1 – Everyone Did What Was Right In His Own Eyes

Judges 21:25

2 - No King In Israel

**God was to be their king. (1 Samuel 8:7)**

**Look how they treated God**!
(1 Samuel 4:3; 6:20)

**How can we reject Jesus Christ**? (Hosea 4:6; John 12:48; Matthew 6:33; Titus 1:16)

**Changing standards** re: marriage, homosexuality, the family, language, dress, work of the church, etc.

3 - Perilous Times Come When Man Rejects God

Paul warned Timothy of *“****perilous****”* (NKJV) or *“****grievous****”* (ASV) times that will *“proceed from bad to worse”*. (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

**The godly will suffer** during such times.
(2 Timothy 3:12)

**We must be prepared to overcome** (2 Tim. 3:14) and **fight the good fight**. (2 Timothy 4:1-8)

4 - Reaching the Depths of Spiritual Depravity?

**Violence, rape, murder, robbery, Idolatry and greed were rampant and spread** (Judges 17-21)

**Culminating in the horrific, reprehensible and unconscionable rape, murder & betrayal of a Levite’s concubine.** (Judges 19; notably vs. 22-26)

**Any different than what Paul described** in
Romans 1:21ff or 2 Timothy 3:1ff?

5 - Nothing Like This Has Ever Happened…

Judges 19:30, What do we do with perilous times come (or are coming) because **everyone is doing what’s right in their own eyes**? All who saw said,

1. **Wake up and “consider”.**
2. **Seek God’s “counsel”.**
3. **“Speak up!”**

**Before it’s too late!** (Genesis Chapter 6, 19)

6 – 1. Wake Up & Consider…

***“In the day of adversity consider”***(Ecclesiastes 7:14)

Need to ask, **“where are we”** & **“how did we get here?”**

1. **Rejection of authority.** (1 Peter 4:11)
2. **A lack of teaching.** (Judges 2:10; Ephesians 6:1-4)
3. **A lack of joy and gladness** in serving. (Deut. 28:47)
4. **A lot of drifting, due to lack of attention and spiritual neglect.** (Hebrews 2:1-3)
5. **The wrong influences**. (Numbers 33:55; 1 Cor. 15:33)

7 - 1. Wake Up & Consider…

The call to **wake up and become sober!**

* **Don’t make provisions**! (Romans 13:11-14)
* **An issue of our time**. (Ephesians 5:14-17)
* **So we can overcome**! (1 Thessalonians 5:3-11)

8 - 2. Seek God’s Counsel…

**Not what they did in Judges 20.**

Yes, they *“assembled as one man to the Lord”*. (vs. 2)

But in verse 7, we do not see them seeking God’s counsel but their own & they were initially defeated.

They finally seek God’s counsel in vs. 23

Both Israel and Benjamin suffer great losses.

9 - 2. Seek God’s Counsel…

**What will we do?**

 Begins with **humility of heart**. (James 1:21)

Is God’s word becoming “lost”? (2 Kings 22:8)

Requires **diligent effort**. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Have we ***“set our heart”***? (Ezra 7:10)

Will we have **reverence for His word**? (Isaiah 66:5; 55:8-9; Malachi 2:5)

10 - 3. Speak Up!

**Something must be said or souls die.** (Esther 4:14)

**Watchmen must warn & expose**! (Ezekiel 33:30-31; Isaiah 62:1; Ephesians 5:7-14)

We need to **pray for opportunities and boldness** appropriate for the moment. (Colossians 4:2-6;

**Satan’s tactics**. (Acts 4:18-20; 5:20-29; 18:9)

We must **work and labor to this end**. (compare
1 Peter 4:2 & Philippians 1:21-24; 1 Cor. 15:58)

11 - Same Pattern in 2 Timothy 3 & 4

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| **Judges 19:30** | **2 Timothy Ch’s 3 & 4** |
| Wake up and consider | 2 Timothy 2:24-3:13 - Perilous times will come… |
| Seek God’s counsel | 2 Timothy 3:14-17 - continue in the scriptures |
| Speak up and get to work | 2 Timothy 4:1-8 - Preach the word and do the work. |

12 - What Is Right In God’s Eyes?

**All have sinned… (Romans 3:23)**

**All must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and believe His words. (John 8:24; 14:24)**

**All must confess… (Romans 10:9-10)**

**All must repent… (Acts 17:30)**

**All must be baptized into Christ… (Galatians 3:27)**

**All must continue steadfastly abounding in His work.**