

ELEAZAR THE SON OF DODO

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What do we learn about this mighty man?

1. Eleazar fought **alone!**

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Much of what we all do is:

- Alone
- God & me...and my part of the battle!
- With plenty of time for self-pity
- Or, I'm the only one

It's not really that we are the only one but that others are in other places!

2. Eleazar fought the Philistines **NOT** the Israelites

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I'm the only one

What wrong with them?

Where are they?

Why aren't they here?

Who are our enemies?

A. The World

B. The Flesh

C. The Devil

Who is not included?

1 John 2:9 He that **saieth** he is in the light, and hateth his brother, **is in darkness even until now.**

1 John 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1 John 2:11 But he that hateth his brother **is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because** that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, **and** the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

James 4:11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. **James 4:12** There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Question: Why does she / he hate me &/ us AND love...

Who fights believers?

- **The unbelievers**
- **Arrogant believers**
- **“I’m the only one” believers**
- **Believers (I guess) using us for a distraction | red herring**

3. Eleazar fought until he was weary & beyond!

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Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

4. Eleazar fought the battle but shared the spoils!

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He was not territorial

Eleazar the son of Dodo was no Dodo!!!