

Preaching Elder R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, September 12, 2021

Sermon: "9/11: God Will Remember The Traitors!" What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 23

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Judges 8:1-21*

New Covenant: *Mark 14:17-21*

II Doctrine:

The tribe of Ephraim is upset with Gideon for not being invited to participate in the whole battle against the Midianites. The Ephraimites being the first tribe to cross the Jordan suffered at the hands of the Midianites. God gives Gideon words of wisdom to answer his brethren. Gideon explains how they have reaped the best of the battle by capturing the main Princes of Midian. His soft answer turns away their wrath and he is able to pursue the rest of the Midianite leadership.

While in pursuit Gideon's men are near exhaustion and hungry. Gideon pleads with the leaders of Succoth and Peniel to help his army in their time of need. The leadership of these towns betray him. They show no courage even as the Midianites are being routed. Gideon plainly tells them their treachery will be remembered! Gideon in fairness makes an exact list of the leaders of the towns who betrayed him. After his capture of rest of the Midianite army he returns and punishes the traitors.

After Gideon captures Zeba and Zalmunna he properly questions them according to instructions from scripture. They are only executed after answering for their crimes and admitting guilt.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

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(*Judges 7:4-17; <https://apnews.com/article/religion-california-san-francisco-3442c30f6ab2cc4269630535d6e5fc4b>*)

3) After Gideon captures Zeba and Zalmunna he properly questions them according to instructions from scripture. They are only executed after answering for their crimes and admitting guilt. (*Judges 7:18-21; Numbers 35:9-15*)