

"Judges: A Few Good Men...And Women"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (October 13, 2013)

Introduction: What is the first word that comes to your mind when you hear the word "judge"? In **The Story** we come to a 300 year period known as the period of the Judges. Seven hundred years after God's promise to Abraham, the people of God are in their own land, God is present in the tabernacle, a law guide their lives and a sacrificial system exists for forgiveness of sins. The people were truly blessed by God, but there is a problem: Sin. Sin still reigns in the hearts of the people. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Two Major Mistakes After Conquering the Land

A. They did not drive out all the Canaanites.

Judges 1:28, Judges 2:12, I Corinthians 15:33, I Thessalonians 5:22

B. They did not teach their children about God.

Joshua 2:10, Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 6:7, 11:19, 32:46

II. Two Primary Reasons Why God Raises Up The Judges

A. God blessed Israel so that all other nations would see His grace.

Deuteronomy 33:29, Genesis 12:1-3, Joshua 24:15

B. God delivered Israel so that all other nations would see His mercy.

Matthew 7:7, Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24, Luke 11:13, Hebrews 4:16

III. Four Movements of the Judges

A. Movement #1 = Sin

Psalm 37:4, Matthew 6:33, Exodus 20:3, Matthew 6:24

B. Movement #2 = Slavery

Judges 2:22, Judges 7:14-15, Judges 11:21, Judges 16:23-24, Judges 18:10

C. Movement #3 = Supplication

II Chronicles 30:9, Nehemiah 9:17, Luke 13:3, 5, Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30

D. Movement #4 = Salvation

Psalm 68:20, Exodus 6:7, II Samuel 22:3, 47, Job 36:15

IV. Two Inadequate Judges That Illustrate Flawed Humanity

A. Gideon: **Judges 7**

B. Samson: **Judges 13-16**

Conclusion: Re-consider that cycle and see how it applies to your life. Where are you? Are you ready to fix what has gone wrong? Will you follow God? Are you ready to surrender to His will? Allow God to direct you!