

# 2 Samuel 23:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Last Words and Mighty Men, emphasizing legacy, faithful servants. David's last words emphasize the eternal covenant God established (v. 5) and declare principles of righteous rule. The accounts of David's mighty men demonstrate extraordinary courage and devotion. The water-drawing incident reveals David's unwillingness to value his comfort above his soldiers' lives. Theological themes include the importance of final testimonies, the eternal nature of God's covenant, the value of faithful servants, and the necessity of sacrificial leadership.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 23 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding legacy, faithful servants provide crucial

background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of legacy, faithful servants?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׁם וְתָאַלְּהָ	H428	These be the names	H8034	שְׁמָרִים	H1368	הַגְּבָרִים	H834	אֲשֶׁר	H1732	לְדִין דָּבָר	H3427	וְשָׁבָת
בָּשְׁבָת	H7675	had The Tachmonite	H8461	תָּחִמּוֹנִי	H7218	רִאשֵׁן	H7991	בְּשָׁלַשׁ	H1931	הַאֲלֵין	H3967	מֵאַת
עָדִינוֹ	H5722	the same was Adino		עַזְנִי	H6112	עַל	H5921	שְׁמַנְיָה	H8083	שְׁמַנְיָה	H3967	מֵאַת
בְּזַמָּן	H6471	time		בְּעֵד	H259	אֶחָד	H2491	בְּעֵד		בְּזַמָּן		מֵאַת
בְּזַמָּן	H2491	whom he slew		בְּזַמָּן	H6471	בְּזַמָּן	H259	בְּזַמָּן		בְּזַמָּן		מֵאַת

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 27:2** (Parallel theme): Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

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