

# A WORD ON WORSHIP

## REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2014

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### **Judges 9:56-57**

*“Thus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father in killing his seventy brothers. Also God returned all the wickedness of the men of Shechem on their heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came upon them.”*

I love precision, not because I am precise in everything that I do, but because I get great pleasure watching others do their tasks with such skill and accuracy. It is one of the reasons why I love watching the Olympics so much. But it is more than sports; it might be the gardener who knows exactly what to look for to fix my sprinklers or the doctors who treated me in the hospital last year. They waste little time and material, and they make their work look so easy.

The Book of Judges illustrates the precision with which our God goes about His work in this world. The obstacles and difficulties are many but God is at work through different kinds of men and women, few of whom are godly, or even wise. The goal of God’s work is the preservation of His people, the fulfillment of His covenant promises, and the punishment of those who have played a part in the slaughter of the 70+ sons of Jerub-Baal (Gideon). And the punishment must be meted out in such a way as to destroy the guilty, and yet secure the safety of those who were not involved in the evil committed against the sons of Gideon. The skill and efficiency of God are entirely consistent with His character, but it is still a wonder to behold.

Our text is an excellent demonstration of the fact that God is not only able to execute justice in such a way that the wicked get exactly what they deserve, He is also able to judge in such a way as to protect those who are innocent. Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem perish for their treachery in the murder of Gideon’s sons who were Abimelech’s rivals. Gaal, his relatives, and the people of Thebez were spared because they had no part in this evil. I take great encouragement when I realize that God’s timing and His work of deliverance and destruction are always done with great precision. There are no accidents in what God brings to pass, His ways are perfect.

When I read the newspaper or watch the news on television, the world appears to be in chaos. Do not despair, as though no one is in control. The Scriptures teach us to view the chaos of our world differently than we often do, as the unseen hand of God, bringing about the fulfillment of His plans and purposes. Our passage wonderfully demonstrates the awesome truth of the sovereignty of God. God is in complete control of everything that happens so He can fulfill the curse of Jotham in such a precise way. So do not fear, there is no question that God’s plans and purposes will come to pass as He providentially and more visibly governs the affairs of men.



## Sunrise Community Church

*Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst*

**EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.**

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## The Hymns We Sing

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### Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise

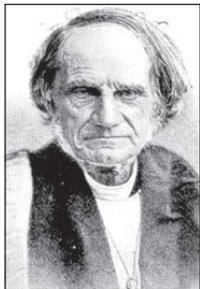
“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” 1 Corinthians 15:20

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/h/e/a/heartsto.htm>

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Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1872.

Music: Hyfyrdol, Rowland H. Prichard, 1830.



Christopher Wordsworth  
(1807-1885)



Rowland H. Prichard  
(1811-1887)

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a Victim, for the world's salvation bled,  
 Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,  
 Glorious life, and life immortal, on the holy Easter morn.

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise:

We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits of the holy harvest field,  
 Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield:

Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave,  
 Ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,

Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of Thy face;

That we, with our hearts in Heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,

And by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
 Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory;

Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:

Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

# February 2014

FEBRUARY 2014						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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- Feb. 9 8:45 a.m. Judges 9:22 to 57: You Get What You Paid For  
10:30 a.m. Sunrise Annual Meeting and Potluck
- Feb. 11 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 14 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship Valentine Style
- Feb. 16 8:45 a.m. Judges 10:1 to 12:15:  
*Jephthah: Now Why Did I Say That?*  
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- Feb. 18 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 21 Camellia Festival – Temple City Park
- Feb. 22 Camellia Festival and Parade – T.C. Park
- Feb. 23 8:45 a.m. Judges 13:1 to 25: *Sampson's Silver Spoon*  
10:30 a.m. Pastor Andy Teaching at  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
*How Are We Supposed to Get it All Done?*  
*The Nature of Spiritual Gifts*  
12 Noon Camellia Festival- Temple City Park
- Feb. 25 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 28 7:00 p.m. Game Night

### House church studies law, religion during Chinese New Year

CHINA AID ASSOCIATION [HTTP://WWW.CHINAID.ORG/](http://www.chinaaid.org/)

(Shiyan, Hubei—Feb. 4, 2014) The Chinese Christian Faith and Law training camp held its 14th training session on Sunday at Danjiang Fellowship, a house church in China's central Hubei province, where more than 80 people participated. Though the training took place in the midst of the Chinese New Year celebration, the group, which consisted of church leaders, staff and members, continued to study. The group said that such an opportunity to study law and religion is rare. They said they felt they should use the holiday to receive the training, for which they were grateful. The group also said they are determined to apply the common sense laws they have learned to the churches they serve. The church, which was founded in the 1980s, has been harassed many times. Many church members have been taken into custody, had their homes searched and their money and property confiscated.

### It's Camellia Festival Time

#### Please Sign up to work the Sunrise booth

Please clip and leave in collection plate

#### Check day/date volunteered

- Friday, Feb. 21, 4-11 p.m. 2-hour blocks beginning at 3:30, 6 and 8
- Saturday, Feb. 22, 12-11 p.m. 2-hour blocks 11:30, 2, 4, 6 and 8
- Sunday, Feb. 23, 12-8 p.m. 2-hour blocks 11:30, 2, 4 and 6

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Time slot(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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