

What Happens When We Do What is Right in Our Own Eyes?

Judges 19-21

We disregard God's Word and mess up our lives

- A. What did the following do that was right in their own eyes but violated God's word?
1. The Levite priest – Took a concubine, which in this context was an additional w_____.
 2. The priest's wife – was un_____ to her husband.
 3. The old man that housed the priest and his wife – offered his v_____ daughter and the priest's wife to be sexually abused.
 4. The sex-crazed men of Gibeah – r_____ the priest's wife to the point of killing her.
 5. The chiefs of the tribe of Benjamin – r_____ to turn the sex-crazed men over to be punished.
 6. The 11 tribes of Israel
 - a. K_____ an entire city's population except 400 virgins.
 - b. Set the 400 virgins up to be c_____ for wives.
- B. God is the only one wise enough to tell us what is right.
1. When left to ourselves, we will s_____ from what is right in God's eyes and mess up our lives (Is 53:6).
 2. The f_____ of God is wiser than any human wisdom (1 Cor 1:25).
- C. Sexual standards varied in this story – what does God say?
1. Gen 2:24 – marriage is a one f_____ relationship between one man and one woman committed to each other as companions for life.
 2. Heb 13:4 – the above institution of marriage is to be held in h_____ among ALL believers. There is no place for bigamy, polygamy, promiscuity, affairs, bestiality, etc.
- D. Some churches say that the same-sex lifestyle is an okay lifestyle
1. They disregard the scriptures on the subject as being authoritative
 - a. Lev 18:22 – homosexual relations is an a_____ to God.
 - b. Rom 1:26-28 – the same-sex relation is a unnatural passion, a degrading passion, and an in_____ act.
 2. They are disagreeing with Jesus's view of Scripture
 - a. Authoritative in how we live (Lk 4:4) – by e_____ word that comes from God's mouth (why did Jesus quote this to Satan?)
 - b. Authoritative in what we believe

- 1) About the scriptures – they are i_____ (Matt 22:43)
- 2) About G_____ and the after-life (Matt 22:23).
- c. Jesus held His words to be God’s words (Jn 12:49) and preserved them supernaturally through His a_____ (Jn 14:26).
 - 1) Why did the early church d_____ themselves to the apostles’ teachings? – they were the authoritative words of Jesus.
 - 2) 2 Tim 3:16 – A_____ scripture is inspired by God and authoritative for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in right living.
- E. Let each one of us make sure that we hold up God’s word as the authoritative standard for what we believe and how we live, otherwise we will mess up our lives.

We discard God’s love and mess up others’ lives

- A. How did the following lack love, and what was the result?
 1. The Levite priest
 - a. Allowed his wife to be sexually abused which resulted in her d_____
 - b. Had no p_____ on her when he saw her lying at the door.
 - c. Did not r_____ her body.
 2. The 11 tribes
 - a. Destroyed an entire city just to keep a vow they made, a vow which lacked l_____.
 - b. Messed up the lives of _____ virgins by killing their families.
- B. When you are in conflict with another person
 1. Don’t view it as a w_____ - the result will be trying to win and God’s love will not be shown.
 2. Apply God’s w_____ to the conflict.
 - a. Marital conflict – resolve it with l_____ and r_____ (Eph 5:25-33)
 - b. Parenting (Eph 6:4)
 - 1) Not about controlling your kids but g_____ them so that they become responsible adults.
 - 2) M_____ them and shape them by what God says.
 3. When dealing with any conflict – Eph 4:29

Conclusion - What happens when we hold up God’s truth in love?