

of a life and this type of a character, this sort of greed, that steps forward in this way, we are just not going to do anything to support him. Well, now, in Hebrews there we read a very strange verse, when you think of it. We read there a list of these heroes of the faith. It started with Gideon, and then it said, Barak and Samson. Think what kind of a life Samson led. And it said, Jephtha. Think what kind of a man Jephtha was. And it ~~ex~~ even says David, the adulterer and the murderer. David is listed in this list. Well, David repented. David repented of his adultery. He repented of his murder, and he besought the Lord with tears, and the Lord forgave him. There is no similar mention about Samson. There is no similar mention about Gideon, but God knew what was in their hearts, and God knew things that no man could ever know. We look at their lives, and we might say, these are not heroes of the faith. They are not worth mentioning in the N.T. They are not worth anybody's following. But not only does God cause them to be preserved in the O.T. "Curse ye ...9 $\frac{1}{4}$... for they went not to the help of the Lord against the mighty," but he caused that in the N.T. these men would be listed among the heroes of faith.

You know I think there are some very important lessons there for us. I think that it is vital that we realize that there are certain things that we must do, and they are very important, and we can do them all. And yet we can come under God's condemnation after we do them. If we come under this word, Curse ye ...9 $\frac{3}{4}$... for they came not to the ~~aid~~ help of the Lord, against the mighty.

Well, what is the first most important thing we must do? Of course, it is to serve God with all our hearts. It is to put Him first. It is show forth the character of Christ in our lives. It is to have that character and that ~~attitude~~ attitude that He wants us to have. It is to have a love for all the brethren, a true Christian love. It is to walk close to the Lord. Yes, God will not use us if we do not do these things. He will not. And yet all these may be10 $\frac{1}{2}$, and yet we may merit the words of Judges 5:23 "Curse ye10 $\frac{1}{2}$ for they came not to the help of the Lord, against the