

2 Sam 23:14-17, 1 Chron 11:15-19 | Sun ~~School~~ Night
"Water from the Well at Bethlehem" 10-2-2022
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1. Introduction

- a. Whole story told in 1 Sam chap 24
- b. David grew up in Bethlehem
 - memories of the water of his childhood
 - David's current situation
 - * group got temple showbread from Nom
 - * hiding in cave of Adullam hiding from Saul (King)
 - * David's group full of dispossessed, marginal men (1 Sam 22:2)
 - * Philistine garrison located next to Bethlehem
- c. David had some followers who loved him & listened to his words
- d. God called David a man "after His own heart"

2. Three Men's Actions

- a. Three men of David's 30 mighty mighty men heard David's wishes
 - they took action (3 captains)
- b. 13 miles from cave to Bethlehem
- c. The 3 men hiked 13 miles
- d. Then they fought through ring of Philistine camp
- e. They got water from well in Bethlehem & brought it back

3. David's Reaction

- a. He chose not to drink the water
- b. David created a drink offering to the Lord
 - David poured it to the ground before the Lord
- c. David recognized the bravery of the 3 men who went in danger of their lives
 - they lost some blood in bringing gift of water to David

4. Lesson of Service

- a. Servants do not matter
- b. Only the Savior matter
- c. Three of the 30 might men not named

5. Lesson of Sacrifice

- a. David had 400 men
- b. There were 30 mighty men
- c. These 3 stood out
- d. These 3 went over & above the group(s)
- e. Gift of free will offering

6. Lesson of Sequence

- a. Samuel had already anointed David as future king
- b. David not yet appointed king
- c. David a fugitive with price on his head hiding from current King Saul
- d. God's timing (2 Sam 7:8-9) God's timing

7. Jesus is son of house of David

- a. Well of water springing up into everlasting life (Jn 4:13-14)
- b. Living water that Jesus gives
 - Jn 7:37-39
 - * gift of Holy Spirit
- c. Water of life
 - Rev 21:6 Jesus freely gives water of life freely from fountain
 - Rev 22:1 river of water of life coming from God's throne
 - Rev 22:17 whosoever will may come & freely take water of life