



Saying “God is King” But Living Like We Are

Judges Pt 08

Judges 8:33 As soon as Gideon died, the Israelites prostituted themselves by worshiping the images of Baal, making Baal-berith their god.

34 **They forgot the LORD their God, who had rescued them** from all their enemies surrounding them.

22 Then the Israelites said to Gideon, “Be our ruler! You and your son and your grandson will be our rulers, **for you have rescued us from Midian.**” 23 But Gideon replied, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son. **The LORD will rule over you!**

26 And the weight of the **golden earrings** that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the **crescent ornaments** and the **pendants** and the **purple garments** worn by the kings of Midian, and besides the **collars** that were around the necks of their camels."

27 Gideon made a **sacred ephod** from the gold and put it in Ophrah, his hometown. But soon all the **Israelites prostituted themselves by worshiping it**, and it became a **trap for Gideon and his family**.

30 He had **seventy sons** born to him, for he had **many wives**....31 He also had a **concubine** in Shechem, who gave birth to a son, whom he named **Abimelech**

Jdg 9:2 “Asked the leading citizens of Shechem whether they want to be **ruled by all seventy** of Gideon’s sons **or by one man**. And remember that I am your own flesh and blood!”

20 may **fire** come out **from Abimelech** and devour the leading citizens of Shechem and Beth-millo; and may **fire** come out **from the citizens** of Shechem and Beth-millo and devour Abimelech!”

23 **God sent** a spirit that stirred up trouble between Abimelech and the leading citizens of Shechem, and they revolted. 24 **God was punishing Abimelech** for murdering Gideon's seventy sons, and the citizens of Shechem for supporting him in this treachery of murdering his brothers.

56 In this way, **God punished Abimelech** for the evil he had done against his father by murdering his seventy brothers. 57 **God also punished the men of Shechem** for all their evil. So the curse of Jotham son of Gideon was fulfilled.

2Co 5:15 NLT He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will **no longer live for themselves**. Instead, they **will live for Christ**, who died and was raised for them.

→ LIKE GIDEON WE CAN **VERBALLY** HONOR
THE LORD WHILE IN ACTION DO WHAT WE
WANT

→ LIKE ABIMELECH WE CAN SIMPLY
DISREGARD THE LORD AND DO WHAT WE
WANT

→ OR WE LET JESUS RULE OUR HEART AND
LIVE FOR CHRIST