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Power Hour

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----- journey through the Bible -----



**God sees not as
man sees....but He
looks at the heart**

1 Sam 16:7

Points on the AGENDA Tonight.....

1. Jephthah the 9th Judge
2. His VOW to God
3. Learnings from Jephthah's life
4. Short summary of the Book of Judges



Jephthah the 9th Judge - Judges 11-12 “The man of commitment”

Jephthah stands as a name of honor in the scriptures

Heb. 11:32

And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets.....



- Mother was a prostitute - Family rejected & cast out, no inheritance. Worthless fellows were his companions BUT.....
- A mighty man of valor a valiant warrior- Approached by the elders of Gilead to be their commander & pledged that they will make him head over them.
- A man acknowledged by God to deliver Israel, zealous for God and Israel. The Holy Spirit came over him and he conquered the Ammonites.
- Acknowledged God's power to deliver & rule -Familiar with God delivering Israel from Egypt



Jephthah's Vow & Commitment

Better not to vow
than to vow and
not pay.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

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Judges 11:30-31 (NKJV)

And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the LORDS, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

- He expresses his dependence upon God for the victory as well as his earnest desire for the deliverance of his people
- God granted His petition - BUT Jephthah's only child (daughter) is the first to greet him
- Jephthah grieves - (He expresses great sorrow & faithfulness to his vow) Scholars believes that he grieved due to his posterity being cut off, and her hope of motherhood was dashed in that she was wholly given to the Lord which required perpetual virginity.
- His daughter's reaction - she too expresses faith and devotion to God - (the victory was from God & encourages her father to keep his vow in view of what God had done in respect to it)
- Jephthah keeps his vow - He did what he promised. His daughter was praised by the daughters of Israel



Some take-a-ways from Jephthah life

God uses anybody who trust in Him

Judges 11:1-2

Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a valiant warrior, but he was the son of a prostitute. And Gilead had fathered Jephthah. Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, "You shall not have an inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman."

Commitment

- **A promise or a firm decision to do something**
- **Willingness to give your time & energy to something you believe in**

Prov 16:3

Commit your works to the Lord, And your plans will be established.

COMMITMENT

MEANS STAYING LOYAL TO WHAT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO DO, LONG AFTER THE MOOD YOU SAID IT IN HAS LEFT YOU.

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Last Chapters of Judges

- Consequences of sin/idolatry/moving away from Godly patterns/order
- Moral decay, Anti Christ Spirit
- Rom 6:23
For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What was the purpose of the Judges in the Bible?

- Individuals chosen by God to rescue HIS people from their enemies
- To establish justice and the practice of the Word of God amongst His COVENANT people in accordance with the needs of the time



Questions

