

## 2 Samuel 23:1-39

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## Sermon Study Guide

2 Samuel 21-24 is the epilogue to the entire book of Samuel. The structure of this final section puts the emphasis on David's song & last words which interestingly connect the beginning and the end of the book due to Hannah's song in 1 Samuel 2:1-10.

- The LORD judged Israel with famine for Saul's sin, David had to make atonement through the death of Saul's sons (21:1-14)
- Philistine War (21:15-22)
- David's song looks backwards celebrating God's great and powerful deliverance of David (22:1-51)
- David's last official words look forward celebrating the absolute certainty that God's kingdom will endure forever (23:1-7)
- David's Heroes (23:8-39)
- The LORD judged Israel with a plague for David's sinful census, David had to make atonement through purchasing site for future temple and making a sacrifice (24:1-25)

### Sermon Questions

1. Why do you think David stressed his inspiration by God in vv. 1-7?
2. From biblical times to this very day, people have lived under the rule of leaders who vary from imperfect to completely evil. To what extent does the experience of human imperfection, including your own, increase your longing for Christ's return and reign?
3. We may think the list of Israel's heroes have no significance in today's world, but consider this, if David's men loved him so much that they would risk life and limb to get him a drink, what effect should our love for Christ have on our lives, not just in inspiring exceptional acts, but even in the routine of daily life?
4. Paul had his list of Christian heroes in Romans 16. Discuss appropriate ways for us to recognize the heroes and heroines of today's church?