

**RIZPAH ONE WHO MADE A
DIFFERENCE
2 SAMUEL 21**

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Introduction:

Review the events prior to the famine in the land.

Joshua had been tricked into making a league with the inhabitants of Gibeon. (Joshua 9:1-27)

Note Verse 14

Joshua 9:14

And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.

Once the vow was made it was made. It is better to never make a vow, than to make one and not keep it.

(Ecclesiastes 5:1-7) "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. {2} Be not rash with

thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. {3} For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words. {4} When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. {5} Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. {6} Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? {7} For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* also *divers* vanities: but fear thou God."

Saul broke the promise given to the Gibeonites and out of a prideful heart slew them, thus resulting in the famineous condition.

David inquires of the Lord, and the Lord reveals to David the problem.

Wanting to make things right David inquires of the Gibeonites as to what they desired to right this terrible wrong. They answered in verses 4-6

(2 Samuel 21:4-6) "And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do for you. {5} And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, {6} Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*."

Notice with me:

1. CONSISTENT RESULTS OF SIN

(Numbers 32:23) "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and **be sure your sin will find you out.**"

(Proverbs 28:13) "He that **covereth** his sins shall not **prosper**: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy."

(Galatians 6:7-8) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man **soweth**, that shall he also **reap**. {8} For he that **soweth** to his flesh shall of the flesh **reap** corruption; but he that **soweth** to the Spirit shall of the Spirit **reap** life everlasting."

(Deuteronomy 5:9) "Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the **third** and **fourth generation** of them that hate me,"

A. The price is great for sin

B. The price is often paid by others as well.

These seven boys are now paying the price for their fathers sinful deeds.

2. COMPASSION OF RISPAAH FOR HER SONS (VSS 10)

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- A. Refused to allow the wild animals' access to her boys.
- B. We need to refuse the wild beast of the world access to our children.

3. Concern Brought A Respectful End to The Slain (vs. 11-14)

2 Samuel 21:11-14

And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

[12] And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa: [13] And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. [14] And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

A. Her compassion was rewarded

Close: Be sure your sin will find you out. Those that often pay for sin are not those responsible. We too need to have compassion.

(Jude 1:22) "And of some have compassion, making a difference:"