

A Sermon and A Deliverer

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Judges 6:1-24

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God Disciplines His People 1-6

- Yet another cycle 6:1 of disobedience
- God now uses the Midianites^{Gen 37:25-36; Ex 2:15,21, Num 25}
- Midianites don't take political control but instead economically exploit and plunder the land

God Sends A Prophet 7-10

- God doesn't send a deliverer (judge) right away but a prophet who declares:
 - What God has done – focus on His mercy & deliverance
 - What THEY have done – you've not obeyed my voice¹⁰
- God sends Word rather than Deliverance because the people are REGRETFUL but NOT REPENTANT!
- Regret vs Repentance: 2 Cor 7:10
- Worldly Sorrow - no real change, sorry about consequences of sin, forgets relationship with God focuses on comfort, focuses on self and consequences.
- Godly Sorrow - produces repentance, focuses on identity in Christ & holiness^{1Pt 1:14-15}, depends upon God for strength for New Obedience. Focuses on how God is grieved and how to walk with God.
- God's Word points us to God's Deliverer: ^{Rm 10:17; 1 Pt 2:23-25}
- Learn to discern the difference between normal lapses of sin and getting stuck in rebellion
- Sin is any lie we believer about God - remember the 4 G's:
 - God is great so I don't have to be in control
 - God is Glorious so I don't have to fear others
 - God is Good so I don't have to look elsewhere...
 - God is Gracious so I don't have to prove myself

Lesson: Grace Before Repentance

- God doesn't wait for us to repent before He saves us ^{Rm 5:8}
- You repent because God has begun to save you through the external work of Jesus and the internal work of Spirit!
- God will never compromise on His holiness nor His grace!
- At the CROSS we find God's Holiness and Grace are satisfied

Gideon Grows in Faith 11-24

- Problem of perspectives: Gideon's vs. God's v12 vs. v13
- Gideon is NOT listening to God's Word and instead looking at his circumstances
- Is your service to God based upon how you feel or based upon what God tells you?
- Remember: Faith in Jesus makes you Holy; walk in Spirit makes you able!

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