

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

**I. FIRST, WE SHOULD REMEMBER OUR WAR DEAD.**

- A. The 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.