

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Ecclesiastes 7.

I received a text from Hannah letting me know that her husband Kevin was helping her uncle with a project. When she mentioned her "Uncle," I had to stop and think, "Who is her uncle?" Oh yes, Don. I have known Don for 36 years, and in that time, I am not sure I remember hearing "Uncle Don" in a sentence. Hannah and I both laughed at that confession.

When you hear the name "Uriah the Hittite," who or what comes to mind? Maybe Uriah, the husband of Bathsheba. Or, Uriah, who was a righteous man who would not sleep with his wife while other soldiers were at war. Or, maybe the man David instructed his Army Commander, Joab, to have put on the front line and purposefully killed in battle. (From 2 Sam. 11)

But was Uriah anything more than a foot soldier, who had a beautiful wife and was put to death by the enemies of King David? Yes! Uriah was a mighty warrior. One who protected the king. One who went out to battle, protecting the king and fighting for Israel. He was in an elite group of warriors.

In 2 Sam 23, there is a list of all the mighty men whom David had with him. Men who would do anything for the king. Men who were committed, valiant, courageous, outstanding men, and Uriah's name is mentioned at the end of the list.

2 Samuel 23:39 "Uriah the Hittite; thirty-seven in all." He was one of 37 named as David's "Mighty Men."

We all have names and titles that others recognize us by. We have nicknames and stack up letters in front and behind our names. Think of all the ways others relate to you. But some things that are important about our names are being listed in the "Lamb's Book of Life" and being known as a child of God.