



worship roots

the gospel of chronicles

1 Chronicles 11:1-25

“11 Then all Israel gathered together to David at Hebron and said, ‘Behold, we are your bone and flesh. ² In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD your God said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel,

and you shall be prince over my people Israel.’ ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel. ⁴ And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, that is, Jebus,

where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. ⁵ The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, 'You will not come in here.' Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. ⁶ David said, 'Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and commander.'

And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief. ⁷ And David lived in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David. ⁸ And he built the city all around from the Millo in complete circuit, and Joab repaired the rest of the city. ⁹ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.



Knights of the French Legion of Honor

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

Hebrews 1:1,2

1) God commends the courageous who fight for the enthronement of God's king.

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vs 2

Intellect is a great thing. A sound mind is a great thing, just as a sound body is a great thing. But more than body and more than mind is what we call character. That is what counts ultimately with the individual and with the nation... a man who possesses intellect greatly developed without having his moral sense equally developed is a more dangerous wild beast. Sound morality and good principles count for more than intellect."

Teddy Roosevelt, 11 October 1897, address at the 200th Anniversary of the Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow

2) God commends the courageous who fight for the establishment of God's city.

“The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, “You will not come in here.” Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. David said, “Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and commander.” And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief.”

Vs 5, 6

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12: 22-24

3) God commends the courageous who fight for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

“Now these are the chiefs of David's mighty men, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. “Vs 10

¹⁰ Now these are the chiefs of David's mighty men, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. ¹¹ This is an account of David's mighty men: Jashobeam, a Hachmonite, was chief of the three.

He wielded his spear against 300 whom he killed at one time. ¹² And next to him among the three mighty men was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite. ¹³ He was with David at Pasdammim when the Philistines were gathered there for battle. There was a plot of ground full of barley, and the men fled from the Philistines.

¹⁴ But he took his stand in the midst of the plot and defended it and killed the Philistines. And the LORD saved them by a great victory. ¹⁵ Three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David at the cave of Adullam, when the army of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁶ David was then in the stronghold,

and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. ¹⁷ And David said longingly, 'Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!' ¹⁸ Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and took it and brought it to David.

But David would not drink it. He poured it out to the LORD ¹⁹ and said, 'Far be it from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the lifeblood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it.' Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men. ²⁰ Now Abishai, the brother of Joab,

was chief of the thirty. And he wielded his spear against 300 men and killed them and won a name beside the three. ²¹ He was the most renowned of the thirty and became their commander, but he did not attain to the three. ²² And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was a valiant man of Kabzeel, a doer of great deeds.

He struck down two heroes of Moab.
He also went down and struck down a
lion in a pit on a day when snow had
fallen.²³ And he struck down an
Egyptian, a man of great stature, five
cubits tall. The Egyptian had in his hand
a spear like a weaver's beam, but
Benaiah went down to him with a staff

and snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. ²⁴ These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and won a name beside the three mighty men. ²⁵ He was renowned among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David set him over his bodyguard.”

They were a combination of combat commandos, stealth rangers, navy seals, green beret, special ops and Delta forces who had acquired the skills of battle demanded to survive and conquer in hand-to-hand warfare. They engaged in clandestine operations and were often outnumbered by staggering odds pitted against them, yet they stood their ground. Time after time on fields of battle they were the last men standing.

C. David Jones , David's Mighty Men



The British Tomb of The Unknown Warrior

“..we do not wage war as the world does.
The weapons we fight with are not the
weapons of the world. On the contrary,
they have divine power to demolish
strongholds. “

2 Corinthians 10: 3,4

Sermon Outline

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"A Holistic Witness in a Hostile World"

John 15:18-27



NEXT WEEK September 4—ONE worship service —Jonah 1

The church is to go into all realms of social life: in volunteer and paid labor-skilled and unskilled labor, the crafts, engineering, commerce, art, law, architecture, teaching, health, and service. ... When the church does not send people to these realms and when it does not provide the theologies that make sense of work and engagement in these realms, the church fails to fulfill the charge to "go into all the world".

James Davison Hunter, *To Change the World*

All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered round him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.

1 Sam 22: 2

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace. Isaiah 9:6**



"I'm the guy. If there is a guy to look at, it's the quarterback," Flacco said. "That is where a lot of that comes from."