

GOD' S TRUE HEROES

Hebrews 11:32-40. (Heb 11:32 KJV) And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: (Heb 11:33 KJV) Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, (Heb 11:34 KJV) Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. (Heb 11:35 KJV) Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: (Heb 11:36 KJV) And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: (Heb 11:37 KJV) They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Heb 11:38 KJV) (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. (Heb 11:39 KJV) And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: (Heb 11:40 KJV) God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

1. TRUE GIANTS OF THE FAITH.

1. ***Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph.***
2. ***Moses.***
3. ***Time would fail to tell of***
 1. David.
 2. Samson.
4. ***Their accomplishments.*** Subdued kingdoms. Wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

2. OTHER LESSER KNOWNNS (Handicaps).

1. ***The outcasts and misfits that made up David 's army.***
2. ***Left handers.***
 1. (Judg 20:16 KJV) Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.
 2. (1 Chr 12:1 KJV) Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. (1 Chr 12:2 KJV) They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.
3. ***Women.***
 1. **Rahab the harlot.**(Heb 11:31 KJV) By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
 2. **Deborah.**
 1. (Judg 4:8 KJV) And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. (Judg 4:9 KJV) And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.
 2. (Judg 4:13 KJV) And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine

hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

3. (Judg 4:14 KJV) And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.
 4. (Judg 4:15 KJV) And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet. (Judg 4:16 KJV) But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.
 5. (Judg 4:17 KJV) Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. (Judg 4:18 KJV) And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. (Judg 4:19 KJV) And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. (Judg 4:20 KJV) Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.
 6. (Judg 4:21 KJV) Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. (Judg 4:22 KJV) And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.
 7. (Judg 4:23 KJV) So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. (Judg 4:24 KJV) And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.
4. ***A social misfit.***
 1. John the Baptist: A wild man who wore camel's hair and ate wild locusts.
 2. (Luke 3:1 KJV) Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, (Luke 3:2 KJV) Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
 5. ***A slave.*** (Phile 1:10 KJV) I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: (Phile 1:11 KJV) Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: (Phile 1:12 KJV) Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels: (Phile 1:13 KJV) Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel: (Phile 1:14 KJV) But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly. (Phile 1:15 KJV) For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever; (Phile 1:16 KJV) Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

3. MARKS OF A GREAT PERSON.

1. ***Strength of character.***

1. Reputation is what other' s think you are.
2. Character is what you really are.
3. We are to have a good report of those who are outside.
4. Let not your good be evil spoken of.

2. ***Humility.***

1. (Prov 15:33 KJV) The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.
2. (Prov 18:12 KJV) Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.
3. (Prov 22:4 KJV) By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.
4. (1 Pet 5:5 KJV) Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

3. ***Integrity.*** Uncompromising adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty.

1. Don' t sell yourself out.
2. **Three Hebrew Children.** (Dan 1:1 KJV) In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. (Dan 1:2 KJV) And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. (Dan 1:3 KJV) And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; (Dan 1:4 KJV) Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. (Dan 1:5 KJV) And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. (Dan 1:6 KJV) Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: (Dan 1:7 KJV) Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. (Dan 1:8 KJV) But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. (Dan 1:9 KJV) Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. (Dan 1:10 KJV) And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. (Dan 1:11 KJV) Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, (Dan 1:12 KJV) Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. (Dan 1:13 KJV) Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. (Dan 1:14 KJV) So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. (Dan 1:15 KJV) And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. (Dan 1:16

KJV) Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. (Dan 1:17 KJV) As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. (Dan 1:18 KJV) Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. (Dan 1:19 KJV) And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. (Dan 1:20 KJV) And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

4. ***Truthfulness.***

5. ***Courage.***

1. (Deu 31:6 KJV) Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Deu 31:7 KJV) And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.
2. (Deu 31:23 KJV) And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them: and I will be with thee.
3. (Josh 1:6 KJV) Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. (Josh 1:7 KJV) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

6. ***Faithfulness***

1. (Luke 16:10 KJV) He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. (Luke 16:11 KJV) If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? (Luke 16:12 KJV) And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?
2. (1 Cor 4:2 KJV) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.