

Benaiah...

went down and killed a lion
in the midst of a pit
on a snowy day.



Benaiah



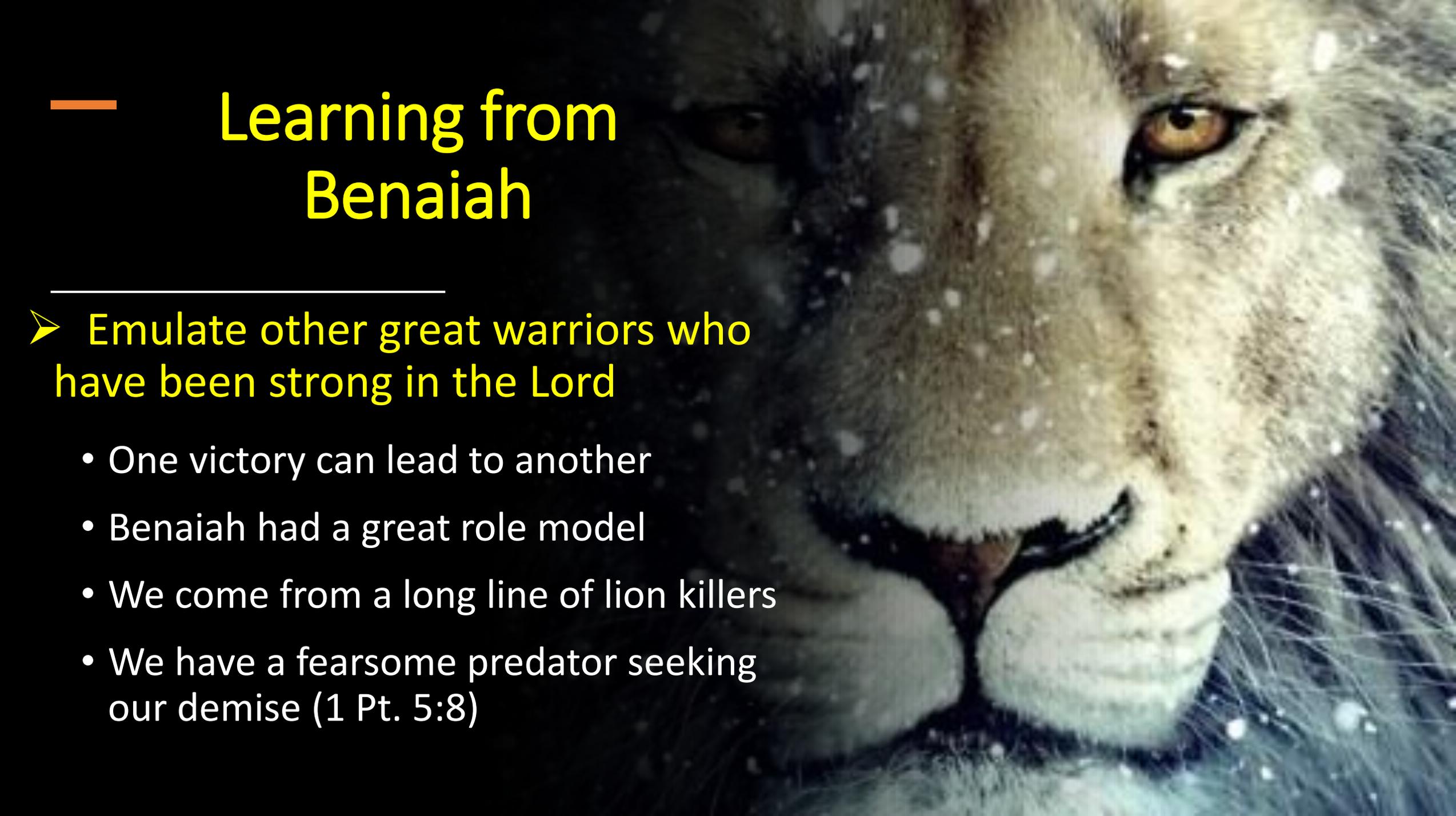
- Descended from strong and faithful family. One candle lights another candle!
- His father was a leader among the priests (1 Chron. 18:17)
- His grandfather was a valiant man who had “done many deeds” (2 Sam. 23:20)
- He became the head of David’s guard (2 Sam. 23:23)
- Military division captain of 24,000 -and his son Ammizabad (2 Chron. 27:5)
- Became head of Solomon’s army and put Joab to death (1 Kings 2:35)

Learning from Benaiah

- God wants us to develop our own strength to fight battles
 - Every man and woman has to step out with their own faith
 - God does not have any grandchildren-only children!
 - Adversity can be an opportunity for God to be glorified
 - We must make active choices to fight battles worth fighting

Learning from Benaiah

- Don't wait for ideal circumstances to begin the fight
 - We are good at putting off the effort to another time
 - ✓ Eccl. 11:4 *"He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap."*
 - ✓ Prov. 26:13 *"The lazy man says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!"*
 - Why did he go into that pit in the first place?
 - Do we say "I will come to God when the circumstances are right"?



— Learning from Benaiah

- Emulate other great warriors who have been strong in the Lord
 - One victory can lead to another
 - Benaiah had a great role model
 - We come from a long line of lion killers
 - We have a fearsome predator seeking our demise (1 Pt. 5:8)



And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." (Luke 22:31)