

When Only One Maintains Truth and Integrity

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Judges 8:29-9:57

When does the story of Gideon really end?

What is retributive justice?

The Seeds of Destruction

You will reap what you sow Gal 6:7-8

Where did Gideon go wrong? What were his evil seeds?

Lack of Truth and Integrity

The people turned to other gods after Gideon died.

The people did not remember God, who delivered them.

The people did not show loyalty to Gideon's family,

Seeds of Treachery

Abimelech and the Shechemites

What is the history of Shechem?

Who was Abimelech?

A public execution on a stone in Gideon's hometown

Coronation by the oak of the pillar at Shechem. (Josh 24)

Harbinger of the Curse

Jotham, comes to Mt Gerazim, to tell a fable.

What is the purpose of the fable?

Treachery and God's Justice

Gaal was a descendent of Hamor, the father of Shechem.

Fire comes out from the bramble king, and burns them up.

The theological interpretation of the story

God stirred up the evil 9:23-25

God returned evil for evil, in measured proportions. 9:56-57

Our lessons