

GREAT MEN OF GOD
(3 Samuel 23)

- IV. The Amazing Triumphs of the King (1-10)
- V. The Great Transgression of the King (11)
- VI. The Troubles of the King (12:1-24:25)

G. The Appendix to 2 Samuel (chp 21-24)

1. David's last official words of _____ (23:1-7)

a. As David looked back, he never ceased to marvel at God's _____ in calling him to become Israel's king.

- Why did God choose David?

2 Chronicles 16:9

1 Samuel 13:13-14

Acts 13:22

- What does this passage tell us of David here? (23:1)

- How did all this come to pass?

James 1:2-3

1 Peter 1:6-7

Romans 5:3-5

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

- David's words were _____ of God, as David states the Spirit of God _____ what He had to say. Thus God's Spirit guided His _____ in what he said! (23:2; James 3)
 - 2. He that rules over men must be _____! Meaning lawful or _____ in his rule! (23:3a)
 - 3. And he must rule in the "_____ of the Lord"! (23:3b) (standing in _____ of God & His ways)
 - 4. God's leaders must think not just of being _____ men, but of being primarily _____ God in their administration!

5. The outworking of a righteous leadership is its _____ on the people, while the reign of a wicked or evil leadership is usually _____ to it people!

- What is verse 5 stating?

“Although my house is not all it should be, yet (in His _____) He has made with me an everlasting _____ (Davidic - 2 Sam7:9-14). This covenant is ordered & sure because it is _____ in nature. It is based on God & His unchanging _____ to me.

(23:6-7) - In contrast, are the sons of rebellion (godless unbelievers), they are like _____ .

- What does all this mean?

2. David's _____ (23:8-39)

- We need to recognize that ultimate victory is because of _____, but God loves to use _____ men & women to accomplish His purposes in the world.

d. The first three mighty men: (23:8-12)

- 4) Josheb-Basshebeth, the Tackmonite, -- he killed _____ enemy in one battle!
- 5) Eleazer, the Ahoite, who killed Philistines until his hand _____ to his sword
- 6) Shammah, the Hararite, who won a great _____ over the Philistines

e. The _____ of another three: (23:13-17)

- What is a drink offering?

f. The _____ other mighty men:

- 5) Abishai, Joab's brother was _____ among the thirty
- 6) Benaiah- who was over David's _____ guard & would one day, like Joab was to David, become Solomon's commander in chief, & Benaiah would eventually _____ Joab in 1Kings!
- 7) Ashael, Joab's brother is also mentioned as a mighty man - who was killed by _____!
- 8) The last one named was Uriah the Hitite, Bathsheba's husband, who David had _____ at the hands of the Ammonites!

- Why isn't Joab named among these "mighty men"?

- What can we learn from this section of scripture?