

The Right Kind of Sight

Scripture: I Sam. 11:1-15; Prov. 29:18

Intro: The characters in this drama fit each one a role that is re-enacted in our lives as Christians on a regular basis.

1. Serpent (nahash) Ammonite (inbred). Incest. (Gen. 3:15; II Cor. 11:3)
2. Saul (King) = descendant on mother's side of Jabesh. Gileadites. "Dry hill of witness". 2/3 of Benjamite mothers were Jabesh – Gileadites.
3. Spirit of God (11:6): Came upon Saul. (Jud. 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 14:19)
 - a) Bezek: Lightning (11:8) (Lk. 10:18)
 - b) Gilgal: Circle (11:14). Renewal. (Ro. 12:1-2)
4. Struggle that existed (11:1-2). (Jud. 1:5-7)
 - a) Requirement: reproach of ultimatum. (11:2). Vision
 - b) Response: respite of undecided. (11:3). Verdict
 - c) Refusal: repulsion of unwilling.. (11:7) Valiant.
Right eye was essential to victory.

I. Vision of the Word (Ps. 119:18; Amos 8:11)

- A. The Word is our weapon. (Job 23:12)
 1. Cleanses the heart. (Ps. 119:9, 11)
 2. Changes one's habits. (Jer. 20:8-9; Ps. 39:3)
 3. Changes one's hearing. (Ro. 10:17)
- B. The Word is our warranty. (Rev. 12:11)
 1. Pledges all our supplies. (Phil. 4:19)
 2. Pledges all our support. (Deut. 33:27)
 3. Pledges all our success. (Josh. 1:8)

(Samson blinded. Paul: poor sight but great vision)

II. Vision for Worship (Jn. 4:24)

- A. Involves faithfulness in communion. (I Jn. 1:3, 7)
 1. Adoration of person
 2. Appealing in prayer
- B. Involves faithfulness in church. (Heb. 10:25)
 1. Addicted to it. (I Cor. 16:15)
 2. Affection for it. (Eph. 5:25)
 - a. He loved it enough to give himself for it.
 - b. We need to love it enough to give ourselves to it.

Illustration: Once when mules were used in great numbers in coal mines they had to be pastured one day a week (Sunday). If they were not brought up from underground they would eventually lose their eyesight.

III. Vision for Soul Winning (Ps. 126:5-6)

- A. There is a harvest. (Jn. 4:35)
 - 1. The need to see self as a reaper. (Mt. 9:37-38)
 - 2. The prayerful search for others as reapers. (II Tim. 2:1-2)
- B. There are hardships. (I Cor. 16:9)
 - 1. Do it haphazardly: handicap. (Ps. 142:4)
 - a. Hindrances
 - b. Hesitatingly: no hurry
 - c. Hostile: resent sinner
 - 2. Do it heartbrokenly: Honoringly. (Ps. 126:5-6)
 - a. Harmoniously (I Cor. 3:6-8)
 - b. Habitually. (Eccl. 11:6)