

Dig Deeper @Home – “Religious Anarchy”

Complement to sermon on 3/4/18 – “The Danger of Doing Right in our own Eyes”

MEMORIZE – 1 Samuel 8:6-7

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

READ Judges 17-18

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage from Judges reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. The name means “who is like Yahweh.” Read Judges 17 again and compare and contrast qualities of Yahweh and his expectation of his people with the man Micah. How well does Micah live up to his name of one “who is like Yahweh?” As a follower of Jesus, how well do you live up to the name of Jesus?
4. Micah takes in a young Levite to be his priest and proclaims, “Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, because I have a Levite as a priest.” Of course, the rest of the story proves this statement to be false. What false beliefs do we have towards pastors and leaders of the church in 2018? (for example, some people think pastors have some sort of closer connection to God than other believers) What is the danger of these myths and what is the correct biblical view?
5. Read 18:6 again. Compare/contrast this with the way the Danites interact with the people in Laish (verses 27-31). Did they go in peace? Were they concerned that they were under the eye of the LORD? Why or why not?

Summarize the Judges 17-18 in two sentences or less:

Experiential

Sharing out testimony, what God is doing/has done in our lives, is a great way of growing in our understanding of who God is and why we need him daily. Share vulnerably, knowing that as we do, God is greatly glorified for his grace and mercy and it allows others to be led into His presence and grow in their own relationship as well. Share these testimonies with a friend, your spouse, your children, or whoever the Lord brings into your week.

Testimony Time

Share a time in your own life when you were mindful that the eye of the LORD was upon you. How did that affect your actions? What about a time when you were not mindful that the eye of the LORD was upon you. What caused you to forget the LORD and how did the situation turn out?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

[His Mercy is More](#)

Our sins they are many his mercy is more. Reflect on this truth in your own life and then sing with everything you got to Jesus, our wonderful Savior and Friend.

Take my Life and let it be Consecrated - #358 in Mennonite Hymnal

A song that leads us to surrender all and submit to our King, Jesus

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.