

## 2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 23

<sup>1</sup> And these *are* the last words of David. Faithful *is* David the son of Jesse, and faithful *is* the man whom the Lord has raised up to be the anointed of the God of Jacob, and beautiful *are* the psalms of Israel. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word *was* on my tongue. <sup>3</sup> The God of Israel says, "The watchman out of Israel spoke to me a parable: I said among men, 'How will you strengthen the fear of the anointed?'" <sup>4</sup> And in the morning light of God, let the sun arise in the morning, from the light of which the Lord passed on, and as it were from the rain of the tender grass upon the earth. <sup>5</sup> For my house *is* not so with the Mighty One; for He has made an everlasting covenant with me, ready, guarded at every time; for all my salvation and all my desire *is*, that the wicked should not flourish. <sup>6</sup> All these *are* as a thorn thrust forth, for they shall not be taken with the hand, <sup>7</sup> and a man shall not labor among them; and *one shall have* that which is fully armed with iron, and the staff of a spear, and he shall burn them with fire, and they shall be burnt in their shame."

<sup>8</sup> These *are* the names of the mighty men of David: Josheb-Basshebeth the Canaanite is a captain of the third *part*; Adino the Eznite, he drew his sword against eight hundred soldiers at once. <sup>9</sup> And after him Eleazer the son of his uncle, son of Dodai who was among the three mighty men with David; and when he defied the Philistines they were gathered there to war, and the men of Israel went up. <sup>10</sup> He arose and attacked the Philistines, until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword: and the Lord brought about a great salvation in that day, and the people rested behind him only to plunder *the slain*. <sup>11</sup> And after him Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered to Theria; and there was there a portion of ground full of lentils; and the people fled before the Philistines. <sup>12</sup> And he stood firm in the midst of the portion, and rescued it, and attacked the Philistines; and the Lord brought about a great deliverance.

<sup>13</sup> And three out of the thirty went down, and came to Cason to David, to the cave of Adullam; and *there was* an army of the Philistines, and they encamped in the valley of Rephaim. <sup>14</sup> And David *was* then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem. <sup>15</sup> And David longed, and said, "Who will give me water to drink out of the well that is in Bethlehem by the gate?" Now the band of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem. <sup>16</sup> And the three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well that was in Bethlehem in the gate; and they took it, and brought it to David, and he would not drink it, but poured it out before the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And he said, "O Lord, *God* forbid that I should do this, that I should drink of the blood of the men who went at *the risk* of their lives." And he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

<sup>18</sup> And Abishai the brother of Joab the son of Zeruiah, *was* chief among the three, and he lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he killed; and he had a name among *these* three. <sup>19</sup> Of those three *he was* most honorable, and he became a chief over them, but he did not attain to the *first* three.

<sup>20</sup> And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, he was abundant in *mighty* deeds, from Kabzeel, and he killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab: and he went down and

killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. <sup>21</sup> He killed an Egyptian, a spectacular man, and in the hand of the Egyptian *was* a spear as the side of a ladder; and he went down to him with a staff, and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. <sup>22</sup> These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he had a name among the three mighty men. <sup>23</sup> He was honorable among the *second* three, but he did not attain to the *first* three; and David made him his reporter. And these *are* the names of King David's mighty men.

<sup>24</sup> Asahel Joab's brother; he *was* among the thirty. Elhanan son of Dodai his uncle in Bethlehem. <sup>25</sup> Shammah the Harodite; <sup>26</sup> Helez the Paltite; Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; <sup>27</sup> Abiezer the Anathothite, of the sons of the Anathothites; <sup>28</sup> Zalmon the Ahohite; Maharai the Netophathite; <sup>29</sup> Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, son of Benjamin the Ephrathite; Asmoth the Bardiamite; Emasu the Salabonite; <sup>30</sup> Adroi of the brooks; <sup>31</sup> Gadabiel son of the Arbathite; <sup>32</sup> the sons of Asan, Jonathan; <sup>33</sup> Shammah the Hararite; Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite; <sup>34</sup> Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite; EIAM the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite; <sup>35</sup> Hezrai the Carmelite, the son of Uraeoerchi; <sup>36</sup> Igal the son of Nathan; the son of much valor, *the son* of Galaddi; Elie the Ammonite; <sup>37</sup> Gelore the Bethorite, armorbearer to Joab, son of Zeruiah. <sup>38</sup> Ira the Ithrite; Gareb the Ithrite; <sup>39</sup> *and* Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.