MEMORIALS THAT MATTER
2 SAMUEL 23:8 / 11-8-20 / AM

I. FIRST, WE SHOULD REMEMBER OUR WAR DEAD.

A. The 23rd chapter of Second Samuel was written to remember King David’s warriors, many of who gave their lives in his service—2 Samuel 23:8 & 39.

2 Samuel 23:8
“These are the names of David’s mighty warriors…

2 Samuel 23:39
There were thirty-seven in all.

B. Several War Memorials exist today to likewise remind us of men and women who died protecting our country and freedom.

1. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a national war memorial in Washington D.C.

2. The Cleveland County Veteran's Memorial was dedicated on November 11, 2008.

C. Remembering our war dead is the purpose of Veteran’s Day.

II. SECOND, WE SHOULD REMEMBER OUR VETERAN’S WHO DIDN’T DIE IN BATTLE.

A. Many of these men and women who didn’t pay the ultimate price have nevertheless suffered, in other ways.

B. Some came back with visible wounds or injuries that follow them for the rest of their lives.

C. Others came back with an invisible injury called PTSD—"Post Traumatic Stress Disorder."

D. These “walking wounded” deserve our honor and respect.

III. THIRD, WE SHOULD ALSO REMEMBER OUR LORD’S DEATH IN THE BATTLE OF ALL BATTLES.

A. Jesus entered into mortal conflict with Satan and won the victory—Colossians 2:15

B. Jesus’ victory in battle over Satan secured our victory over sin and eternal death—1 Corinthians 15:3-4.