

“Three Mighty Men and Their Examples”

2 Sam. 23:8-17

Introduction

- I. The Word of God has many references to men and women who are to be admired for the faithfulness and bravery.
- II. Some are well known, while others often go unnoticed and studied.
- III. During the life of David, there were three specific men who God saw fit to record in His Word. Their names are Adino, Eleazar, and Shammah (2 Sam. 23:8-17).

Discussion

- I. God used Adino, Eleazar, and Shammah to bring about victory for the Israelites.
 - A. When we fight faithfully, God is able to give us the victory (Psm. 108:13; 1 Cor. 15:57; Isa. 40:28-31).
 - B. Our enemies have no chance against God (Psm. 144:10; cf. Eph. 6:10-17).
 - C. Remember how God is able to great things, even with a bunch of dry bones (Ezek. 37:1-14).
 - D. We might feel out battles are small in the whole scheme of things, but to God they are still important (Zech. 4:10; Luke 16:10).
 - E. No matter how insignificant we may feel about our contributions, God can do much from little (Matt. 25:25, 44-45).
- II. As soldiers of Christ, we are fighting in spiritual warfare.
 - A. Paul described the war in which we fight (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 5:12).
 - B. We are to be active soldiers, but fighting together (1 Tim. 1:18; 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:3; Phil. 1:27).
 - C. In moments of solo fighting, we should always be strong (1 Cor. 16:13).

Conclusion

- I. While David's mighty men are great examples of what God can do through man, we can be just as mighty and important.
- II. Consider the following from an essay entitled, “I Am A Soldier”, “I am a soldier in the army of my God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my commanding officer. The Holy Bible is my code of conduct. Faith, prayer, and the Word are my weapons of warfare. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity, and tested by fire. I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity. I will either retire in this army at the end of time, or die in it; but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out.