

Giants and Mighty Men (2 Sam. 21:15-22; 23:8-39)

21:15-22 – Giants (of the Philistines) and giant– _____ (of Israel)

- Ishbi-benob – killed by _____ who came to David’s aid
- Saph – killed by Sibbecai (1 Chron. 27:11)
- Goliath (*Lahmi* in 1 Chron. 20:5) – killed by _____
- A giant in Gath – killed by _____, David’s nephew

23:8-12 – *The Three*

- Josheb-basshebeth – killed _____ at one time
- Eleazar – clung to his _____ until the Lord brought victory
- Shammah – defended a _____ until the Lord brought victory

vv. 13-39 – *The Thirty*

- Three who brought David water from _____ at great risk
- Abishai and Benaiah – great exploits in battle
- The rest (24-39)

Take-Away

1. David was a great _____
 - The principle of _____ – like Jesus
2. The *mighty men* were men of _____
 - Valiant – courage and _____
 - Unusual _____
 - _____
 - Selfless
 - Faith – *e.g.*, Shammah’s willingness to die for the _____
 - Ready _____
 - Willing to _____
3. True greatness comes from _____
 - Not from _____ stature; not determined by one’s _____
 - Am I willing to be a _____ (Mat. 20:26)
 - Choosing to _____ the Lord (1 Sam. 2:30)
 - _____ gives the victory – my part: obey and _____ Him

Discussion Questions – 2 Samuel 21:15-22; 23:8-39

1. How do the character qualities of *David’s mighty men* translate to what is needed in the spiritual battle that God has called us to? (What are some New Testament scriptures that point the way?)
2. What does it mean that *true greatness comes from God*?

What are some barriers to true greatness in our lives – and what step(s) can I take to break through those barriers?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today’s message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?