

Judges – The Distressing Days Of Judges

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

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Lesson Thirty-Seven Consequences Of No Spiritual Leadership

Judges 19:1 says **And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel..** We need to remember what this phrase is saying. It is telling us that after the death of Samson there was no spiritual leadership in Israel. Now let's examine the consequences of a nation without spiritual leadership. **It's what plaguing our nation today.**

1st Point Morality Will Go Down (v. 1)..a certain Levite

sojourning on the other side of mount Ephraim, who took him a concubine.

- Here we have another Levite who comes to country of Ephraim and gets him a concubine.
- This word **concubine** means **second wife**. This practice was never divinely approved.
- But let's you and I remember what we learned in **Judges 17:6 ..every man did that which was right in his own eyes..**
- Today we call it "a woman on the side"!
- Sin will never do you right. When we read **Judges 19:2**, we discover that this concubine was unfaithful to this Levite man.
- After four months, the Levite takes an entourage and goes and get his concubine and is reconciled with her.

2nd Point Things Will Get Much Worse (19:22)

- The Levite, his concubine, and his entourage are on their way back home
- They stop in a city called Gibeah and what happens next is reminiscent of the wicked Sodomites in the time of Lot.
- In **Judges 19:22** we read the words **.. certain sons of Belial.. which means wicked, worthless men..**
- While the Levite, his concubine, and the entourage are enjoying the hospitality of an old man in this city, the scripture tells us that these **wicked, worthless men** surrounded the house of this old man and demanded that he send out the Levite man so they could satisfy their homosexual desires.
- This phrase **..that we may know him.. in verse 22**, is found over and over again in Scripture. It speaks of sexual intercourse (**Genesis 4:1, 17, 25**)

3rd Point Devaluation Of Human Life (Judges 19:23-30)

- As I read these verses, again I am reminded of the conditions in our nation today.
- For millions in our nation, they place little or no value on human life.
- Many treat people like trash to be thrown out like garbage.
- In his actions, this Levite shows us that she was *a piece of property not a person*.
- The Levite literally tosses his concubine out to these **wicked, worthless men**.
- These **wicked, worthless men**, rape this woman throughout the night.
- At daybreak these **wicked, worthless men** released her to return.
- I wanna be very clear on what the scriptures teaches us what happens the next day.
- It is truly sickening to consider what happened next.

- I want us to read **Judges 19:27-30** very, very carefully.

4th Point Incomprehensible, Inhuman, Acts

- Let's look at what transpired in these closing verses.
- First, according to the text, the Levite gets up the next morning to go home.
- Let me say that again; **the Levite gets up, not to check on the status of his concubine, but to go home.**
- As he steps out the door to go home, he discovers her dead body
- No tears are shed; no sorrow, grief or remorse is expressed.
- He takes her dead body, places it on his donkey and set out for home.
- When he gets home, he performed an act that if the Bible didn't tell us, we wouldn't believe it
- He cuts her dead body in pieces, limb by limb; **like a priest preparing a sacrifice**, into 12 parts.