

## Pastoral Notes

"The Greatest"-

Deuteronomy 3: 18-24.

Fathers Day is a special day where men are acknowledged for the work done in raising families and being the spiritual leaders of their home and in their communities. God made men and women different. Most women are nurturing and collaborative, while most men are competitive and more personal. Men are fighters, and Christian

righteousness, justice and to uphold the cause of the poor and weak. But we must remember the battle is the Lord's.

We are made in the image and likeness of God and, as a result, have the potential for greatness. We can be great fathers, mothers, students, and disciples. Our greatness, however, will never equal that of our God. The boxer Muhammad Ali was considered the greatest of all time. Ali, himself,

### Key Sermonic Points

1. *It is better to be righteous than to be right*
2. *People who are not merciful are pitiful*
3. *Your heart (not your eyes) will allow you to see God*

men should be fighting against the evils of this world like, immorality, poverty & illiteracy.

Today, the word Great seems to be used with reckless abandon. Exceptionally good people are often called great. Truly great people move the bar and redefine the world. God can be called Great because he not only set the bar for humanity, he created it.

Our scripture text lets us know that God does call for men to fight for

however, realized that was not true. He said God allowed him to contract Parkinson's disease to remind him he was not the greatest. That title is reserved for God.

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Stay Blessed,  
Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- Prayer, fasting and sacrifice are ways in which we can develop a hunger for the things of God.
- Hunger and thirst are physiological necessities. Be sure your hunger and thirst includes the things of God
- If you never receive another job, raise, promotion or companion, because of God's mercies, you are still Sho-Nuff Blessed
- Mercy allows you to forgive and still interact with people who have hurt, cheated or disrespected you
- A pure heart means you are singularly focused on pleasing God