



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Philippians 4:1

## Benaiah Did Many Acts

Whenever another New Year comes around, people like to try new things or redo things over again, only better. The Bible speaks of a man called Benaiah, who did many great things in his lifetime. Coming from a valiant background and being a soldier, it is therefore no surprise that what he did was military. 1 Chronicles 11:22-25 tells us of three enemies that Benaiah faced and overcame. These three enemies are pictures of the enemies that all Christians will have to face and overcome.

**He slew two lion-like men of Moab.** Two fierce men from Moab rose up against him. There was a great struggle but Benaiah overcame them and won the day. Who was Moab? The Moabites were a people that lived along the borders of Israel. Although they were very closely related, the Moabites never got on with the Israelites. These Moabite people are a picture of an enemy called "the flesh" that is always there, close by, warring against the believer. Like these two men of Moab, our old sinful nature needs to be dealt with every time it rises within us.

**He slew an Egyptian giant with his spear.** In the Bible, Egypt is a picture of the world. At its height, Egypt had everything to offer, as does the world today. However, as the pyramids and ancient cities crumble and fade away, so too does all the pleasure that the world can offer. The giant that Benaiah killed was no doubt huge, powerful and loud but like the world and the wickedness therein it can be overcome.

**He slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day.** This victory was probably the sweetest one of all for Benaiah. He faced the greatest of enemies - a lion, in an appalling place - a pit, and during the worst conditions - on a snowy day. This lion is a picture of another great enemy of the child of God, the Devil. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us that the Devil is as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour. Often Satan's attacks will come when we are in an awkward place and circumstances are very difficult but the good news is this, like Benaiah, we can overcome. How did Benaiah overcome? He had the heart to do it and so can we when Christ, the victor, reigns within our heart. ■



ALL OF THE WORDS BELOW ARE FROM THE STORY OF BENAIAH IN 1 CHRONICLES 11:22-25.

Find each of them in the word search. Take then the remaining unused letters and spell out an important word we can all have as Christians in our lives.

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