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Series: Judges: Mankind Exposed

Title: The Danger Within

Text: Judges 9



INTRODUCTION

Main Point #1 - The danger from within is always more serious and more destructive than the danger from without!

Mark 7:21-23 and James 1:13-15

Main Point #2 - Even when we cannot see God's hand, plan, or purpose, He is working!

Philippians 2:12b-13

I. BRAMBLE MAN... DESTROYER OF ISRAEL

A. The Problem of Leadership

Judges 9:1-6 -

1) Instead of proud, calloused, murderous self-promotion, God calls us to sacrificial love!

John 10:10-11 and John 10:27-28

Judges 9:7-21 -

2) When it comes to leadership, character is paramount! Character is more important than natural ability, personality, or raw talent!

Matthew 20:25-28 and 1 Peter 5:5

B. The Providence of the Lord

Judges 9:22-25 -

1) God is not ignorant, lazy, or incompetent when it comes to matters of justice and righteousness. God is wise, zealous, persistent, and unchanging in His holiness.

Romans 6:23

Judges 9:26-57 -

2) “Bramble Kings” will come and go; their destruction often comes unexpectedly, but our God knows how to both rescue and preserve His people, now and forevermore!

Proverbs 3:25-26

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What does Judges 9 teach us about the quiet, providential workings of God?
2. What was the source of Israel’s trouble? What did Jesus say in Mark 7:21-22 about our sin?
3. How did Abimelech lead? What are some of the core New Testament principles on leadership?
4. What did God do in Judges 9:23? Does this surprise you, bother you, encourage you?
5. How should a passage like Judges 9 encourage us to hope in and trust Christ?