

Introduction

Why did God have the Holy Spirit have the writer of this book list and recount the deeds of these mighty men of David? Well, He did it for us! *Romans 15:4 – “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

1 Corinthians 16:13 – “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

I. DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN SHOWED A GREAT DEGREE OF LOVE AND LOYALTY TOWARD THEIR KING!

A. They Saw David As The One True King Of Israel!

When we understand that **David was God's Anointed King of Israel even though Saul was the one ruling from the throne, we understand their degree of LOVE and LOYALTY!**

Had King Saul captured any of these men, they would no doubt have been considered TRAITORS!

King David is a type of our Lord Jesus Christ in many ways: There is another who is ruling this world right now! But Jesus Christ is God's Anointed King!

When we look at this type then it gives us **some great examples of the degree of LOVE AND LOYALTY** we should have toward **OUR KING...KING JESUS!**

It should give us pause to ask ourselves this question: **As Believers in Christ, do we show forth in our lives the desire to be mighty for our King Jesus?**

Or are we satisfied with just being in the background and being an “also ran”?

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B. They Were Outstanding In Their Exploits For Their King! They fought for David even though they were almost always outnumbered!

Now, make no mistake, **David used every soul that fought in his army! (And at times it was a pretty small army!)**

Nevertheless, **there were THESE individuals, THESE MIGHTY MEN, who were outstanding in their exploits for their King and in so doing fought and attained some great victories for their King! (i.e. They made a huge difference!)**

But, understand too that if these had not stepped up as they did, not doubt God would have raised up others!

But think of what a privilege it was for them to not only be identified with King David and but be acknowledged that they served him faithfully! Their names are recorded in Scripture! How special is that?!

C. It Is Also Our PRIVILEGE And DUTY As Believers To Seize The Exhortation And Encouragement Of The Apostle Paul In Ephesians 6:10-13 To Be The Best Soldiers For Our LORD As Possible! “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.”

Hebrews 6:10 "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

What we have done for the LORD is being written down and will be there as a witness of our LOVE AND LOYALTY when we stand before Him at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST!

D. We Need To Understand And Heed The Exhortation Given To Timothy Regarding Being A Good Soldier Of The Lord Jesus Christ!

2 Timothy 2:1 "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 2:3-4 "3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

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II. DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN GAVE THEIR VERY LIVES FOR KING DAVID!

They sacrificed a life they could have lived for themselves for a life lived for their king! That's what the Lord calls us to do!

We have studied in these two books of Samuel how David's mighty men were **famous in their earthly pursuits for their King!**

But understand that the battles they fought were **not just physical battles**, there were also **great spiritual implications in the battles they fought for King David!**

Ever since the first prophecy of the Messiah was given in Genesis 3:15, there has been attempt after attempt by Satan to keep the prophecy from being fulfilled!

We call it the "Battle of the Ages" because it began in the Garden of Eden and continues even today and will continue until the LORD finally puts down His enemies in his earthly reign!

1 Corinthians 15:25-26 "25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

So the physical battles that we see recorded in the pages of Scripture also had a SPIRITUAL ASPECT! Satan defying God and doing his best to keep the Messiah from being born and from fulfilling His purpose! (e.g. Revelation 12)

But listen to me, though our battles may not be physical in nature (and yet sometimes they can become physical), yet there are spiritual battles that are to be fought and won for our Lord as Believers in Christ!

We too are fighting in a war...a war against our King...a war against our very soul and spirit...a war with the lusts of our flesh, which Satan uses to try to destroy our testimony and our faith!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5-"3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

1 Peter 2:11 "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;"

If David could garner such great love and loyalty and even the very lives from these, his mighty men that we read about here, how much more should the Son of David—The Messiah garner our love and loyalty and our lives?!

We live in the ever increasing perilous times of the last days that the Apostle Paul spake of in **2 Timothy 3:1– 4:5!**

We that know the LORD can see that there is a great spiritual battle going on in our lifetime and the lines have been drawn! **The question is, where are WE in the battle? Are WE giving OUR best for OUR King? Are WE fighting the battle that has been given to us?**

Or, are we hiding in fear as others make a stand (only engaged as spectators of the battle)?

We need to remember that we have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son!
Colossians 1:13 – “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”

Romans 13:11-12 – “11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.”

The Lord Jesus is the Son and Lord of David! (Psalm 110:1)

He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah! (Revelation 5:5)

He is our Savior—the Blessed and Only Potentate the King of kings and Lord of lords! (1 Timothy 6:15)

He is the Captain of our salvation! (Hebrews 2:10)

And one day in the near future He will come back to catch up both the dead in Christ as well as those alive in Christ!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – “16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Seven years after that we will come back with Him riding on His white horse in glorious victory over His enemies and then ruling and reigning from Jerusalem! (Revelation 19:11-16)

Now the world has created its own **fantasy illusion of brave, mighty, tough, and successful men.** Hollywood sells its version of tough guys but they are **ALL just play actors!** They may look tough with their steroids, their makeup, their retakes, and their stunt men for action scenes. **But they are NOT anywhere near the caliber of David's mighty men!**

Athletes are promoted as another class of such heroes, but they only play a game **FOR MONEY** and are not true heroes at all! Their loyalty is to themselves and the almighty dollar!

Only the Scriptures contain the biographies of true men and women of character! Those who gave their lives for the **ONE TRUE KING!**

The Bible records some of the lives and many of the actions of brave men such as David's mighty men! Again, they are given for our learning that we might know what real **MIGHTY MEN** are!

David was a mighty man of valor himself! One of Saul's servants had this to say about David in 1 Samuel 16:18, he said he was **“cunning in playing, a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.”**

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Of all that description, the best thing about David was that **the LORD was with him!**

These mighty men believed the LORD, they believed in David's cause and they believed that the LORD had his hand on David to accomplish in him what he said he would do, so they came to join him!