

Study Questions

The Mighty in the Lord, Pt 2

2 Samuel 23:20-23

- 1) **READ** 2 Samuel 23:20-23. Do you agree with the statement, “You are great because God has made you great?” Explain your answer. A Biblical way of answering this would be to refer to Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27 and Ephesians 1:3-23.
 - What has the Lord imparted to all people and then *specifically* to believers only?
 - What made Benaiah mighty?
 - What responsibilities were assigned to him (2 Sa 23:23b; 2 Sa 8:18; 1 Chr 27:5; 1 Ki 1:32; 1 Ki 2:46; 1 Ki 4:4)?
 - Returning to 1 Sa 23:20-23, what adjectives are used to describe Benaiah?

- 2) **READ** James 2:26. What is the difference between faith and works? How do faith and works complement one another? (cf. James 2:18-26) How, specifically, does your faith and work complement one another? [What are your works and are they a reflection of your faith?]

- 3) Carefully **READ** again 2 Samuel 23:20-23. There are three columns below. Give the colored portions a title after first making observations about the Scripture provided. Use another page if desired.

(v. 20a)	(vv. 20b-21)	(vv. 22-23)

- 4) Share your observations from question 3 with someone else. Who is the main character in these verses? We are reading this text from the Bible. Who is the main character of the Bible? Are they missing from our text? Because they are missing does this mean they are not actively involved in this story?
- 5) We clearly see the Lord working powerfully through Benaiah to accomplish His will and purposes for King David and the nation of Israel. Does Jesus Christ work powerfully through you to accomplish His will for the world and His kingdom? (cf. Ephesians 3:20 and question 2 above)
- 6) Having read Ephesians 3:20 we discovered that God can accomplish things far beyond what we can ask or even think. Do you think Benaiah operated that way? Are there any limits to the answers of God when we ask Him anything?
- 7) Benaiah found himself in three extraordinary situations. What were they? In the message it was mentioned that we should “*be proactive and face our fears head on.*” How was Benaiah proactive to face his challenges? What challenges do you need to face head on? What has prevented you from facing those challenges? What’s stopping you today?