

## **“David’s Mighty Men” (2 Sam. 5 & 23)**

### **(A Biblical Game of Thrones: From Saul to Solomon – Lesson #29)**

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#### Introduction

- For the most part, King David fought \_\_\_\_\_ wars: coming to the aid of the defenseless.

#### I. David Fought the Philistines (5:17-25).

1. These battles were \_\_\_\_\_:
  - A. They were in an area where David’s forces were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. If they had defeated David, he might never have recovered militarily (humanly speaking).
2. These two battles were in the Valley of Rephaim—southwest of Jerusalem (v. 18).
3. David \_\_\_\_\_ God what to do (v. 19).
4. God gave the victory, and David named the place Baal-perazim (“Lord of the breakthrough”).
5. The Philistines left their useless idols behind (v. 21).
  - David’s men took the idols and \_\_\_\_\_ them (1 Chron. 14:12).
6. Later, the Philistines again gathered in the Rephaim valley to fight David (1 Sam. 5:22)
  - Again, God said to fight, but He gave specific instructions:
    1. Circle \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy (v. 23).
    2. Gather in front of the balsam trees. When you hear the \_\_\_\_\_, attack (v. 24)!
7. \_\_\_\_\_ again gave the victory.
  - Isaiah referred to these victories two centuries later (Isa. 28:21).
8. The Philistines were never a serious threat after this time.
9. David never \_\_\_\_\_ a battle.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Provided David with the Mighty Men.

1. They were part of the 600 men with David (1 Sam. 23:13).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of them were the “Mighty Men” (2 Sam. 23:23; 1 Chron. 11:10).

#### III. They Were \_\_\_\_\_ and Dedicated (2 Sam. 23:8-12).

1. The three in vv. 8-12 stood their ground when others fled.
  - Their names were Josheb, Eleazar, and Shammah.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ gave them the victory.

#### IV. They Were \_\_\_\_\_ & Obedient (2 Sam. 23:13-17).

1. This event likely happened when David was fleeing from Saul.

2. The 3 valiant men visited David at his stronghold at the Cave of Adullam, west of Bethlehem (vv. 13-14).
3. The Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem (v. 14).
4. David mentioned he craved \_\_\_\_\_ from the well at Bethlehem (v. 15).
  - In other words, he longed for \_\_\_\_\_ in his birth town as well as the opportunity to go there.
5. However, these 3 mighty men took David literally.
  - They \_\_\_\_\_ broke through the Philistine camp and brought water from the well to David.
6. David showed \_\_\_\_\_ and used the water as a libation offering to God (vv. 16-17; Lev. 23:37).

V. They Were \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 23:18-23).

1. The strongest of man or beast were no match for them.
2. They had a great example in David's defeat of Goliath.
3. Abishai, Joab's brother, was commander of the 30 men (vv. 18-19).
  - He swung a spear and killed \_\_\_\_\_ men (v. 18).
4. Benaiah, was appointed by David over his guard (v. 23).
  - A. He killed a \_\_\_\_\_ in a pit on a snowy day (v. 20).
  - B. He killed a large Egyptian with the man's own spear (v. 21).

VI. They Were \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Twelve of them later became commanders of the 12 corps into which David organized his troops (1 Chron. 27).

VII. Lessons

1. God is looking for \_\_\_\_\_: men and women who will not compromise, who are loyal and committed, who are brave.
2. God can give you the \_\_\_\_\_ no matter how strong the enemy is.
3. Words are important. Be \_\_\_\_\_ what you say.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

**Next 2 Weeks (Sept. 22): Deacon Ordination (6:30 pm at CenterStage)**  
**(Sept. 29): "Let's Bring Back the Ark" (2 Sam. 6:1-23)**