

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: *Judges – verse by verse*

Scripture(s) for Today: Judges 19 – Corruption of God’s people; adultery, abuse, and murder

Today’s Message:

“Wake Up”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued the last portion of Judges which highlights the corruption of God’s people. Micah’s religion was stolen! What kind of religion can be stolen and how do you steal a religion? God showed us in His perfect history book. Today, we have arrived at a passage of scripture that ranks as one of the **MOST** vile and wicked in the Bible. We will see how far the children of Israel have come since being delivered by God out of Egypt and conquering the Promised Land. Sadly, this story will read as though it was coming from the **FRONT** page of the news in our land. The end will bring a humbling **WAKE** up call for God’s people. How bad can your sin get? How far will sin take you? Listen closely.

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Judges 19:1-30

#1. Family Trouble – the Levite went to restore his BROKEN marriage. (1-9)

➤ *The Levite’s concubine had committed adultery and returned to her father’s home.*

✓ WHAT HAPPENED

- The *concubine played the whore* and fled to her father’s house.
- The Levite went after her *to speak kindly to her and bring her again*.
- The concubine’s father showed kindness and hospitality towards him.

✓ GOD’S WORD ON THE MATTER

- *Thou shalt not commit adultery. Ex 20:14; Deut 5:18*
- *The adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to DEATH. Lev 20:10*
- *Go... love... yet an adulteress, according to the LOVE of the LORD... Hos 2:14; 3:1*

NOTE The Levite is a great example of the kind of love that God has toward Israel and us!

#2. Anti-Hospitality – the Levite believed God’s Gibeah was a SAFE city. (10-25)

➤ *The Levite thought that he would find hospitality among God’s people.*

✓ WHAT HAPPENED

- The Levite and his concubine got a late start and would not stop at Jebus.

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- The Levite believed that the people of God would show him **HOSPITALITY**.
- Gibeah was of Benjamin; on the road to Shiloh where he was headed.
- The Levite received no hospitality from Gibeah except from the old man.
- The men of the city **REPLAYED** Lot's Sodom story in great wickedness.
- The old man and the Levite were willing to give them their loved ones.
- The Sodomites abused the concubine all night and she **DIED** at the door.

✓ **GOD'S WORD ON THE MATTER**

- *The men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. Gen 13:13*
- *They called unto Lot... where are the men... that we may know them. Gen 19:1-10,14*
- *Certain men, the children of Belial... Let us go and serve other gods... Deut 13:13*
- *They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah... Hos 9:9*
- *I was a stranger, and ye took me not in... Mt 25:43; Heb 13:2*

NOTE The story is full of insane and bad judgments; it would seem that everyone sinned.

#3. Wake Up Call – the Levite sent his dead concubine to EACH tribe. (26-30)

➤ *The Levite took his dead concubine back and cut her up with a knife into 12 pieces.*

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- The Levite made the decision not to give his concubine a proper **BURIAL**.
- The dead body parts were delivered to the leaders of the tribes of Israel.
- The recipients were shocked; this was **NEVER** seen or done in Israel.

✓ **GOD'S WORD ON THE MATTER**

- *And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces... sent them... 1Sam 11:7*
- *And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death... bury him... Deut 21:22-23*
- *Consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds. Jdg 19:30; Prov 15:22; 24:6*

NOTE He most likely sent an account of the evil with the pieces; a tribal council followed.

B. The Lessons (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. *It is good to attempt to work out your family **ISSUES** – even most egregious sins.*

❖ **Question:** *Who can you show the love of God? Hosea 3:1; Rom 8:28; Col 3:13; Jas 2:8*

2. *The evil of our world is beating on your house to **DESTROY** those you love most.*

❖ **Question:** *What are you doing to protect you and your family? Lk 22:31; 1 Pet 5:8; Job 1*

3. *The end of all things is at hand; seek godly and biblical **COUNSEL** in all things.*

❖ **Question:** *Are you following the Bible in all areas of life? Seeking counsel? Prov 11:14*

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