

## 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 Ch 11:13-14** *He was with David at Pasdammim, 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

### I. Eleazar was a man

- **He was a man's man. He knew he wasn't a woman. People today can't figure out their gender. Since the women's revolution there have been fewer men to become leaders.**

**Bud light presented a man in a dress drinking beer and they lost 30% of their clients over-night. A bar in Indiana displayed a sign, if you don't like the commercial you can leave. You are not wanted. They did leave to the surprise of the owners. They have apologized and pleaded for patrons to return. I know these people in Indiana. The owners made a big mistake.**

**We still need men who are not sissy's who are brave and strong.**

**Google sissy boys and see what you find.**

**Sissy boy's photos**

**Pretty in pink – Cute boys crossdressing**

**Feminized boys**

**Boys dressed as cute girls**

**Boys need to talk like boys, walk like boys, and act like boys.**

**Mixing the role of men and women desecrates marriage and the home. It is an insult to God because He made man in His image and it mars the picture of His wonderful creation.**

### II. Eleazar Knew 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 30 mighty 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. They honored David because they respected him and recognized his leadership role.

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

**Adino the Eznite slew 800 men with his spear**

**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 1:3** we are urged to "*contend earnestly for the faith.*"

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

**Great leaders give honor to whom honor is due.**

**Romans 13:7** *Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*

**Davis received loyalty and respect from his followers.**

### III. Eleazar Continued To Fight until the Battle Was Won

**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.

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."

1. Eleazar 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.*

### IV. Eleazar Didn't Quit

**"His hand clave to the sword." He had to pry his fingers loose after the battle. Most men would have given up long before Eleazar.**

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

**Luke 9:62** *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

**1 Timothy 4:12** *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

- A. They sell John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, etc. Athletes are promoted as another class of such heroes
- B. Now they project people coming out as homosexual as brave.
- C. 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).

**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. They taught their children the fear of the Lord (Psalm 34:11;
- 4. The great men of God are those who serve others (Luke 9:46-48; 22:24-27).
- 5. The great men of God refuse to put anything evil before their eyes (Ps 101:3).
- 6. The great men of God know that to tame their tongue is greatness (James 3:2).
- 7. The great men of God are willing to deny self.

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

**Lamentations 3:27** *It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.*

- 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 finish 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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