

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

You Can't Fool God

KEY POINT:
You _____ what you _____

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit. Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary. (Galatians 6:7-9 NAS)

Adoni-Bezek

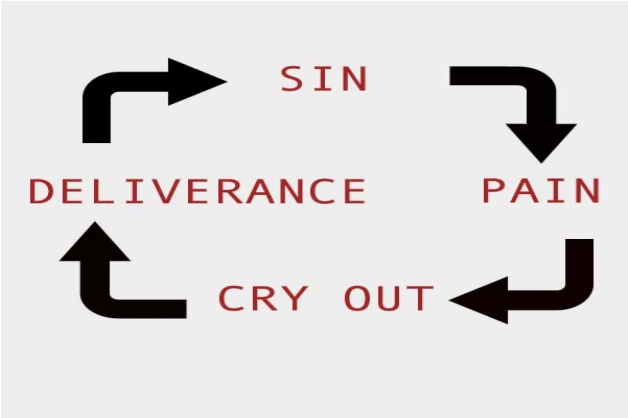
...they found Adoni-Bezek and fought against him, putting to rout the Canaanites and Perizzites. Adoni-Bezek fled, but they chased him and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and big toes. (Judges 1:5-6)

Then Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off have picked up scraps under my table. Now God has paid me back for what I did to them." (Judges 1:7)

The Judges

Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. They forsook the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them... the Lord gave them into the hands of raiders who plundered them... Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the Lord was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress. Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders... Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the Lord relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors... They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways. (Judges 2:11-19)

THE CYCLE OF JUDGES



Othniel

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord… (Judges 3:7)

But when they cried out to the Lord, He raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them. (Judges 3:9)

So the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died. (Judges 3:11)

Again, the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord… (Judges 3:12)

Ehud

Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and he gave them a deliverer - Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. (Judges 3:15)

Deborah

"The wisest of her ladies answer her; indeed, she keeps saying to herself, 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoils: a woman or two for each man…" (Judges 5:29-30)

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. (Judges 4:4)

Now she sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, "Behold, the Lord, the God of Israel, has commanded, 'Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from the sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun. I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his many troops to the river Kishon, and I will give him into your hand.'" Then Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." She said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hands of a woman." (Judges 4:6-9 NAS)

But Jael, Heber's wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted. She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died. (Judges 4:21)

Then the land had peace for forty years… (Judges 3:11)

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord… (Judges 6:1)

…every man did what was right in his own eyes. (Judges 17:6, NAS)

What are you sowing?

POSITIVES:

NEGATIVES: