

## II Samuel 23:9,10

### ELEAZAR, ONE OF DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

- I. His fighting.
  - A. Eleazar fought by himself when the men of Israel fled.
  - B. Each individual has a personal obligation before God, emphasized at confession of faith.
    - 1. We individually vow ourselves to be united to Christ and responsible for our own religious actions.
    - 2. Eleazar took the sword and fought, not wasting time admonishing those who ran.
  - C. Having God with him (“Eleazar” = “God is help”), he had all the allies he needed.
- II. Eleazar did not keep fighting for “his hand was weary” so he could do no more.
  - A. Why weary?
    - 1. Because his enemies were great in number and fierce in nature.
    - 2. Because no one was helping him.
    - 3. Because Eleazar is only a man and can do no more.
  - B. It was of God’s mercy that he became weary when the battle was finished.
- III. We are to learn some lessons.
  - A. Eleazar’s zeal is found in that “his hand clave unto the sword;” had to pry open his grip after the battle.
    - 1. This demonstrates the energy with which he gripped his weapon in battle.
    - 2. We must hold fast to the sword of the Spirit (God’s word) intelligently and intensely.
  - B. Jehovah, not Eleazar, “wrought a great victory that day.”
    - 1. While the victory was not won without Eleazar, it was not won by him, but by Jehovah.
    - 2. We must be humbly God-reliant and personally resolute.
  - C. The feeble gathered courage from this display of bravery.