognized the Lord Jesus as King have joined Him “*outside the camp, bearing His reproach*” **Hebrews 13:13**

- **These men committed their lives to David**

Adino the Eznite slew 800 men with his spear

Eleazar (vs 9-10) continued to fight, even when his fellow soldiers retreated. He was at the point of exhaustion but he would not rest until the Lord brought great victory.

Shammah (vs 11-12) defended the position and provision of the Lord's people. The Lord is looking for the “Shammahs” of today who will defend the faith and be willing to go to “battle for the Bible.”

In **Jude 3** we are urged to “*contend earnestly for the faith.*”

Jud 1:3 *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

The actions of the three mighty men are a picture of worship. They acted out of love for their king!

There are few men in the Bible that attract our attention as much as David. He is mentioned more than any other man in the Bible except Jesus.

From the time that Goliath's body hits the ground, until he was anointed King and his time of rejection as king and then when he became King. He is the only man in the Word of God who is called: “A man after God's own heart.”

The Bible tells us as Christians that the things written the OT were written for our example.

1. Eleazer was a man who didn't give up when he was outnumbered.
2. He was a man of courage. He didn't turn and run.

Decision 1: I will do what's right even when the odds are against me.

Decision 2: I will not give up even when none stand with me.

1 Co 16:13 *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.*

The world has created its own fantasy illusion of brave, mighty, tough, and successful men.

- A. They sell John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, etc. Athletes are promoted as another class of such heroes
- B. The Scriptures, containing real biographies of true characters, have the very best of all.
 1. The Bible records of brave men are for our learning (Rom 15:4; Heb 11:32-40).
 2. The character of men after God's own heart shows that Christians are not sissies.
 3. It is men who truly know God that do the greatest exploits on earth (Dan 11:32).
- C. The purpose and emphasis here is to ask – Are you a mighty man of valor for the Lord?

David gathered and organized an elite fighting force of men
David was a mighty man of valor himself I Sam 16:18,21

A brief review of David's mighty men is valuable to appreciate their skill and faithfulness.

The Lord seeks a few good men, who will be courageous in the spiritual war of the last days.

- A. We are not called to a flesh and blood struggle, but a spiritual war
- B. We are now living in the struggle of the perilous times of the last days
- C. The Lord is not seeking a great host, but a dedicated few

1. Noah found grace in God's eyes, and by himself saved his family (Genesis 6:8).
2. Ten righteous souls would have been enough to save Sodom (Gen 18:23-33).
3. Moses more than once saved the nation by his singular faithfulness (Ps 106:23).
4. Jesus wondered if He would find faith on the earth when He returned (Lu 18:8).
5. The faithful have always been a small group (I Kgs 19:18; Isaiah 1:9; Act 1:15).
6. Moses, Samuel, Noah, Daniel, and Job saved others alone (Jer 15:1; Eze 14:14).

D. Great men are now very rare, as God has judged America for its sins (Isaiah 3:1-26).

1. A virtuous woman is very rare (Prov 31:10), but so is a faithful man (Prov 20:6).
2. The situation has been, and is, dire (Jeremiah 5:1; Micah 7:2;

E. Consider a few aspects of being a mighty man of valor for Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

1. The great men of God are men of the word of God
2. The great men of God are men of prayer to God (Psalm 55:17;
3. The great men of God communicate it to their sons
4. Men of God know the value in unity (I Sam 23:16
5. They led their women in the worship of God (II Sam 6:14-23;
6. They taught their children the fear of the Lord (Psalm 34:11;
7. The great men of God are those who serve others (Luke (9:46-48; 22:24-27).
8. The great men of God refuse to put anything evil before their eyes (Ps 101:3).
9. The great men of God know that even thinking foolishly is sin
10. The great men of God know that to tame their tongue is greatness (James 3:2).
11. The great men of God are willing to commit severe self-denial
12. The great men of God choose to be content with their wives
13. The great men of God do not get bitter, but better, with their wives (Col 3:19).

F. It is the duty of great men to prepare the next generations for the warfare of the saints.

1. Militaristic cities like Sparta and Troy trained their children from youth for war.
2. It is our duty to prepare as many generations as possible

G. We reject sinful (Ps 101), carnal (Ps 1), or lazy men (He 6:11-12).

H. Together a threefold cord is not quickly broken (Ecc 4:9-12)

I. Will you be able to end your life, as did Paul? "I have fought a good fight" (II Tim 4:7).

CONCL-

A. Jesus Christ is a great King, and He deserves our very best

B. If David had men willing to love and serve him as described above, how much more does His Son deserve?!

C. Our conflict is not of this world, for our kingdom is not of this world

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