

Judges 10 What Are You Hanging Onto?

3/22/08 - The Exchange

- I. Shuffle review
- II. 10:1-5 In between guys. Shuffle not always spelled out.
- III. 10:6-9 Sin, servitude
 - A. 10:6
 - 1. again repeated, did evil eviled, served gladly religiously worked for, continually
 - 2. Who again? Lists the nations. Why? In contrast to the Lord.
 - a) Bionicle gods. Pick up, carry, take apart, fall over.
 - b) Sometimes mere idols, sometimes demons, credibility
 - 3. forsook abandoned, continually, did not serve completed, stopped
 - 4. Why do people who trade God in for something else?
 - a) People with a tradition of God, no experience with God, left that for no knowledge of God, as opposed to a people who don't know anything about God.
 - b) Why do people trade one thing for another? Because the thing they get has more apparent value than the thing they are giving up.
 - c) Monopoly money thing.
 - d) God isn't worth it for me...
 - (1) I will be happier / more intellectually satisfied / have the real truth.
 - (2) God doesn't work for me, need something more.
 - e) "What I can have apart from God is worth more." The truth is, all you get is monopoly money.
 - 5. They traded God for gods. Served, forsook, did not serve.
 - B. 10:7-9
 - 1. sold - just as it sounds. Figure of speech. He traded them. Subtle yet important difference - they are always His people. More like a lease than a sale.
 - 2. What does God get that is of more apparent value?
 - a) Does not get some sick satisfaction in the suffering of His people.
 - b) Does not get people who choose Him just because it's better than suffering.
 - c) He does get a people who are refined, repentant, and ready to love and be loved. Love God and others.
 - (1) Refined. Judges 3:4, 1 Corinthians 5:5, 1 Timothy 1:20, James 1:2-4.
 - (2) Repentant. Psalm 51:16-17, Acts 2:37-39
 - (3) Ready is the result of refinement and repentance.
 - 3. Connection point.
 - a) Believer, do you feel like you've been sold, like you've been delivered to Satan? Could be testing, or discipline.
 - b) Unbeliever, are you feeling the heat and pressure of life and wondering where God is? Trying to get your attention.
 - c) Rebellious loved ones? What will it take? Repentance.

- IV. 10:10-16 Supplication and repentance
 - A. 10:10 Repentance begins with recognition. forsaken and served. Recognition alone isn't enough.
 - B. 10:11-14 God says, "Really? Just looking for a bail-out?" Like trying to trade without giving something up. monopoly money
 - C. 10:15-16 Repentance is accomplished with reaction.
 - 1. Their reaction when God said, "No" was to put away (caused to be put away continually) the foreign Gods and served (as above) the Lord. Bionicles back in the bag.
 - 2. When you don't react when you recognize something, there is a disconnect.
 - a) A fist coming at you.
 - b) Jess and Leanne while walking into movie theater. Hiding.
 - 3. Reaction is expected if the repentance is genuine.
 - 4. God responds to the sincerity of their repentance. He hated what they had to go through, but it was for their good.
- V. 10:17-18 The stage is set for their salvation.
- VI. God's ultimate trade
 - A. Our end - 1 John 1:9. What do we get? forgiveness, cleansing
 - B. God's end - John 3:16. What does He get? Whoever.
 - C. Look at what it cost God. To God, you are worth it.
 - D. Why should we love Him? Because it keeps us from going to Hell? Because (riff)? No, because he first loved us. From the foundations of the world.
 - E. How do we get this eternal life? In His Son. 1 John 5:12. Paper in book thing.
 - F. What are you hanging on to? What's worth rejecting God? Let it go, repent, turn to the Lord, and get in on what He has for you.