



A House Set in Order (Part 2): David's Legacy (2 Sam 23-24)

Notes: Week Twelve

The Last Words of David - [2 Samuel 23:1-7](#)

Topics: [Covenant](#), [Desires](#), [Evil](#), [Fear](#), [Growth](#), [Holy Spirit](#), [Judgment](#), [Leadership](#), [Light](#), [Righteousness](#), [Salvation](#), [Words](#)

Open It

1. *If you had the opportunity to make a farewell speech to your friends and loved ones before you died, what would you say?
2. Which do you consider yourself—an optimist or a pessimist? Why?

Explore It

3. What are the different descriptions of David given in the introduction to his "last words"? ([23:1](#))
4. Whose words did David speak? ([23:2](#))
5. *To what did David compare a righteous ruler? ([23:3-4](#))
6. What did David claim about the status of his "house" before God? ([23:5](#))
7. What were the characteristics of God's covenant with David? ([23:5](#))
8. In contrast to His treatment of David, how did God promise to deal with evil people? ([23:6](#))
9. *What farming analogy did David use to describe how evil persons are treated by God ? ([23:6](#))
10. *What practical method did David use (figuratively) to get rid of evil? ([23:7](#))

Get It

11. What kind of message did David leave in his last words?
12. *Why is it important to us as believers to know that God will punish evil?
13. In what way can God's people speak for Him?
14. In what way can you speak for God?
15. Why should we "fear God"?
16. What does it mean to fear God?
17. How do God's criteria for excellence in leadership differ from the ones called for by conventional wisdom?
18. In what way does having a righteous leader affect the followers?
19. *What gifts has God given you for the building up of His Kingdom?

Apply It

20. *What steps can you take to help your family be "right with God"?
21. How can your faith be built by rehearsing God's covenant with you?

David's Mighty Men - [2 Samuel 23:8-39](#)

Topics: [Achievements](#), [Alone](#), [Courage](#), [Endurance](#), [Greatness](#), [Heroes](#), [Honor](#), [Leadership](#), [Perseverance](#), [Popularity](#), [Power](#), [Risk](#), [Status](#), [Victory](#), [War](#), [Zeal](#)

Open It

1. *What sorts of feats make a person into a hero or heroine?
2. Why do you think people take extraordinary and unnecessary risks?

Explore It

3. *What select group is listed in this chapter? ([23:8](#))
4. Who was considered "chief of the Three"? ([23:8](#))
5. *What story was circulated about Eleazar son of Dodai's endurance in battle? ([23:9-10](#))
6. What was the story of Shammah in the field of lentils? ([23:11-12](#))
7. What daring (and perhaps foolish) exploit was attributed to the three mighty men? ([23:13-16](#))
8. Why did David refuse to drink the very water he had wanted? ([23:16-17](#))
9. In what sense did Abishai receive greater honor, although he was not one of the Three? ([23:18-19](#))
10. *What stories were told about the chief of David's bodyguard? ([23:20-23](#))
11. How many "mighty men" served King David? ([23:39](#))

Get It

12. What was special about the men in this passage?
13. Which of the mighty men were famous for the large numbers of enemy troops they had killed?
14. *Which of the mighty men fought alone when everyone else fled?
15. Which of the celebrated feats of the mighty men could be considered foolish?
16. Besides accomplishments in battle, what feats made Benaiah famous?
17. *What qualities did all of these people have in common that made them valuable to David?
18. How did the stories of the mighty men parallel some of the incidents in David's own life?

Apply It

19. Which of God's mighty servants, past or present, can serve as an inspiration for your spiritual life this week?
20. *What difficult task lies ahead of you for which you can ask God to give you courage?
21. To what friend or relative can you be a loyal and dedicated servant?

David Counts the Fighting Men - [2 Samuel 24:1-25](#)

Topics: [Angels](#), [Anger](#), [Authority](#), [Choices](#), [Confession](#), [Conscience](#), [Consequences](#), [Disagreements](#), [Family](#), [Foolishness](#), [Gifts](#), [Guilt](#), [Mercy](#), [Prayer](#), [Punishment](#), [Questions](#), [Results](#), [Sacrifice](#), [Sin](#), [Worship](#)

Open It

1. *What modern day status symbols do we regard as "the more the better"?
2. What are some examples of the followers' suffering when the leader does something wrong?

Explore It

3. *How did God use David to punish Israel? ([24:1](#))
4. What did the king want his commanders to find out for him? ([24:2](#))
5. *Who objected to David's plan and tried to dissuade him? ([24:3](#))
6. Whose opinion prevailed as to what should be done? ([24:4](#))
7. How long did it take for the commanders to go throughout the land counting the fighting men? ([24:8](#))
8. How many fighting men did David have in Israel and Judah? ([24:9](#))
9. *What did David realize after the census was finished? ([24:10](#))
10. What was David's prayer when he realized his error? ([24:10](#))
11. What did God instruct the prophet Gad to ask David? ([24:11-12](#))
12. What choice did Gad present to David? ([24:13](#))
13. What punishment did David choose from the three options God put before him? ([24:14](#))
14. How many people died in the plague? ([24:15](#))
15. Where was the angel of death when God instructed him to stop? ([24:16](#))
16. What was David's confession when he saw what was happening to Israel? ([24:17](#))
17. What did Gad instruct David to do as part of ending the plague? ([24:18](#))
18. What was Araunah's response when David asked to buy the threshing floor in order to build an altar? ([24:19-23](#))
19. Why did David insist on paying for all of the items for the sacrifice? ([24:24](#))
20. What did God do for David and Israel when all of these actions were completed? ([24:25](#))

Get It

21. *What does it mean that God "incited" David against Israel when God was angry with Israel?
22. *Why was it wrong for David to want to count his fighting men?
23. How did David demonstrate his knowledge of God by the choice he made of the means of punishment?
24. How does God feel when He sees the suffering we bring on ourselves through our sin?
25. Why is a "cheap" sacrifice inappropriate to offer to the living God?
26. What sort of offering does God find acceptable from us today?
27. What does it mean to offer sacrifices to God today?
28. How can we make sure that the things we offer to God have not cost us nothing?

Apply It

29. *What temptation to count or calculate the value of your blessings can you resist by faith?
30. What can you offer to God that is valuable or important (not cheap)? How?