



LESSONS FROM THE LIVES OF THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL SHAMGAR: THE OBSCURE SAVIOR - Judges 3:31

INTRODUCTION

The Bible is filled with tales of obscure people who appear on the pages of the Bible, and then promptly disappear.

- **Adino – 2 Sam. 23:8** – One of David’s mighty men.
- **Eleazar – 2 Sam. 23:9-10** – Another of David’s mighty men.
- **Shammah – 2 Sam. 23:11-12** – Another of David’s warriors.
- **The Widow of Zarephath – 1 Kings 17** – She fed the prophet Elijah and sheltered him during a famine.
- **The Israelite Maid who told Naaman about the Man of God – 1 Kings 5:1-4** – She told her master about the God of Israel.
- **The little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus – John 6:5-13** – He gave the little he possessed to God.
- **The woman who anointed the Lord and washed His feet with her hair – Luke 7:36-50** – She performed a labor of sacrificial love on the Lord Jesus.
- **Joseph of Arimathea – John 19:38-42** – At great personal risk and cost, Joseph buried the body of Jesus.

I. SHAMGAR THE WORKER

The name “*Shamgar*” means either “*sword*” or “*cupbearer*”.

One thing we know for sure about Shamgar was that he was a farmer. He carried and fought with an “*oxgoad*”.

- *One of the great lessons we can take away from Shamgar is that God tends to use those who are already busy.*

II. SHAMGAR THE WARRIOR

- *While we are to be workers, we must also be warriors!*
- We are at war, and some things are worth fighting for.
 - The Home
 - The Church
 - The Lost

III. SHAMGAR THE WINNER

God can use anyone, even those who think they are nobodies for His glory.

The Bible tells that Shamgar “**delivered Israel**”.

- **Shamgar fought where and when he was** – He did not give in to fear. He did not wait for better circumstances. He just took his stand for God and won the victory.
- **Shamgar fought with what he had** – No matter how weak you think your weapons are, put them in the hand of God and watch Him do great things with them.
- **Shamgar stood his ground** – He just made up his mind to fight!
- **Shamgar left the results to God** – Every time he fought he put his life on the line. Shamgar trusted God with his life. Live or die, he would stand for the Lord and for what was right.
- **Shamgar enjoyed victory** – Every time he fought, Shamgar walked off the field of battle the victor. God honored his faith and He will honor yours too!

Has God spoken to you about this matter of fighting for Him? Are you standing your ground in the day of battle? Are you fighting for your home, your marriage, your family, your church and the other things that matter in your life?