



# a hand frozen to the sword

## The Exploits of Eleazar

### 2 Samuel 23:8-10

<sup>8</sup> These are the names of David's mighty men: Josheb-basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter. <sup>9</sup> Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty men, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered [at Pas Dammim] for battle. Then the men of Israel retreated, <sup>10</sup> but he stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. The LORD brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.

### Revelation 17:14

<sup>14</sup> Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen, and faithful followers.

### Romans 14:17

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, <sup>18</sup> because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.

### 1 Timothy 6:12

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

## Eleazar's master

### ▲ He was loyal to his king

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### ▲ He loved his king

<sup>2</sup> Samuel 23:13 During harvest time, three of the thirty chief men came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. <sup>14</sup> At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem. <sup>15</sup> David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" <sup>16</sup> So the three mighty men broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the LORD. <sup>17</sup> "Far be it from me, O LORD, to do this!" he said. "Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?" And David would not drink it.

### ▲ He lived his life for his king

<sup>2</sup> Samuel 23:17 Such were the exploits of the three mighty men.



- ▶ Our King and Master is Jesus, who has redeemed us from darkness and brought us into His Kingdom of light!
- ▶ To Him and to His Kingdom cause we pledge our loyalty, our love, our lives, and our day-to-day living!

## Eleazar's mission

### ▲ He expelled enemies from the kingdom

<sup>2</sup> Samuel 23:9 Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty men, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered [at Pas Dammim] for battle.

### ▲ He established and expanded the kingdom

<sup>1</sup> Chronicles 11:10 These were the chiefs of David's mighty men—they, together with all Israel, gave his kingship strong support to extend it over the whole land, as the LORD had promised— <sup>11</sup> this is the list of David's mighty men:



- ▶ Christ's Kingdom is about experiencing and expanding and extending righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Our mission is both defensive and offensive: we are called to "fight" the enemy and to "take hold" of this spiritual life.
- ▶ Our mission is within us and around us and is both general and specific: what is your spiritual mission?

## Eleazar's military might

### ▲ His training and toughness

<sup>2</sup> Samuel 23:8 These are the names of David's mighty men:

### ▲ His tenacity

<sup>2</sup> Samuel 23:9 The men of Israel retreated, <sup>10</sup> but he stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword.

### ▲ His trust and triumph

<sup>2</sup> Samuel 23:10 The LORD brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.



- ▶ We must discipline ourselves to become strong in the Lord's mighty power—He is the source of our victories.
- ▶ We must arise in courage to dispel the darkness and advance the Kingdom of God within us and around us.
- ▶ And we must persevere and prevail—even when countless enemies surround us—until the victory is won.