



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, December 1, 2024

Judges 11:12-40 – A Statement of Faith and a Rash Vow

Jephthah stood up to the Ammonite king's challenge by defending Israel's claim to the land on historical, theological, legal, and personal grounds. But, almost in the same breath, he made a rash and ungodly vow.

Jephthah's defense of Israel.

Jephthah's anointing.

Jephthah's vow.

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by yielding to the Holy Spirit to tame our tongues.

May our glorious Father give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. May your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. May your lips overflow with praise for God who teaches you His decrees. May your tongue sing of God's word, for all His commands are righteous. (Ephesians 1:17, Colossians 4:6, Psalm 119:171-172)

Discussion Questions:

- Why is it remarkable that Jephthah presents a spirited defense of Israel's claim to the land? What does it tell us about how God preserves truth?
- How does God preserving truth relate to Romans 1:20 and people being without excuse for knowing God?
- Why did the king of Ammon dismiss Jephthah's message? What happened to the Ammonites as a result?
- What happened when the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah?
- What is the result of the work of the Spirit in each of our lives?
- What was the issue with Jephthah's vow?
- Why should we yield to the Holy Spirit to tame our tongues?