

Will You Be on the List of the Faithful?

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2 Samuel 23:8-39

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Introduction

- David records a list of mighty & faithful men who served him
- Each of these was known to God and to David

God's Power to Deliver His People 8-12

- There were 3 worthy of special mention - the 3 mighty men
- Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite - very powerful in battle
- Eleazar the son of Dodo, son of Ahohi - fought valiantly in a barley field^{1Chr11:13-14}, note *the Lord worked a great victory*
- Shamma the son of Agee the Hararite - fought valiantly in a lentil field, note again *the Lord worked a great victory*
- These reflect David's great victories^{2S3:18} and God's equipping of David^{Ps127:1}
- David's life^{2S8:15} points us to King Jesus^{Heb2:14-15} who conquered our enemy!
- This account reminds us that God uses many to accomplish His purposes
- King Jesus did all at the cross, but He uses us to do great things for His glory
- We MUST call upon King Jesus in prayer to enable us^{Eph6:17} to use His Word
- We MUST pray at all times so we may be effective for King Jesus^{Eph6:18-19}

The Gospel Transforms our Personal Relationships 13-17

- an amazing account of personal devotion to their leader by 3
- Likely around 1 Sam 22 when David longingly asked for water from well¹⁵
- At great risk these men got water from the well¹⁶ for David
- David wouldn't drink it but poured it out to the Lord¹⁷
- David humbled himself as unworthy of their risk
- By pouring it to the Lord he showed who was really important – God alone!
- Gospel transforms us - to serve our God and one another
- Jesus is pleased when we care, encourage and serve others^{Mt25:34-40}
- May we be like these 3 and serve our King and others

God Records the Names of those who Trust & Serve 18-39

- Two others are mentioned beside the 3 mighty men
- Abishai^{1S26:8;2S16:9} committed to David but hotheaded
- Benaiah - a doer of great deeds²⁰
- These two rewarded by greater service: commander, bodyguard
- Then the big list of mighty men from *every tribe and language and people and nation*^{Rev5:9-10}. Christ's kingdom likewise!
- They were faithful to David a sinner^{2S12:13} but David looked to Christ
- You also can be on the list of the faithful by looking in faith to Christ's provision for your sin^{Rom3:22}