

Triangle Bible Study

Lesson 8: Judges 9

Warmup

- What was most meaningful to you from listening to the lecture on Judges 9?

Day 1: Read Judges 9:1-6 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

1. Using Judges 6:32, what was the other name for Jerub-Baal? How many sons did he have? Which of his sons desired to take his father's leadership position in Israel?
2. What did Abimelech do to better position himself to seize the leadership of Israel? Which of Abimelech's half-brothers escaped the mass murder?
3. What lesson is being illustrated in the first 6 verses of Judges 9? How will you apply that lesson to your life?

Day 2: Read Judges 9:7-21 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#) (Note: In Jotham's parable the trees represent Gideon's 70 sons and the thorn bush represents Abimelech. His point is that a productive person would be too focused on doing good to try to gain power for selfish reasons.)

4. After telling his parable, how did Jotham challenge the citizens of Shechem in vs. 16-20?
5. Explain how Jotham was so courageous in vs. 7-20 and so fearful in v. 21.

6. Describe a time when you needed courage to stand up or speak out against something or someone that was wrong.

Day 3: Read Judges 9:22-29, Jeremiah 12:1, Habakkuk 1:2-4 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

7. How did God avenge the murders committed by Abimelech? Who else was complicit in the murders of Gideon's sons?
8. Who arrived in Shechem after Abimelech began leading Israel? What did he say about Abimelech's leadership?
9. What do the following Bible verses teach about waiting on God's timing for His justice over evil? Why is it difficult to wait for God to make what is wrong, right?
 - Jeremiah 12:1
 - Habakkuk 1:2-4

Day 4: Read Judges 9:30-41 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

10. What message did the Governor of Shechem send to Abimelech? (vs. 30-33)
11. Describe what happened as recorded in vs. 34-41.

Day 5: Read Judges 9:42-49 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. What did Abimelech do upon determining the citizens of Shechem were working in their fields? Where did the survivors of Shechem seek refuge?

13. How did Abimelech respond when he heard where many Shechemites had taken refuge? What was the result?

Day 6: Read Judges 9:50-57, Romans 5:9 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

14. Where did Abimelech go next and what did he find there?

15. What happened to Abimelech which led to his demise?

16. What does v. 56 tell you about God's justice?

17. How was justice served on the cross by Jesus Christ? (Romans 5:9)