




1 Chronicles Chapters 10-13
“Saul, David, and the Mighty Men: A Lesson in Greatness”

I. The Death of Saul (Chapter 10)

1. His fall took others down too (1-7)

- a) His sons and his armor bearer were all destroyed the day Saul fell.
- When we fall others will go down too. It's not just you that your sin affects!

2. His fall gave the enemies of God a reason to blaspheme (8-12)



- a) The news traveled fast.
- Sadly, the world doesn't look at us when we are doing things right, only when we do things wrong.
 *Titus 2:7-8* “in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, & sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.”
 *1 Timothy 3:7* “Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”
- b) They glorified false gods
- This is the worse consequence of our sin—the name of God is blasphemed, and false gods are glorified.
 *Romans 2:23-24* “You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? 24 For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.”

3. His fall was the result of his unfaithfulness to God (13-14)


- a) He neglected the Word (13a)
b) He looked elsewhere for the answers (13b)
c) He neglected prayer (14)

II. David: A Great Leader (Chapter 11:1-9)

1. People saw that God was with him (1-3)

- a) Because God WAS with him
-  *1 Samuel 17:45-46* “Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you...”
-  *Psalms 78:70-72* “He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; 71 From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. 72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.”

2. He was willing to attack the strongholds of the enemy (4-8)

- a) The enemy says “you can't” but God says “I can”
b) We can take the strongholds of Satan
-  *Matthew 16:18* “...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.”

3. He was great because the Lord was with him (9)

- a) At the heart of greatness is a heart given to the Lord
b) His greatness didn't happen overnight. There was much hardship and sacrifice in following and trusting the Lord.

III. The Mighty Men (Chapter 11:10-12:40)

1. They were mighty because they were strong in the Lord (11:10-14)

- a) Strength like this can only come from God. He can take the weakest person and make them strong!

📖 Ephesians 6:10 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”

📖 2 Corinthians 12:9 “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

b) Eleazer shows us that even with small numbers one can be strong with God

- His deeper secret of strength was his commitment to keep hold of his sword

📖 2 Samuel 23:10 “He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder.”

📖 Ephesians 6:17 “And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”

2. They were mighty because they were faithful servants (11:15-19)

a) They were willing to serve David even to the point of risking their lives.

📖 Galatians 5:13 “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

b) It is important for us to be submissive and faithful to leadership in the Lord.

📖 1 Corinthians 4:2 “Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

3. They were mighty because they were fearless (11:20-25)

a) They had something to be afraid of and could have run away.

b) Of course they were tempted with fear, but overcame, and made a fearless choice.

- We can be fearless as we choose to believe the Word of God and yield to the Holy Spirit.

📖 2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

📖 1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”

4. They were mighty and were remembered (11:26-47)

a) Don't you want to be remembered as someone who did something great and mighty for the Lord?

5. They were mighty because they fought wholeheartedly (12:1-15)

a) We need to be people who fight with both hands, wholeheartedly! (2)

📖 Colossians 3:23 “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men”

- Someone once explained the difference between involvement and commitment: “When you look at a plate of ham and eggs, you know the chicken was involved. But the pig was committed.”

b) They had also trained to fight. Their whole lives were given to get the victory for the Lord. (8)

📖 1 Timothy 4:7-8 “But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”

📖 1 Corinthians 9:27 “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”

6. They were mighty because they were led by Holy Spirit (12:16-18)

a) These mighty men were led by the Holy Spirit to find David and do the work of the Lord

- The leading and filling of the Holy Spirit is the most important part of ministry and life.

b) To be led by the Spirit we must be daily filled with the Holy Spirit

- The words in verse 18 “came upon” are literally “clothed”

7. They were mighty because they worked together and were of one mind (12:19-40)

a) They came together from many different tribes and regions. (19-37)

b) They came together because they had a common cause. (38-40)

- They wanted to fulfill the word of the Lord in making David king
- When there is unity among the believers then there is joy

📖 Psalms 133:1 “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!”