

How to Live Before the King Comes

(Judges 17:6 and 21:25)

Wednesday, March 23rd

1. The Tribal Leaders Failed to Defeat the Enemy (1:1-2:5)

2. The Judges Failed to Stop Apostasy (2:6-16:31)

3. The Levites Failed to Obey the Law (17-21)

A. Religious Apostasy or Disloyalty to God and family (17-18)

1. Individual Apostasy (17) Stealing (17:2) Idolatry (17:3) Covetousness (17:10)
2. Societal Apostasy (18) Stealing (18:17) Covetousness (18:20) Idolatry (18:30)

B. Moral Apostasy or Disloyalty to God and family (19-21)

1. Individual Apostasy (19)
2. Societal Apostasy (20-21)

C. Loyalty to God and family in the days of Apostasy (RUTH 1:8; 2:20; 3:20)

1. We must be loyal in days of apostasy

- a. A nation is disloyal in Judges
- b. A family is loyal in Ruth 1) To her God (1:16 2) And to her family (1:17)

2. God is loyal in days of apostasy

a. God's irresistible sovereignty is at work

- 1) God promised Abraham a ruler (Genesis 17:6)
- 2) God promised the ruler would come from Judah (Genesis 49:10)
- 3) Ruth traces David's ancestry to Judah (God overcame many obstacles to get His will done)
- 4) The Bible takes great pains to trace David's ancestry back to Judah in 4:18-22)

b. God's grace is at work (Whom does God include in His Son's Messianic line?)

The Theme of 1st and 2nd Samuel: God Sovereignly Raises Up Leaders

1. Samuel: The Transition to Kingship (1 Samuel 1-7)
2. Saul: The Tragedy of Kingship (1 Samuel 8-15)
3. David: The Triumph and Trouble of Kingship (1 Samuel 16- 2nd Samuel)