

Judge 61

SUBJECT: The Faithful  
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Judge 11; Heb 11: 32

# Jephthah

Judge 10: 6, 7, 10-14

From a child of misfortune.  
no fault, his illegitimate parents but no illegitimacy children  
cast out by his family, despised by his father, chosen as a warrior, the under.

11: 1-32

In most persons, the impulse a spirit of misanthropy, bitterness, hatred, what is the use, why?

Jesus appears, always during the night at 7 o'clock.  
that prisoner in pit night, the night at 7 o'clock.  
Sally Cooper, at night. Revived unity at night.  
But with these environments sometimes comes  
marvelous strength of soul.  
All the converting sermons  
The Methodist laymen, especially by  
W.A. Keltz, p.m.

He learns warfare.

The appeal to his.

His vow.

Deut. 12: 29-32 human sacrifice interdicted. 27 resurrection and burial, the  
Lev. 27: 17 provision made for redemption / a singular vow.  
f. 8: 12. The redemption, the father, the hand of the  
all the first born of the womb, male, over the head of the  
number redeemed.  
Jephthah a fierce man. Heb 11: 32; Judge 11: 29 spirit of devotion to God in service  
a burnt offering of his children.

His daughter's consecration.

Judg. 11: 36 he devoted  
37 lament her virginity [not by death]  
39 a virgin always. The house, his Jephthah dies in her  
40 as to "lament" to "tell" with her. She checks all the rest, the year: but  
also four days.  
[33] to you presents  
his, & praise, celebrate

No order, name, mark, known in Scripture.

The full consecration to God, the young woman.

of mixed marriage  
Call to full time service Rom 12: 1  
to yield to God. Not physically able - must do. "Stomach is weak, reason. But mind not  
then body not stand. I am, then strong, mind, reason.

## Jephthah and His Daughter

By Elizabeth A. Reed

**A**t a great peace meeting recently held, a forceful and highly appreciated speaker alluded to human sacrifices, using the case of Jephthah's daughter as an illustration of the subject. This circumstance suggested an examination of the theme which was made with the following results:

(1) "And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, then it shall be that whatsoever cometh forth from the doors of mine house to meet me when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, or (marginal reading) I will offer it up for a burnt offering." (Judges 11:30, 31.) That is, it shall surely be dedicated to the Lord, or, if it is suitable for a burnt offering, it shall thus be used.

(2) The Mosaic law was exceedingly strict in relation to the proper offerings to be made, for these were the types looking forward to the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Heb. 9:11-28.)

This law was especially severe in relation to the crime of human sacrifice which was practiced by the heathen round about then. "Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God; for every abomination to the Lord which He hateth, have they done unto their gods, for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire unto their gods." (Deut. 12:30-31. See also Lev. 18:21, 24, 27, 30, and also Jer. 19:5-8, and Jer. 32:34, 35.) It is not likely, therefore, that the Israelites would have permitted Jephthah to violate their national ordinance even if he had been inclined to do so.

(3) When a man had made "a singular vow" there was provision made for the redemption of such vows. (See Lev. 27:2-30.)

(4) "And Jephthah came to Mizpeh, unto his house, and behold his daughter came out to meet him . . . and she was his only child, beside her he had neither son nor daughter, and . . . he rent his clothes and said: Alas my daughter! thou hast brought me very low for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back. And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth to the Lord, do to me according to that

which hath proceeded out of thy mouth. . . . And she said unto her father: Let this thing be done for me, let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains and bewail (not my death) but my virginity. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months . . . and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains." Thus relinquishing her hopes of attaining to the dignity and blessedness of motherhood.

"And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow." The reference from this line is to the consecration of Samuel where the loyal mother says: "I will bring him that he may appear before the Lord and there abide forever." (1 Sam. 1:22. See also Chap. 2:2 and Chap 3:1.)

(5) As Jephthah could not commit a crime which would outrage the standard laws of the nation without paying the penalty among his own people, he must have consecrated his beloved daughter to the service of the Lord as Samuel was consecrated. Probably she was devoted to the service of the Temple, 1 Cor. 7:34.

(6) That the consecrated girl was alive for years after "her father did with her according to his vow" is shown by the following verses: "And it was a custom in Israel that the daughters of Israel went yearly (from year to year) to lament, or as the margin reads to "talk with the daughter of Jephthah, the Gileadite, four days in the year."

(7) We see therefore in view of the above facts that the sacrifice of Jephthah was in the consecration of his daughter to a life of virginal service which was a severe blow to him as this act constituted the end of Jephthah's hopes as the head of his line, she being his only child, and not only this, but it deprived the loyal daughter of the richest blessing of womanhood—it deprived her of the crown of motherhood.

The eagle that soars near the sun is not concerned how it will cross the streams.  
George Jackson.

OPEN LETTER TO ED SULLIVAN

DEAR ED SULLIVAN:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE BE-  
COME MY GOD. INSTEAD OF GOING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY NIGHT,  
I HAVE STAYED AWAY AND LISTENED TO YOU. IT TOOK SO LITTLE  
EFFORT TO RELAX ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AND LISTEN TO YOU.

NOW UNDERSTAND, I AM NOT LAZY, FOR I ALWAYS GO TO  
WORK ON MONDAY MORNING. THEN, TOO, I DON'T GET CONVICTED  
LISTENING TO YOU LIKE I WOULD IF I WERE AT CHURCH.

ED, I AM IN THE HOSPITAL NOW, AND I NEED YOUR HELP.  
I CAN'T GO TO THE PASTOR, FOR IN SUBSTANCE I HAVE SLAPPED  
HIM IN THE TEETH EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN HE PREACHED AND  
I SAID IN EFFECT: "WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY DOESN'T INTEREST  
ME ONE BIT." WHY SHOULD I LOWER MYSELF TO ALLOW HIM TO  
PRAY FOR ME NOW?

THEN I CAN'T GO TO GOD, FOR I HAVE PUT HIM "SECOND  
FIDDLE" TO YOU SO MANY TIMES THAT SURELY HE WOULDN'T HELP  
ME NOW. THEN HE KNOWS THAT WHENEVER I GET WELL THAT I  
WILL DO HIM AS I HAVE ALWAYS DONE HIM, AND KEEP LISTENING  
TO YOU ON SUNDAY NIGHTS. SURELY, HE WOULDN'T EXPECT ME TO  
GIVE UP MY FAVORITE PROGRAM JUST TO WORSHIP HIM.

PLEASE, ED, WILL YOU HELP ME GET WELL? ALSO THE BILLS  
ARE PILING UP; WILL YOU HELP ME MEET MY OBLIGATIONS? AND

IF PERCHANCE I SHOULD DIE, WILL YOU SEE THAT I GET TO  
HEAVEN? IF I DO GET WELL, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO BE IN  
MY PLACE ON SUNDAY NIGHTS SUPPORTING YOUR PROGRAM. I  
WILL BE A FAITHFUL LISTENER. SO, PLEASE, ED, DON'T LET  
ME DOWN.

A DEVOTED SUPPORTER