

## 2 Samuel 23: Leadership “Passion Beyond Comfort”

### 2 Samuel 22 Review: From the Depths to the Tower

- God raises David up from the depths

### 2 Samuel 23: Leadership

#### Making of a Godly Leader:

1 Now these are the last words of David. David the **son of Jesse** declares, The **man who was raised on high** declares, The **anointed of the God of Jacob**, And the **sweet psalmist of Israel**, 2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue.

- **Son of Jesse:** Godly Home w/mentor father; [God is the helper of the orphan; A father of the fatherless]
- **Raised on High:** Raised up by God; not posturing or striving

**Matthew 23:10** ... Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

- **Anointed of God:** God-given power and wisdom to lead
- **Sweet psalmist:** Humble, teachable, servant; Soft heart:

#### The Blessing of a Godly Leader:

3 "The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me, **He who rules over men righteously, Who rules in the fear of God**, 4 Is as the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, When the tender grass springs out of the earth, Through sunshine after rain.'

- Godly leader: Leads righteously and in the fear of God
- First light of the day: Encouraging

#### The Example of a Godly Leader:

5 "Truly is not my house so with God? For He has made an **everlasting covenant** with me, **Ordered in all things**, and **secured**; For all my salvation and all my desire, Will He not indeed make it grow?

- **Everlasting Covenant:** Has and demonstrates an Eternal

Perspective

- **Ordered in all things:** Demonstrates a Life Structured by God
- **Secured:** Secure in God; Comfortable in his/her own skin; Gives feeling of Safety as they trust in God
- **Will He not make it grow...**Demonstrates faith in God's promises

### The Courage of a Godly Leader

- Courage to fight and courage to live a righteous life; no milk-toast for me thank you

6"But the worthless, every one of them will be thrust away like thorns, Because they cannot be taken in hand; 7 But the man who touches them Must **be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear**, And they will be completely burned with fire in their place."

- **Godly Leaders:** Discern good from evil
- Use/teach others to use the weapons of spiritual warfare: Salvation, Righteousness, Truth, Gospel, Faith and the Word of God
- **Completely burned with fire:** Not even a "little bit" of sin tolerated in a leaders life
- Saul was almost obedient to destroy the Amalekites:

**1 Samuel 15:23** [NKJ] For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

- Even the *appearance* of evil is to be dealt with:

**1 Thessalonians 5:21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.  
**22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

- Leaders know people are watching...and God is watching
- Leaders are to be examples beyond reproach:

**1 Timothy 3:10** ...let them serve [as deacons] **if they are beyond reproach.** 11Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

**Titus 2:7** ...in all things show yourself to be an **example of good deeds**, with purity in **doctrine, dignified**, 8 **sound in speech** which is beyond **reproach**, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us. [speech important]

- **Summary of 1-7:** Godly leaders will be **raised and empowered** by God and know it (humility); be a **blessing and encouragement** to others leading in righteousness and fear of God [wisdom], **eternal perspective, ordered lives**, exude a **feeling of security**, Courage to fight against the **world, Satan, and their own flesh**.
- **Leaders procreate;** healthy sheep begat healthy sheep, contagious excitement for seeing the lost saved

### Mighty Men

- Humble beginning but became like David and grew in number

**1 Samuel 22:2** Everyone who was **in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them.**

- Became more and more like David [sanctification]

**Acts 4:13** Now as they observed the **confidence** of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to **recognize them as having been with Jesus.**

**Luke 22:26** ...but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant. 27"For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But **I am among you as the one who serves.**

**Matthew 23:11** "But the greatest among you **shall be your servant.** 12" Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had:

- Two groups of 3, One group of 30 [not very important]

**Josheb-basshebeth** a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains, he was called Adino the Eznite, because of **eight hundred slain by him at one time;**

- **Josheb-basshebeth**

- Hit the ground running at the sight of a difficult task instead of thinking, pondering, finding a logical excuse

9 and after him was **Eleazar** the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there to battle and the men of Israel had withdrawn. 10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword, and the **LORD brought about a great victory** that day; and the people returned after him only to strip the slain.

- **Eleazar:** Standing alone after other warriors [helpers] flee
- No discouragement or grudge: Learned from David years before:
- David's and his men's families kidnapped, David pursues the Amalekites, some become exhausted and can't fight; stay with luggage, David destroys the Amalekites taking back the families and the stuff:

**1 Samuel 30:22** (Read) Then all the wicked and worthless men among those who went with David said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away and depart." 23 Then David said, "You must not do so, my brothers, with what **the LORD has given us**, who has kept us and delivered into our hand the band that came against us.

- **LORD brought about** a great victory...not me

11 Now after him was **Shammah** the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered into a troop where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended it and struck the Philistines; and the LORD brought about a great victory.

- **Shammah:** Stood in the midst of the plot; Got his hands dirty on their turf, a leader that dealt with people where they were at
- Ex: Helping flood victims...getting dirty

**Isaiah 58:6** (Read) "Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke? 7 "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 "Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go

before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

- When we do these things we will **know they are from God:**

**John 7:16** ... "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17" If anyone is **willing to do His will**, he will know of the teaching, **whether it is of God** or whether I speak from Myself.

- **A Passion for Life Change;** getting into their lives and out of his comfort zone; LORD will bring a great victory; Light breaks forth!
- **Now the 2<sup>nd</sup> three:** Abishai, Benaiah, and ?

13 Then three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam, while the troop of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim. 14 David was then in the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. 15 David had a craving and said, "**Oh that someone would give me water to drink** from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!" 16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD; 17 and he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men **who went in jeopardy of their lives?**" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

- **Willing to take risks;** Again going beyond comfort zone; moving out
- **David's Drink Offering:** Pouring out one's life; David relates to the people as did Jesus as He walked with us

18 **Abishai**, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the thirty. And he swung his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name **as well as the three**. 19 He was most honored of the thirty, therefore he became their commander; however, he did not attain to the three.

- **Abishai:** First of the 2<sup>nd</sup> three did attain to the first 3

20 Then **Benaiah** the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and **killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day**. 21 He killed an Egyptian, an impressive man. Now the

Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. 22 These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men. 23 He was honored among the thirty, but he **did not attain to the three**. And David appointed him over his guard.

- **Benaiah:** 2nd of the 2<sup>nd</sup> three did attain to the first 3
- Eventually replaced Joab; he was the son of a valiant man (**key**)
- **Courage:** Killed a Lion in pit on snowy day, Killed an Impressive Egyptian man w/ his own spear

**2 Samuel 22:30**" For by You I can run upon a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall.

- Now the Thirty

24 **Asahel** the brother of Joab was among the thirty; [fast runner]

- Joab, Asahel and Abishai: **3 Bad Dudes**

Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite, 26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, 27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, 28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29 Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, 31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, 33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite, 34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the **son of Ahithophel** the Gilonite,

- **Son of Ahithophel** and Father of Bathsheeba
- Did not allow family relations to divide, but fought with, and for, David...our King is first priority [hate/love contrast]

35 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 37 Zelek the Ammonite,

- **Ammonite:** Foreigner honored; leaders of every shape, color and size

Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearers of Joab the son of Zeruah, 38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 39 **Uriah** the Hittite; thirty-seven

in all.

- Uriah: Honored: Did David learn from Uriah? [drink offering]