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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A REJECTED HALL OF FAMER"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE CHRIST HAD TO DIE"

GOSPEL MEETING AT BLACKWATER APR 15-17**FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY APR 17****BIRTHDAYS:**

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SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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A REJECTED HALL OF FAMER

(Judges 11:1-40)

I. The _____ of Jephthah (Judges 11:1-3).

- A. When you read these first three verses, you don't really see a hall of fame life coming into _____.
- B. First of all, though born to a prominent man, he was brought into this world by a _____.
- C. The phrase in verse one describes him as a mighty man of _____.

II. The _____ of Jephthah (Judges 11:4-10).

- A. What these men did was _____ the past to help them in the present.
- B. Based on the wording, it is very possible that some of the ones asking him back were _____ for kicking him out.
- C. He told them that the only way he would do it was if, after _____ gave the victory, they would allow him to rule over them.

III. The _____ on God of Jephthah (Judges 11:11-33).

- A. When the pact was made between Jephthah and the elders, Jephthah showed his reliance on God by _____ to Him.
- B. Jephthah proceeded to make _____ arguments to prove the right of ownership of the land and the falsity of the claim by Ammon.
 - 1. Israel had not taken the land from them but had _____ the Amorites, the inhabitants of the land.
 - 2. It was the God of Israel who had _____ the Israelites this land.
 - 3. Moab had once owned that land and had it taken from them by Sihon, yet they did not _____ the land.
 - 4. He asked him why they had not gotten the land in _____ years.

IV. The _____ of Jephthah (Judges 11:34-40).

- A. I do not believe that he offered his daughter as a _____ offering.
 - 1. He made the vow _____ the Spirit of the Lord came over him.
 - 2. This was a man who _____ God's word and its prohibitions.
 - 3. The Hebrew allows for an _____ - _____ situation.
 - 4. The request of the daughter doesn't make sense if she was to be _____.

B. I believe that Jephthah's daughter was _____ to God in His service at the tabernacle because of the vow made by her father.

V. _____ from the life of Jephthah.

- A. Jephthah was willing to put the past in the _____ to serve God.
- B. Jephthah did not simply _____ into battle.
- C. Jephthah was given a _____ by God.
- D. Jephthah took the _____ to the enemy.
- E. Jephthah kept his _____ to God.

HURTFUL HAPPENINGS

Bill Burk

Life has a way of blindsiding us. People talk, things happen, disappointments round the bend at break neck speed and when these things take place it hurts! Someone says something hurtful and the pain floods the soul and invades the pit of the stomach. Bad news comes over the phone and the blood pressure rises, anger builds and despair overwhelms the psyche. When these things happen, we can rightly say—that hurts. The question then arises, "What should we do when we hurt?" Here are a few hopefully helpful suggestions for hurtful times.

1. Take It To God. When things happen that hurt bring it before the throne of God (Heb. 4:16). If a friend disappoints you, if you find yourself baptized in bad news—then turn over your hurts to God (1 Peter 5:7). He truly cares about your state. We may cry out as the psalmist did, "No one cares for my soul" (Psalm 142:4), but, if we are wise, on further reflection, we should again remember how much God loves and cares for us.

2. Take It To God's People. For healing during hurtful times, God's people serve as a bulwark against painful forces. James, the half-brother of the Lord, said, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"(James 5:16). Nothing helps salve the soul like godly men and women who love us.

3. Take It Before God's Word. God's word has the ability to build us up and strengthen us (Acts 20:31). It is difficult to read the 23rd Psalm and not feel a sense of safety and solace. Only the hardest of hearts could possibly read the 8th chapter of the book of Romans and not feel that soaring feeling that comes from Paul's discussion of spiritual heights. When hurtful happenings transpire, take it to the Word of God.

4. Take It To God's Ending. Here is something to think about regarding things that hurt. If someone hurts you, if they have truly violated the relationship, take it to them in the spirit of reconciliation found in the Scriptures (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-20). Don't let hurt fester and finally boil over (Ephesians 1:26-27). Handle the matter immediately and with the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).

Some things just smart (hurt) as it relates to life. Thankfully, when hurtful happenings take place we have the appropriate outlets for relief. Thanks be to God who loves us so much that He never ceases His constant providing for those who are His.

Hmmm. I feel better already.