

II SAMUEL 23; May 8; David's 37 Mighty Men

ANALYSIS:

1. What are the four descriptive phrases David uses to describe himself as he begins his last words? _____

2. Although David knew his descendents would be imperfect rulers, he believed God would keep the _____ covenant and establish his throne forever.
3. Who are the first three of David's mighty men and for what exploits are they remembered? _____,
_____, _____
4. Who are two more mighty men of David's army and for what are they known? _____, _____
5. What is the total number of David's notable fighting men named in this chapter? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

David describes a righteous ruler as one who is just and rules in the fear of the LORD. He describes the blessings of a people who have such a ruler. He uses the picture of a clear morning sunrise after the night, and the tender grass springing up under the beneficial sun after the rain. These figures speak of peace, prosperity, and anticipation of multiple blessings. Let's pray that our rulers will be just and fear the LORD (I Tim 2:1-2).

Are you and I as devoted to our superiors as David's three mightiest were devoted to him? When David expressed a wish for a drink from the well of Bethlehem, without being asked, they risked their lives to give him that. Are we unselfish Christ-honoring servants and employees?

HELP:

1. The son of Jesse, the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel (v 1).
2. Everlasting (v 5).
3. Adino -- slew 800 with a spear at one time, Eleazer -- slew many Philistines until his hand clave unto the sword, Shammah -- slew many Philistines while defending a field of lentiles (vs 8-12).
4. Abishai -- slew 300 with his spear, Benaiah -- slew 2 lionlike men, and a lion in a pit, and an Egyptian who had a spear by taking the spear from him and slaying him with his own spear (vs 18-21).
5. 37 (v 39).