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Sunday Service

# The Reason

Judges 11:29-40

Those who have the Gospel are selected by God. God has raised you for the sake of the Gospel Movement of this age and gives you the Word every day. Within this, you must receive training, receive answers, and receive healing to become a witness. The one person who has the Gospel is so important. That is why after Joseph, who had the Gospel, died, the Israelites were enslaved. Through Samuel, who had the Gospel, alone, the war was stopped and the Israelites enjoyed peace. This principle applies to you too. Our church will become a church that saved Latin America and the Americas through the same principle. Just as the one person who has the Gospel is important, the one church that has the Gospel is so precious. God has differentiated you as the remaining one during this age. As a remaining one before God, His desire must become your commission and reason to live. You can become a pilgrim that walks down this path regardless of any incidents that arise. And you will come to the conclusion of a conqueror. May you once again become a person of Christ.

## 1. Reason

- 1) Today's bible passage records a tragic story. Jephthah made a vow to the Lord before fighting against the Ammonites. He made a vow to offer whatever comes out from the doors of his house to meet him as a burnt offering and that happened to be his only daughter. It records the incident of Jephthah offering his daughter as a burnt offering with a tragic heart.
- 2) Jephthah was a son of a prostitute and fled his home due to his brothers, eventually living in the land of Tob where worthless fellows surrounded and went out with him. When the Ammonites made war against the Israelites, the elders of Gilead told Jephthah to be the leader as they fought together.
- 3) This is how Jephthah ended up fighting in the war. However, his daughter was given to the Lord as a burnt offering due to Jephthah's vow to the Lord. It is important to know why this story is recorded in the Bible. God did not simply record the miraculous works in the Bible but rather explains the reason why simple things occur and God's message behind it.
- 4) The start of the problem was idol worship. (Judges 10:6) That is why God allowed the Ammonites to invade them. God started this war to purposefully awaken the Israelites. It was the same when Babylon invaded the Israelites. (Jeremiah 25:1-9) The reason was Israel and not Babylon. .
- 5) The fundamental reason was because they forgot the covenant and did idol worship. That is why they could not open their spiritual eyes and failed to live centered on and by the covenant.
- 6) Although they knew God, their life was a religion. That is why Jephthah made a ridiculous vow to God. If Jephthah knew that the power of God is within covenant, he would not have a reason to make that vow. Why would he make a vow when he could simply hold onto the covenant once more?
- 7) And because they do not have the covenant, they had no interest in the Word. Living by the covenant means that you should live by God's Word, but they had no interest in God's Word at all. Because of this, he vowed to give a human sacrifice, which was strictly forbidden according to the Word of God. Leviticus 20:2-5 states that any one of the people of Israel who gives his children to Molech shall be stoned to death. However, Jephthah did not know this and was influenced by religion to the point in which he thought that the vow was the best way to obey God.
- 8) Human sacrifices were offerings given to Molech, an Ammonite god. Jephthah was going to fight in a war against the Ammonites, but made a vow to offer a sacrifice that is given to the Ammonites' god.
- 9) This shows how spiritual numb he was. And if his daughter also knew the covenant correctly, she would not listen to her father's words regardless of whether or not he made the vow. The daughter could have relayed the correct Gospel to awaken her father's senses, but rather chose to die as a burnt offering because of her father's vow.

- 10) It was a ridiculous and tragic incident. It was an incident in which you could not properly react. It is more miserable because God did not even accept the burnt offering. It was so obvious that God would not have accepted the offering, but Jephthah's daughter died to be a burnt offering.
- 11) Anyone can become like this when they do not know the covenant. Even if you know who God is, there is no choice for you to become like this when you do not correctly know the covenant. Jephthah knew God. Even if you attend church, you must look back at the Word when you face problems or curses. May this become a significant message to you.

## 2. **Prophet**

- 1) You are the prophet of this age. This is because you have Christ, who is the answer to eternal life. In Genesis 22:7, Abraham is said to be a prophet because he was a man of the covenant. In the era of Judge Jephthah, there was no prophet with the covenant. Human sacrifice was never allowed. There was no one who shared this, that those who do that will be put to death. Neither Jephthah nor his daughter knew about this.
- 2) God's work and power are inside the covenant, not by your vows. There was no one in that age who could say that within the blood of the covenant and Christ, there is the authority to defeat the curses, have victory, and enjoy liberation.
- 3) That vow is yours, not God's, and those are your thoughts, therefore there was no one who told the people that it was their religion and not God's covenant. Therefore, no one said that not keeping the vow would please God more.
- 4) But that vow was kept to the end. He vowed with his own mouth... which was absurd humanism and religion. This is because there was no king and no standards. A useless vow made according to one's own thoughts broke mankind.
- 5) There was no Remnant Movement that delivered the accurate Gospel to the extent that the daughter could enlighten her father. Because the father vowed, she must have accepted this knowing that she could not avoid her death. But this was a useless death, and it was not what God wanted. Not knowing the standard and the Gospel is so frightening. Even now, there must be many believers who are being attacked by Satan.
- 6) It was the same with Judge Jephthah. He must have thought that offering people as burnt sins to God was the best way to serve God. Since it was an urgent battle, it would have been thought that human sacrifice was the best. He must have thought that the best offering to God on earth was a burnt offering.
- 7) It is a pitiful, empty, and lonely, foolish, and heart-breaking choice. Such tremendous things happened because they did not know the Gospel, what was right, and the truth.
- 8) What about the United States that we live in today? How are the conditions of the believers in America? The phenomena that appear will be different, but spiritually the reason, answer, and the problem is the same.
- 9) You are the one chosen by God to deliver this answer to people like Jephthah of this age, and to save North and South America. There are the disciples and prophets of this age.
- 10) May you have the blessing of entering into the covenant first. Even if it doesn't go well, if you continue to enjoy the covenant, God will put you in His time schedule. May you have this blessing.