

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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YOU BE THE JUDGE: A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Lesson Ten = Moral Anarchy

Judges 19-20

Introduction: The days of the Judges have come to an end and anarchy now reigns. As the book comes to an end we see the depths of degradation among the children of Israel. God's children have sunk so low that God has rejected them and they have decided to rule themselves. In our last lesson we noted the spiritual anarchy of the people. In this lesson we will see how that spiritual depravity led to moral anarchy in the nation. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Moral Anarchy Among God's Leaders (19:1-30)

- A. The Immoral Levite (vs.1-2)
- B. The Respectful Father (vs.3-8)
- C. The Dark Journey (vs.9-15)
- D. The Kind Old Man (vs.16-21)
- E. The Wickedness of Israel (vs.22-26)
- F. The Ignorance of Israel (vs.27-30)

II. Moral Anarchy Among God's Children (20:1-48)

- A. The Testimony of the Levite (vs.1-7)
- B. The Bitterness of the Tribes (vs.8-11)
- C. The Request of the Tribes (vs.12-13)
- D. The Resistance of the Benjaminites (vs.14-17).
- E. The First Petition & The Ensuing Battle (vs.18-22)
- F. The Second Petition & The Ensuing Battle (vs.23-25)
- G. The Third Petition & The Ensuing Battle (vs.26-41)
- H. The Defeat of the Benjaminites (vs.42-48)
 - Benjamin is ravaged.
 - Battle 1: Judah is defeated (vs.18-21).
 - Battle 2: All tribes are defeated (vs.22-25).
 - Battle 3: God grants victory (vs.26-48).
 - When all was said and done God had his way with all of the tribes.

Conclusion: The children of God refused to listen to God until He was their last option. It is clear that spiritual anarchy and moral anarchy had taken over among the nation of Israel. But when they honestly and humbly petitioned God to step in and take control, He did! What would have happened if they had trusted Him all along? God could have been their Judge and King! What happens next? We will see in our next lesson. . . .