

JUDGES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Week 10: Compromised Peace

Scripture Reading: Judges 8:1-28

- *Keep in mind the man Gideon once was when we first met him in Chapter 6. Something seems different about him...*

1. Peace without grace (verses 1-17)

- Ephraim feels left out, but not for good reasons: they wanted the glory
 - Proverbs 15:1, 10:19
- *A relentless pursuit of Zebah & Zalmunna*
- *Hostile promises for Succoth & Penuel*
 - *Hostile promises fulfilled*
 - *Significance of Succoth & Penuel*

2. Peace without obedience (verses 18-21)

- A surprising plot detail/twist revealed
- A personal vendetta leads to disobedience in three ways:
 - Seeking out *personal revenge*

- Seeking out *personal justice*
- Seeking out *personal glory*
- Another plot twist revealed in verses 20 & 22: *a son & grandson*

3. Peace without worship **(verses 22-28)**

- Seeking instant salvation in a *man-appointed king*, not a *God-appointed judge*
- Contradiction leads to *idol worship, lust, and entrapment*.
 - *“It became a snare to his family”*
- Verse 28 is the LAST time we see this phrase “*and the land had rest*” in Judges
- **What do we learn from Judges 8:1-28?**
 - *Stop trusting only in yourself*
 - *Immediately start trusting in God*
 - Ephesians 2:8-10