

BENAIAH – WHO WAS VALIANT IN DIFFICULTY

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- A. Interestingly, more details are recorded about Benaiah than any of the other mighty men.
- B. He killed two Moabites who were described as being “lion-like.”
 - 1. This language indicates that they were fierce, strong warriors (cf. 1:23; 1 Chron. 12:8).
 - 2. How valiant one must be to kill two such men!
- C. He killed a lion in a pit in the snow.
 - 1. The worst of enemies – a lion!
 - 2. In the worst of places – a pit!
 - 3. In the worst condition – snow!
 - 4. Yet, Benaiah rose to the challenge, defeated the enemy, and delivered the people from a tremendous threat.
- D. He killed an Egyptian – an impressive man who was 7½ feet tall.
 - 1. The word ‘goodly’ means that he was impressive to behold.
 - 2. 5 cubits is approximately 7.5 feet.
 - 3. He wielded a spear, but Benaiah only had a staff.
 - 4. Still, he fought the battle, took the spear from the Egyptian, and then killed him with his own weapon.
- E. The difficulty of the challenge is no excuse not to engage in the fight!
 - 1. Our armor comes from the Lord (Eph. 6:11-18).
 - 2. Our strength comes from the Lord (Eph. 6:10; cf. Deut. 20:3-4; Josh. 1:9; 1 Chron. 28:10, 20; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Phil. 4:13).
 - 3. Our help comes from the Lord (Psalm 121; Hos. 13:9; Heb. 13:6).
 - 4. Our victory comes from the Lord (1 Sam. 14:6; 17:47; Rom. 8:31, 37).
- F. We must be willing to do difficult things.
- G. Like Benaiah, with courage and faith, we can be victorious over all enemies.
 - 1. The worst of enemies – Satan (1 Pet. 5:8)
 - 2. The worst of places – the world (1 John 2:15-17)
 - 3. The worst of conditions – tests, trials, temptations (Jam. 1:7)
 - 4. Yet, the greatest of victories (1 John 4:4; Gal. 1:4; 1 Pet. 3:13)!