

When Words Aren't Enough
Judges 10:6-16

Introduction:

- A. Words are powerful. They have the ability to create or destroy. However, sometimes our words are simply not enough.
- B. Israel was involved in a repeated cycle of chaos (sin, oppression, crying, deliverance, rest).
- C. By the time we come to our text, Israel has suffered oppression for a total of 50 plus years.

God Takes Sin Seriously (vs. 6-9).

- A. God's anger was kindled against His people and He sold them into the hands of their oppressors (Exo. 20:3; 23:23-24).
- B. God hates sin (Psa. 5:5; 45:6-7).
- C. God will deal with sin (Rom. 6:23; II Thess. 1:7-9).
 - 1. Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3)
 - 2. Moses (Num. 20:1-13)
 - 3. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

God Expects Repentance and Not Just Words (vs. 10-14).

- A. Israel confessed their sins but God's response was different than previous times.
- B. Israel may have been remorseful but it doesn't seem they were really repentant (Psa. 78:36-37).
- C. God is looking for more than words of confession, He is looking for hearts of repentance (Lk. 5:30-32; Lk. 13:1-5; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 7:9-10).

God Loves Us and Wants to Rescue Us (vs. 15-16).

- A. God was waiting for Israel to get it right by turning away from their false gods.
- B. God loves you and wants to rescue you from the pit of sin (Eph. 2:4).
- C. God is longing for you to turn from your rebellious ways and come home to him (Lk. 15).

Conclusion:

- A. There is no guarantee that you will have time to repent and prepare for death (2 Cor. 6:2).
- B. Our sins could never be greater than the wonderful grace of God.
- C. Is your heart right with God this morning?