

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM OCTOBER 13, 2013

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Joshua 24:31-33

“Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the Lord which He had done for Israel. Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the piece of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of money; and they became the inheritance of Joseph’s sons. And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him at Gibeah of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.”



When speaking with people about doing a study in the Book of Judges, I have received many strange looks and the inevitable question: “Why in the world would you study the Book of Judges?” Many people have their excuses for why they stay away from this book. Some cite the lack of a central character such as Moses, Joshua or David. Others point out the book seems to be a train wreck of the Israelites as they go from failure to failure. And sadly, some are under the belief that because it is in the Old Testament, there are no important things to be learned from it and applied to our lives today.†

How wrong they are. The subject matter of the Book of Judges is not as foreign as you might think. Its historical context is the times between Joshua and the appointment of Saul, the first king of Israel.†The very things we see today in the news and even in our modern entertainment are the background of this book: violence, sex, sin, disregard for God’s word, and living according to your own standards rather than living according the standards of God. That is not just Israel long ago and far away; that is our generation and we have much to learn from this book that so few study.

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul wrote “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” So, if we do not think the Old Testament is relevant to our lives today, then how can we think the New Testament is relevant to our lives in the 21st century? If we did not need the Book of Judges it would not exist – but in God’s wisdom it does exist because God’s people need it as a church and as individuals. We need to wrestle with the text and discover the many lessons we can apply to our lives.†

Judges was written to be an encouragement to us and reminds us that God uses some of the†grimiest and†most†broken people for His plans and to achieve His purposes. Even the enemies they faced were raised up by God to cause His people to cry out for His redemption and salvation. If you are a Christian and feel you have made a complete mess of your life and that God can’t use you, then stay with us to see how God uses people such as Sampson, who were not model citizens. God uses broken people to accomplish great things. And if you do not know the Lord as your Savior, the Book of Judges is all about God being faithful to His promise to save broken people who are in bondage to their sin. Liberty comes from the Great Judge and the Great Deliverer, Jesus Christ. May the Lord speak to us all as we study this wonderful book.†

Sunrise Community Church
Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst
EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.

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Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

"There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men."

1 Timothy 2:6

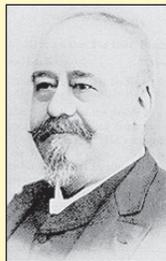
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Fanny Crosby

Words: Fanny Crosby, (1820-1915) in *The Quiver of Sacred Song*, by William Kirkpatrick & John Sweney (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: John J. Hood, 1880).

Music: John R. Sweney 1837-1899



John R. Sweney

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus,
Sang as they welcomed His birth.
"Glory to God in the highest!
Peace and good tidings to earth."

Refrain

*Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.*

Fasting alone in the desert,
Tell of the days that are past.
How for our sins He was tempted,
Yet was triumphant at last.
Tell of the years of His labor,
Tell of the sorrow He bore.
He was despised and afflicted,
Homeless, rejected and poor.

Refrain

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,
Writhing in anguish and pain.
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,
Tell how He liveth again.
Love in that story so tender,
Clearer than ever I see.
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,
Love paid the ransom for me.

Refrain

SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE October 2013

- Oct. 13 8:45 a.m. *New Series In The Book Of Judges*
10:30 a.m. *Why Study the Book of Judges?*
Second Hour Corporate Prayer
- Oct. 15 7:00 p.m. Bible Study: Book of Ephesians
at the Kikkert's
- Oct. 18 7:00 p.m. Game Night
- Oct. 19 5:00 p.m. Sunrise Community Church
35th Anniversary Dinner
- Oct. 20 8:45 a.m. Judges 1:1-2:5 Living with the Enemy
10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- Oct. 22 7:00 p.m. Bible Study: Book of Ephesians
at the Kikkert's
- Oct. 25 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Oct. 27 8:45 a.m. Series on Judges continues
- Oct. 31 6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat by Westminster Presby. Church
*Front parking area of church campus.
Runs through 8:30 p.m.*

Be There

Plan Now to Join the Celebration

Sunrise Community Church 35th Anniversary Dinner

5:00 p.m. Saturday Oct. 19, 2013

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