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Under the Mosaic Law, God said that if the Israelites broke His commands then He would remove their **courage** and send fear into their hearts when they were in the land of their enemies.

- **Leviticus 26:36:** "And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth."

Balaam prophesied that Israel would do **valiantly**.

- **Numbers 24:18:** "And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly."

Moses told the next generation of Israelites to be **courageous**. (The reason they didn't have to be afraid when they invaded Canaan was because God had promised to be with them.)

- **Deuteronomy 31:6:** "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."

Moses told Joshua (in the sight of all Israel) to be **courageous**. (He would need courage to conquer the promised land.)

- **Deuteronomy 31:7:** "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."

God commanded Joshua to be **courageous**. (He would need courage to conquer the promised land.)

- **Deuteronomy 31:23:** "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."
- **Joshua 1:6-7:** "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. 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."
- **Joshua 1:9:** "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Obedying the Mosaic Law took **courage**.

- **Joshua 1:7:** "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 withersoever thou goest."

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh told Joshua to be **courageous**. (He would need courage to conquer the promised land.)

- **Joshua 1:12, 18:** "And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, ... Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage."

When the people of Jericho heard that Israel had defeated Sihon and Og, they lost all of their **courage**.

- **Joshua 2:10-11:** "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath."

God gave Jericho's mighty men of **valor** into the hand of Joshua. (That's why Joshua was able to conquer Jericho.)

- **Joshua 6:2:** "And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour."

After God told Joshua how to defeat Ai, he sent 30,000 mighty men of **valor** away by night so they could create an ambush behind the city.

- **Joshua 8:3:** "So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night."

When the men of Gibeon asked Joshua for help, all the mighty men of **valor** among the Israelites left Gilgal to save them.

- **Joshua 10:7:** "So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour."

Joshua told the Israelites to be **courageous**. (They would need courage to conquer the rest of the promised land.)

- **Joshua 10:25:** "And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight."

Joshua commanded Israel to be **courageous**. (They would need courage to keep all of God's commandments.)

- **Joshua 23:6:** "Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand

or to the left;"

When Ehud led the Israelites into battle, the Israelites slew Moab's men of **valor**.

- **Judges 3:29:** "And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man."

The angel of the Lord told Gideon that he was a mighty man of **valor**.

- **Judges 6:11-12:** "And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour."

Jephthah was a mighty man of **valor**.

- **Judges 11:1:** "Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah."

The five spies from the tribe of Dan were men of **valor**.

- **Judges 18:2:** "And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they

lodged there."

The 18,000 men that the Israelites killed by the east of Gibeah were men of **valor**.

- **Judges 20:43-44:** "Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sunrising. And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valour."

The 25,000 Benjamite soldiers who were killed by the Israelites were all men of **valor**.

- **Judges 20:46:** "So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valour."

When the Israelites saw that the men of Jabeshgilead hadn't come to Mizpeh, they sent 12,000 of their most **valiant** men to Jabeshgilead to kill everyone who lived there.

- **Judges 21:10:** "And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children."

When Saul saw a **valiant** man, he took him. (It seems this was to put him in his army.)

- **1 Samuel 14:52:** "And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any

strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him."

One of Saul's servants said that Jesse had a son who was a **valiant** man. (This is a reference to David.)

- **1 Samuel 16:18:** "Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him."

Saul promised to give his daughter Merab to David if he was **valiant** and served in Saul's army. (Saul lied.)

- **1 Samuel 18:17, 19:** "And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. ... But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife."

When David asked Nabal for a gift, Nabal claimed he didn't know who David was. (This is *very* unlikely. David was famous for killing Goliath and being a mighty man of **valor**. On top of that, Nabal knew that David was a son of Jesse.)

- **1 Samuel 25:10:** "And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master."

After David and Abishai left Saul's camp, David told Abner that he was a **valiant** man.

- **1 Samuel 26:15:** "And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord."

The **valiant** men of Jabeshgilead arose at night and went to Bethshan (to recover the body of Saul and his sons from the Philistines).

- **1 Samuel 31:11-12:** "And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there."
- **1 Chronicles 10:11-12:** "And when all Jabeshgilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days."

David used messengers to tell the men of Jabeshgilead to be **valiant**. (David was thanking them for recovering the bodies of Saul and his sons from the Philistines.)

- **2 Samuel 2:7:** "Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them."

When Hanun waged war against Israel and surrounded the Israelites, Joab told Abishai to be **courageous**.

- **2 Samuel 10:9, 12:** "When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians: ... Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good."
- **1 Chronicles 19:10, 13:** "Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. ... Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do that which is good in his sight."

When Joab observed Rabbah, he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that **valiant** men were. (This was intended to get Uriah killed, to cover up David's adultery with Bathsheba.)

- **2 Samuel 11:16-17:** "And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also."

Absalom told his servants to be **courageous** and kill Amnon. (Absalom was angry with Amnon for raping his sister Tamar.)

- **2 Samuel 13:28:** "Now Absalom had commanded his

servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant."

Hushai told Absalom that all of Israel knew that the men who were with David were **valiant** men.

- **2 Samuel 17:10:** "And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men."

Hushai compared the heart of a **valiant** man to the heart of a lion.

- **2 Samuel 17:10:** "And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men."

When Joab took a census, there were 800,000 **valiant** men of Israel who drew the sword. (It seems he only counted men who could go to battle and didn't include women, children, or the elderly.)

- **2 Samuel 24:9:** "And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men."

The reason Adonijah asked Jonathan (son of Abiathar) to

come inside was because Jonathan was a **valiant** man and he believed that Jonathan must be bringing good news. (The news that Jonathan brought was that Solomon had been made king.)

- **1 Kings 1:42-43:** "And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king."

Jeroboam was a mighty man of **valor**.

- **1 Kings 11:28:** "And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour; and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph."

Naaman was a mighty man of **valor**.

- **2 Kings 5:1:** "Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper."

When Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin captive, he also carried away all the mighty men of **valor** from Jerusalem.

- **2 Kings 24:14:** "And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of

the land."

The 44,760 men from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh who could go out to war were **valiant** men.

- **1 Chronicles 5:18:** "The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war."

Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel were all mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 5:24:** "And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers."

Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Jibsam, and Shemuel were all **valiant** men of might.

- **1 Chronicles 7:2:** "And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, to wit, of Tola: they were valiant men of might in their generations; whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred."

The families of Issachar were **valiant** men of might.

- **1 Chronicles 7:5:** "And their brethren among all the

families of Issachar were valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand."

Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri were a mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 7:7:** "And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four."

The 20,200 descendants of Becher were mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 7:8-9:** "And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher. And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, was twenty thousand and two hundred."

Bilhan, Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tharshish, and Ahishahar were mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 7:10-11:** "The sons also of Jediahel; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar. All these the sons of Jediahel, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, were seventeen thousand and two hundred soldiers, fit to go out for war and battle."

The 26,000 descendants of Asher were mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 7:40:** "All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men."

The 150 descendants of Ulam were mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 8:40:** "And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these are of the sons of Benjamin."

Benaiah was the son of a **valiant** man of Kabzeel.

- **1 Chronicles 11:22:** "Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day."

The people who joined David at Ziklag from the tribe of Manasseh were all mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 12:20-21:** "As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh. And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host."

The people from the tribe of Simeon who came to David when

he was at Hebron were mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 12:25:** "Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred."

Zadok was a mighty man of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 12:28:** "And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains."

The 20,800 men from the tribe of Ephraim were mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 12:30:** "And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers."

David wanted Solomon to be **courageous**. (It takes courage to keep God's commandments.)

- **1 Chronicles 22:13:** "Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed."

When David told Solomon to build the temple, he commanded him to be **courageous**.

- **1 Chronicles 28:20:** "And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with

thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD."

The sons born to Shemaiah were mighty men of **valor**.

- **1 Chronicles 26:6:** "Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valour."

The 1,700 men of Hashabiah were men of **valor**. (They served David in his kingdom.)

- **1 Chronicles 26:30-31:** "And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead."

The 2,700 men of Jerijah were men of **valor**. (They served David in his kingdom.)

- **1 Chronicles 26:32:** "And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king."

David assembled to Jerusalem the **valiant** men (so he could command Solomon to build the temple).

- **1 Chronicles 28:1, 20:** "And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem. ... And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD."

When Jeroboam fought against Abijah, Abijah had an army of mighty men of **valor**.

- **2 Chronicles 13:3:** "And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour."

Asa's army was composed of mighty men of **valor**.

- **2 Chronicles 14:8:** "And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour."

When Asa heard the words of God (which were spoken by Azariah), he took **courage**. (He then removed the idols from the land.)

- **2 Chronicles 15:8:** "And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD."

Jehoshaphat had mighty men of **valor** in Jerusalem.

- **2 Chronicles 17:13:** "And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jerusalem."

During the reign of Jehoshaphat, Adnah was captain over 300,000 mighty men of **valor**. (It seems all of these men were from the tribe of Judah.)

- **2 Chronicles 17:14:** "And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand."

During the reign of Jehoshaphat, Amasiah commanded 200,000 mighty men of **valor**. (It seems all of these men were from the tribe of Judah.)

- **2 Chronicles 17:16:** "And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD;

and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour."

Eliada was a mighty man of **valor**.

- **2 Chronicles 17:17:** "And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand."

When Jehoshaphat set up Levites and priests to serve as judges, he told them to be **courageous**. (It takes courage to obey God's commandments and do what's right.)

- **2 Chronicles 19:8, 11:** "Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. ... And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good."

The 100,000 men Amaziah hired were mighty men of **valor**.

- **2 Chronicles 25:5-6:** "Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. He

hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver."

Uzziah's fighting men were mighty men of **valor**.

- **2 Chronicles 26:11-12:** "Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour were two thousand and six hundred."

The 80 priests of God who Azariah brought with him when he confronted Uzziah in the temple were **valiant** men.

- **2 Chronicles 26:17-18:** "And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men: And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God."

The 120,000 people Pekah killed when his army attacked Ahaz were all **valiant** men.

- **2 Chronicles 28:6:** "For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers."

When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib intended to wage war against Jerusalem, he told his captains to be **courageous**.

- **2 Chronicles 32:6-7:** "And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:"

The angel that God sent against Sennacherib killed all of his mighty men of **valor** in his camp.

- **2 Chronicles 32:21:** "And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword."

Shechaniah told Ezra to be **courageous**. (The Jews had sinned against God by intermarrying with pagans, and Shechaniah wanted Ezra to fix it.)

- **Ezra 10:2,4:** "And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. ... Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it."

The 468 descendants of Perez who lived in Jerusalem during the days of Nehemiah were **valiant** men. (In those days it took a lot of courage to live in Jerusalem.)

- **Nehemiah 11:6:** "All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men."

The 128 relatives of Amashai who lived in Jerusalem during the days of Nehemiah were mighty men of **valor**. (In those days it took a lot of courage to live in Jerusalem.)

- **Nehemiah 11:13-14:** "And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men."

It takes **courage** to wait on the Lord.

- **Psalms 27:14:** "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

If we choose to be **courageous** then God will strengthen our heart.

- **Psalms 31:24:** "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD."

God enables people to do **valiantly** (and overcome their enemies).

- **Psalm 60:12:** "Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies."
- **Psalm 108:13:** "Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies."

The right hand of God is **valiant**. (In other words, He saves the righteous.)

- **Psalm 118:15:** "The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly."
- **Psalm 118:16:** "The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly."

The wicked lack **courage**.

- **Proverbs 28:1:** "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion."

The 60 men who guarded Solomon's bed were **valiant**.

- **Song of Solomon 3:7:** "Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel."

The reason Solomon's bed was protected by 60 **valiant** men was because of the fear of the night.

- **Song of Solomon 3:7-8:** "Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear

in the night."

The 60 **valiant** men who protected Solomon's bed had swords upon their thigh.

- **Song of Solomon 3:8:** "They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night."

The 60 **valiant** men who protected Solomon's bed were experts in war.

- **Song of Solomon 3:8:** "They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night."

In the days of Isaiah, the jewelry which was worn by Jewish women gave them **courage** to be wicked.

- **Isaiah 3:16, 18:** "Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: ... In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,"

The Assyrian was proud because he defeated the inhabitants of nations like a **valiant** man. (He didn't realize the only reason he was victorious was because God had been with him.)

- **Isaiah 10:13:** "For he saith, By the strength of my hand I

have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:"

In the day of God's judgment, the might of the **valiant** ones won't save them.

- **Isaiah 33:5, 7:** "The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. ... Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly."

God said that the Jews were **stouthearted** (rebellious and stubborn).

- **Isaiah 46:12:** "Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:"

God said that the Jews weren't **valiant** for the truth. (Instead they were passionate about doing evil.)

- **Jeremiah 9:3:** "And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD."

When God spoke about Nebuchadnezzar smiting Egypt, He said the reason their **valiant** man wouldn't be able to stand was because He would defeat them.

- **Jeremiah 46:14-15:** "Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye,

Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee. Why are thy valiant men swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them."

The angel told Daniel that the vile person (the antichrist) would stir up his **courage**.

- **Daniel 11:21, 25:** "And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. ... And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him."

God told Amos that a day of judgment was coming against Israel, and when it came even the **courageous** would lose everything.

- **Amos 2:15-16:** "Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself. And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD."

The author of Hebrews said that there were people who fought **valiantly** because of their faith.

- **Hebrews 11:34:** "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."

DARE, DURST, DARED, DARING, BRASH

Joab took God's holy tabernacle hostage and **dared** Solomon to kill him and thereby pollute that holy place of worship. (That was a wicked thing to do.)

- **1 Kings 2:28, 30:** "Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. ... And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me."

After the religious leaders tried to trap Jesus with trick questions and He answered them well, no one else **dared** to ask Him any questions.

- **Mark 12:34:** "And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question."
- **Luke 20:40:** "And after that they durst not ask him any question at all."

When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection and invited them to come and dine, none of them **dared** to ask Him who He was. (This is because they already knew the answer.)

- **John 21:12:** "Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou?"

knowing that it was the Lord."

No one **dared** to join themselves with the apostles.

- **Acts 5:12-13:** "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them."

It's understandable when someone **dares** to sacrifice their life to save a good person. (However, Jesus died to save wicked and vile people.)

- **Romans 5:7-8:** "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

The apostle Paul taught that women should be modest, not **brash**.

- **1 Timothy 2:9:** "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;"

The apostle Peter taught that when wives are meek and quiet (instead of **brash** and rude), it's highly prized in God's sight.

- **1 Peter 3:4:** "But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great

price."

One day God will return to this world and judge the ungodly men who **dared** to speak against Him.

- **Jude 1:14-15:** "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

FEARLESS

In the days of Job, horses had a reputation for being **fearless**.

- **Job 39:19-21:** "Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible."

God said that the leviathan was **fearless**.

- **Job 41:1, 33:** "Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? ... Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear."

Nineveh was a proud and **fearless** city. (However, God was going to send great fear upon them.)

- **Nahum 2:8, 11:** "But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back. ... Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?"