

Let's Get Ready To Rumble!

2 Samuel 23:9-10 (ESV)

9 And next to him among the three mighty men was Eleazar the son of Dodo, son of Ahohi. He was with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there (Pasadammim) for battle, and the men of Israel withdrew.

10 He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the Lord brought about a great victory that day, and the men returned after him only to strip the slain.

"Pasadammim" - "the dell of bloodshed".

NEVER DROP YOUR GUARD!

"Philistine" - originates from the word "unlawful migrants".

I. We must CORAGEOUSLY RISE UP!

VS. 10a - He rose...

Eph. 6:13-14a (ESV)

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to STAND firm.

14 STAND therefore...

Eleazar wasn't going anywhere!

Billy Graham - "Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened."

II. We must CHARGE SKILLFULLY WITH THE SWORD!

VS. 10b - He rose and STRUCK DOWN the Philistines ...

1.) It was a weapon he HAD FAITH IN!

2.) It was a weapon he KNEW HOW TO USE!

In Ephesians 6:17 we are told to take up . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD of GOD.

How well do you know your weapon?

2 Tim. 2:15 (ESV) - DO YOUR BEST to present yourself to God as one APPROVED, a worker who has NO NEED TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

KJV – Study to show yourself approved.

“Do your best” - spoo-dad'-zo = to use speed, to make effort, be earnest and urgent

“Approved”- dok'-ee-mos = Tried, tested and proven (mathematic term)

Heb. 4:12 tells us that “...the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword,”

There are two dangers with not handling the sword correctly...

Firstly... You could hurt yourself or your fellow soldiers with it!

Secondly... You could fail to defend yourself against the enemy with it!

Isaiah 40:8 (ESV) - The grass withers, the flower fades, but the WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER.

Luke 16:17 (ESV) - But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for ONE DOT OF THE LAW to become void.

Hebrews 5:14 (ESV) - But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by CONSTANT PRACTICE to distinguish good from evil.

Eleazar’s sword was the key for the victory!

III. We must CLING TO THE SWORD!

Vs. 10c - He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand CLUNG TO THE SWORD.

(NIV) – his hand... froze to the sword!

(NKJV) - his hand stuck to the sword!

(MSGB) - but he never let go of his sword!

(CEV) - he couldn't let go of his sword!

1.) The situation "seemed" helpless!

2.) All of his countrymen forsook the cause!

IV. We must CONTINUALLY GIVE GOD THE CREDIT!

vs. 10d - And the Lord brought about a great victory that day

Never forget to give praised to...

The SOURCE of your STRENGTH!

The SECRET behind the SUCCESS!

The ONE behind the WIN!

2 Cor. 10:4 - The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds

"Eleazar" means - "God (is my) help".

1 Cor. 15:2 - By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to THE WORD I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

Mark 16:20 - the disciples went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with and confirming THE WORD with signs following.

Video: Are you ready to rumble E.V. Hill

