

Judges 20 Lessons and Principles

1. It seems that the crime of Gibeah shocked the conscience of Israel. Today it seems that the crime at Gibeah would be material for tabloid news, cable television, daytime talk shows, and talk radio – We are seeing just as bad, if not worse today, which should be our call to righteousness and national revival.
2. But the tribe of Benjamin committed a great sin by putting loyalty to their tribe before obedience to God's Law. – put nothing before obedience to God. (Phil. 3:20)
3. Israel was right in believing that the greatest good was not unity. Unity apart from justice and truth is unity not worth having.
4. Israel lost the first two battles with Benjamin losing 40,000 men, then the third day they were victorious striking down 25,000 Benjamites. So, God used this incident to humble the entire nation that was guilty of sin, not just Benjamin – We must make sure we have repented of our sin and our heart is right with God.