

How the Mighty Have Fallen

2 Samuel 1:17-27

*Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 17:38-47**

"Pause, traveler, ere you go your way. Then tell how, Spartan to the last, we fought and fell."

Main Idea: the Mighty Always Fall

1.) The Educational Importance of This Lament.

A.) God's people need to be reminded of significant events.

v. 18, *"and he told them to teach the children of Judah the Song of the Bow."*

B.) This Event was Written in the Book of Jasher.

Joshua 10:12-13, *"Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."13 So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day."*

2.) The Historical Importance of This Lament

A.) The Immediate Impact

v. 21, *"O mountains of Gilboa, Let there be no dew nor rain upon you, Nor fields of offerings..."*

B.) The Death of Any King is Significant

C.) David's Lament Gives Jonathan the Place of Pride

D.) This Lament Reminds us Saul and Jonathan Were Mighty Warriors.

1 Samuel 10:24, *"Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?"*

3.) The Lessons of This Lament

A.) The Sword Devours

Read **Verse 23**.

v.19, *"The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places..."*

2 Samuel 2:18, *"...Asahel was as fleet of foot as a wild gazelle"*

2 Samuel 2:25, *"...Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the latter end?..."*

Matthew 26:52, *"...Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword"*

Read **Verse27**

B.) Not By Might Will Men Prevail

C.) The Battle Belongs to the Lord

1 Samuel 17:47, *"...the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's"*

2 Samuel 2:1, *"It happened after this that David inquired of the Lord..."*