

Faithful

WARRIORS



Sunday 11-17-2024

Previous Lessons

- Famine for three years
- God lets David know the reason for the famine
- Seven of Saul's descendants were required to atone for Saul's sin
- Rizpah guards the bodies until David has them properly buried
- The famine was ended

David's Faithful Warriors

- **2 Samuel 21:15-17 (NKJV)**

¹⁵ When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint.

¹⁶ Then Ishbi-Benob, who *was* one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear *was* three hundred *shekels*, who was bearing a new *sword*, thought he could kill David.

- David's age is beginning to take its toll. He is confronted by a giant with a spear head weighing 7 ½ pounds and a new sword threatening to kill him.
- Growing old is part of life. Solomon reminds us to:
¹ Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": **Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NKJV)**

David faces the giant, Ishbi-Benob

- Because of his size, strength, and weapons, Ishbi-Benob thought he could kill David
- His name means " My Dwelling Is At Nob, His Seat Is In The High Place, be prominent or high." The meaning of his name is a reminder of our pride that we have to contend with almost everyday.
- Pride leads to our ruin. It leads to:
- - shame - Proverbs 11:2 (NKJV) ² When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble *is* wisdom;
- - destruction - Proverbs 16:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall;
- - brings you down - Proverbs 29:23 (NKJV) ²³ A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

Treasures From the Scriptures

Abishai, Father Of Gifts, My Father Yah Exists, Gift from God

- ¹⁷ But Abishai the son of Zeruah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him.
- - Because of his size and strength Ishbi-Benob thought he could kill David but instead was confronted with Abishai who slew him.
- Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."
- - His death would mean the end of his leadership, **quenching the lamp of Israel**, for in and through David were God's covenant blessings to be accomplished.
- - One of the key frustrations of life as you get older is not being able to do what you use to do when you were younger. It might have been very humiliating for this great king, especially when his nephew has to rescue him from the giant.
- **James 4:14 (NKJV)** Whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Sibbechai, meaning Yah intervenes

- **2 Samuel 21:18 (NKJV)**

¹⁸ Now it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Saph, who *was* one of the sons of the giant.

- Another giant is confronted, *Saph*, which means "to stand at the door; opportunities; priorities." Saph reminds us that each day we are confronted with the giant of wrong priorities and neglecting opportunities for service. We can either be a good testimony for Christ or a bad one. David and Solomon had right priorities in their youth.
- [1 Kings 3:9](#)—*Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?*
- [Psalms 119:30](#)—*I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.* Treasures From the Scriptures

Elhanan, God Has Been Gracious

- **2 Samuel 21:19 (NKJV)**

¹⁹ Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed *the brother of Goliath* the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

- Another giant is engaged who is the brother of Goliath. His name is Lahmi, (1 Chron 20:5). He is defeated by Elhanan. *Lahmi* means "devourer" and is a reminder of the enemy who desires to devour us....Satan.
- *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ([1 Peter 5:8](#)).*
- The word "devour" means "to gulp entirely or drink down." Treasures From the Scriptures

Jonathan, Yah Has Given

- **2 Samuel 21:20-21 (NKJV)**

²⁰ Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant.

²¹ So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

- Another giant is confronted in [verse 20-22](#) that has six fingers and toes. David's nephew Jonathan defeats him. The number 6 is the number of man. This giant reminds us of the giant of selfishness, of making self number one in your life.

- **Proverbs 14:14 (NKJV)**

¹⁴ The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, But a good man *will be satisfied* from above. Treasures From the Scriptures

- **2 Samuel 21:22 (NKJV)**

²² These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

- **ISHBIBENOB** *Ish'bi-be'nob* (*he that dwells at Nob*), son of Rapha, one of the race of Philistine giants, who attacked David in battle, but was slain by Abishai. [2 Sam 21:16, 17](#) (B.C. 1018.) Smith's Bible Dictionary

- This is a story of closure and transition. The task of leaders is not to do everything, but to facilitate ministry, to train, equip, and encourage others who will take their place to do an even better job. If this is what Christian leadership is to be, then David is a great leader.
- Under Saul, not one man was willing to stand up to Goliath. In David's ministry, there are many willing and able to do so. David is now free to step aside (first as commander of the military and later as king) because he has done his job well.

- There were five giants in Goliath's family. Could this be a reason why David took five smooth stones when he battled Goliath?
- David has trained an army of giant killers, men who are not afraid to confront them. These soldiers continued to grow in courage. The victories of the past encouraged them in their struggles of the present. The same truth holds true for us. Answers to prayer and blessings from faith in the Lord and His Word will help us to grow and mature day by day.
- [Romans 10:17](#)—*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
- One battle after another occurred reminding us again that the battles and struggles of this life will not end till the day we are called to our heavenly home. May we keep going forward for Christ with a song in our heart.

Treasures From the Scriptures

- **1 Timothy 6:11-14 (KJV) Paul gave charge to Timothy**

¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

¹³ I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

¹⁴ That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

- **Ephesians 6:10-18 (KJV) Paul encouraged the Ephesians**

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- David's men fought bravely and conquered the giants.