

Acting Without God

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Judges 21:1-25

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The Final Chapter

- Israel realizes they've almost wiped out the Benjamites^{21:2,15}
- They don't seek God, they seek to solve themselves^{Jm3:17-18}

A Rather Strange Solution

- Not seeking God they sought to kill more brothers
- Jabesh-Gilead failed to show up^{21:8-9}
- So Israel sends 12K to slaughter all except 400 virgins^{21:10-12}
- Is this a good example of how God's people act?

Still more Solution Needed

- Still need wives for 200 more Benjamites^{21:16} ...
- We may have made a rash vow to not provide wives^{21:18} ...
- But if Benjamites took wives... then we aren't culpable^{21:21-22}
- Boom! Problem solved right?
- As goes the home... so goes the nation!^{21:24}

A Vital Question

- How are we like Israel? Doing what is right in our own eyes?
- Does God's Word or pragmatism define your decision making?
- Does culture influence decisions or does honoring God?
- There was no king in Israel^{21:25}. Today many live as if they have no king. God has provided King Jesus!

Lessons:

- **God rules & overrules history.** Act 17:26. There are no accidents in history.
- **God gives nations the leaders they deserve.** Judges shows us the decline of leadership as the people wandered from God. King David^{Ps78:72}, foreshadowed King Jesus.
- **You are Part of God's story, good or bad.** God uses everyone as part of His story. God's timetable is much different than ours^{2Pt3:8}.
- Remember to live in Faith!

FAITH IS:

Believing the Word of God^{Heb11:1;Rm10:17}

And acting upon it^{Jms1:22-25;Jn3:36}

No matter how you feel^{Heb11}

Knowing that God promises a good result^{Heb11:6;Rm8:28-29}

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