

THE TRUE KING REIGNS *Part 16*

No Rest for the Wicked

Judges Chapter 19 | Pastor Matt Jones | September 20, 2020

I. Preliminaries

- A. Hermeneutics: Description & Prescription
- B. Hurts: Disparities & Perpetrators
- C. Hope: Deliverance & Providence

II. Perversion (Judges 19)

- A. Depravity: Trafficking and Terror (19:1-2)
- B. Dysfunction: Plight and Power (19:3-10)
- C. Departure: Interlude and Irony (19:11-15a)
- D. Destitution: Shiftiness and Shelter (19:11-15a)
- E. Darkness: Criminals and Cowards (19:15b-28)
- F. Death: Savagery and Sinfulness (19:29-30)

III. Processing

- A. Sex, Status, Slavery, and Sadism
- B. Savagery, Sin, and Settling of Scores
- C. Sovereignty and the Suffering Servant

Reflect, Discuss & Apply the Sermon

1. The 19th chapter of Judges begins in saying, “there was no king in Israel.” Discuss the significance of this line in the context of Israel’s history covered in the book of Judges (cf. Judges 17:6, 18:1, 21:25). Talk about how Israel’s later history reveals that the people’s problem was not a lack of an earthly king, but something much deeper in relationship to the heavenly King (hint: depravity).
2. Review the important distinction between description and prescription for rightly interpreting biblical narratives. How does reading Judges 19 as a descriptive text and not a prescriptive one, help us respond apologetically to critics and skeptics of the Bible who accuse the Scripture of promoting immorality?
3. Survey Judges 19 and discuss the moral failures of the men in this chapter. What can we learn by their negative examples? Further, what can we learn about the grace of God in the face of such gross sin?
4. Having discussed the immorality of the men in Judges 19, now share about the suffering of the women in this chapter. Recall the Septuagint (LXX) translation of verse 2 and the culture’s disregard for the rights and liberties of women. What can we learn through the suffering and brave example of the women in this chapter? Further, what can we learn about the wrath of the Father God, who will avenge the suffering of His daughters when His Son returns to judge the living and the dead (2 Tim.4:1, Rev.19-20)?
5. Personally, how can you apply the sermon on Judges 19 to your life? How did the message point you to your need of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Spirit? How can others be praying for you this week as you seek to apply God’s word and grow in His graces?