

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday May 18, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Judges 9

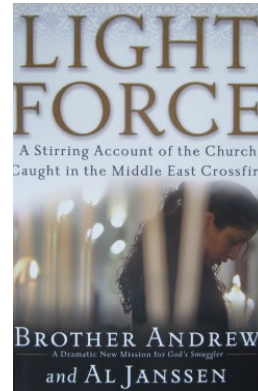
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

SOWING AND REAPING

Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



A book by Brother Andrew. A stirring account of the Church caught in the Middle East crossfire.

Rosedale Baptist Church



Memory Work for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Middle Elementary

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.” Romans 1:16a

Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

<u>Monday</u>	Forget, Bryan
<u>Tuesday</u>	Forget, Matthew
<u>Wednesday</u>	Forget, Lorrie
<u>Thursday</u>	Gyugyei, Andy & Hilda
<u>Friday</u>	Holmes, Jeff
<u>Saturday</u>	Jean, Dorothy

Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

- Tuesday:** Men's Study – 9:30 am
Youth Group – 6:30 pm
- Wednesday:** Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
- Saturday:** Ladies' Study – 8:00 am
- Sunday:** Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Sandwich Sunday: Reminder that Sandwich Sunday is happening today immediately following the morning service. If you are visiting with us, we warmly invite you to join us for food and fellowship!

Youth Group: Due to the long weekend, youth group will be meeting this Tuesday at 6:30pm instead of Monday.

Elisha House 'Change for Life' Campaign: Between Mother's Day and Father's Day (June 15) you can fill a baby bottle with change, bills or even a cheque. This fundraising initiative will support Elisha House in its ministry to men, women and families in our community. Empty Bottles are available today in the foyer. Please talk to Sue St. Amour if you have any questions.

Niagara Prayer Group: Niagara Prayer Group will be meeting tonight at 6:30pm at Knox Presbyterian Church (335 Fitch Street). Come pray for revival and spiritual renewal in our Region!

Sowing and Reaping Judges 9

- The story of Abimelech, is an 'epilogue' to the Gideon narrative which shows the terrible consequences of sin in our lives, and underscores the truth that we always reap what we sow, whether for good or for evil (Galatians 6:7-8)
- In our study today we will examine three people/groups of people who reap the terrible consequences of sin and rebellion against God

I. Gideon's Reaping (vv. 1-6)

- 1) For his Polygamous relationships
 - a. Abimelech is the son of Gideon's Canaanite mistress (concubine)
 - b. Because Abimelech was born out of wedlock, he had no legal rights of inheritance – a second class citizen & son!
 - c. Abimelech hated his father, but yet was inspired by him in many ways
- 2) For his Aspirations to Power
 - a. Gideon took the crown in a devious, underhanded way
 - b. Abimelech takes the crown openly
- 3) For his Personal Vengeance
 - a. Gideon violently murdered his fellow Israelites in an act of vengeance
 - b. Abimelech violently murders his own brothers
- 4) For his Idolatry
 - a. Gideon led the Israelites into idolatry by making a golden ephod
 - b. Abimelech funds his campaign of terror from idol worship

Application: The sins of one generation often trickle down to the next generation. Be careful what you model for your children and grandchildren.

II. Shechemites' Reaping (vv. 7-49)

- 1) Jothan's 'Fable of the Trees'
 - a. An indictment of Abimelech – the 'bramble king'
 - b. An indictment of the Shechemites
 - c. A prophetic word of judgment – v. 20
- 2) God's Judgment
 - a. An evil spirit sent from God (v. 23) – God is sovereign over all of creation and He can even use Satan to accomplish His righteous purposes, without Himself being the author of sin.
 - b. Most of the Shechemites die in battle
 - c. The remainder are burned to death by Abimelech in fulfillment of Jotham's prophecy in v. 20

III. Abimelech's Reaping (vv. 50-57)

- 1) Gaal attempts to usurp Abimelech's power using the same strategy as Abimelech!
- 2) Abimelech is killed with a 'stone', just as he killed his brothers on a 'stone'
- 3) Abimelech dies a humiliating death by the standards of his culture in a scene that reminds of us the story of Jael (cf. Judges 4)

Application: God's 'silence' and patience should not be mistaken for His inactivity or indifference. All sin and injustice in this world will eventually be brought to account.