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SINNERS NEEDING A SAVIOR

Judges Chapter 7-8

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Gideon Tested

James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing



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1. Dependence on God Not Ourselves

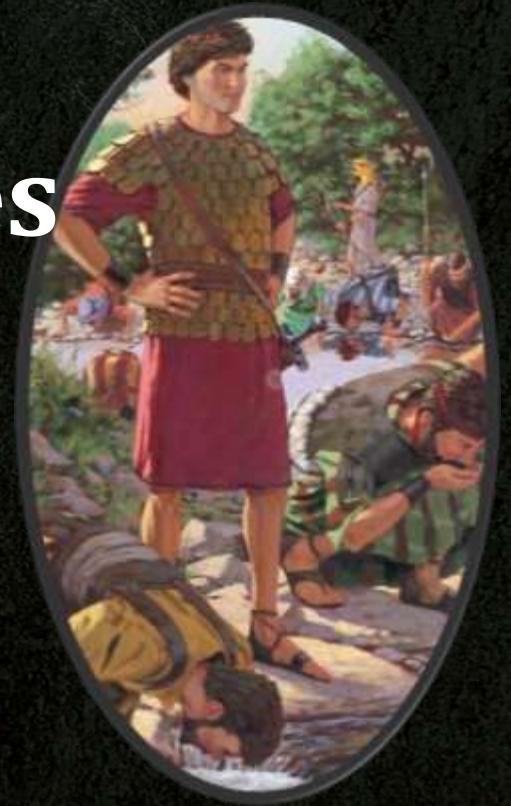
Problem: **Pride**

Test One: **Fearful Leave**

Test Two: **Kneelers Leave**

32,000 – 22,000 = 10,000 – 9,700 = 300

300 vs. 135,000 (450 to 1)



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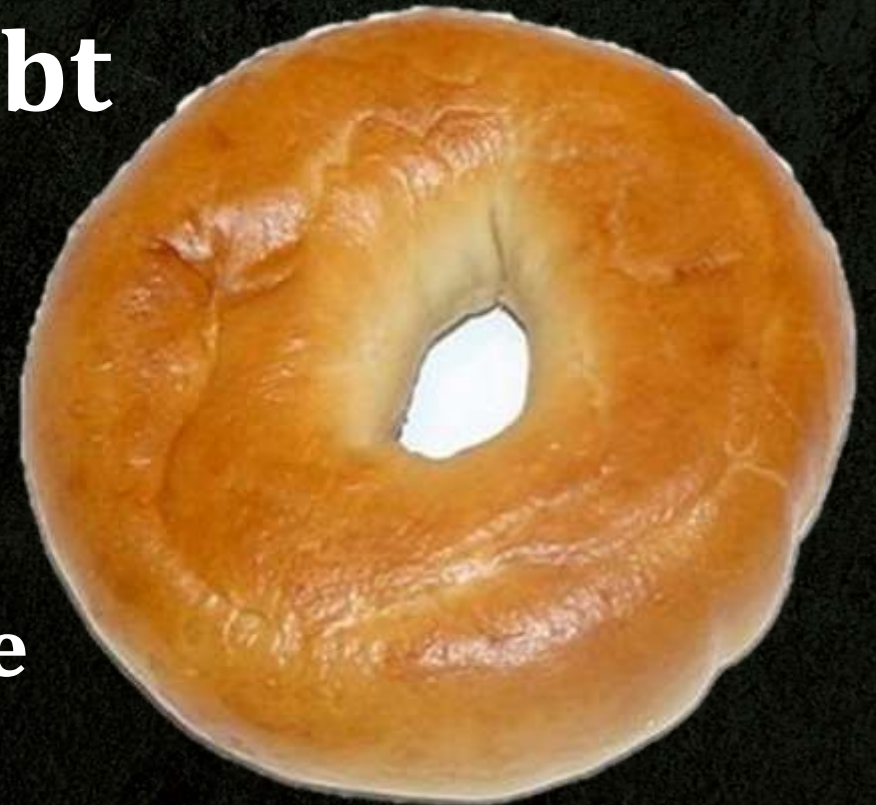
2. Assurance in God Not Doubt

Gideon Responds:

1. He Worships
2. He Plans
3. He Leads

Dependence on God = Assurance

Dependence on Ourselves = Doubt



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3. God's Glory Not Our Own

God's Goal: **His Glory**

God's Strategy: **Evil vs. Evil**

God's Victory: **Victory in Jesus**



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4. Anger Not Godly Patience

Ephraim: Flatter them

Succoth: Whip them

Penuel: Kill them

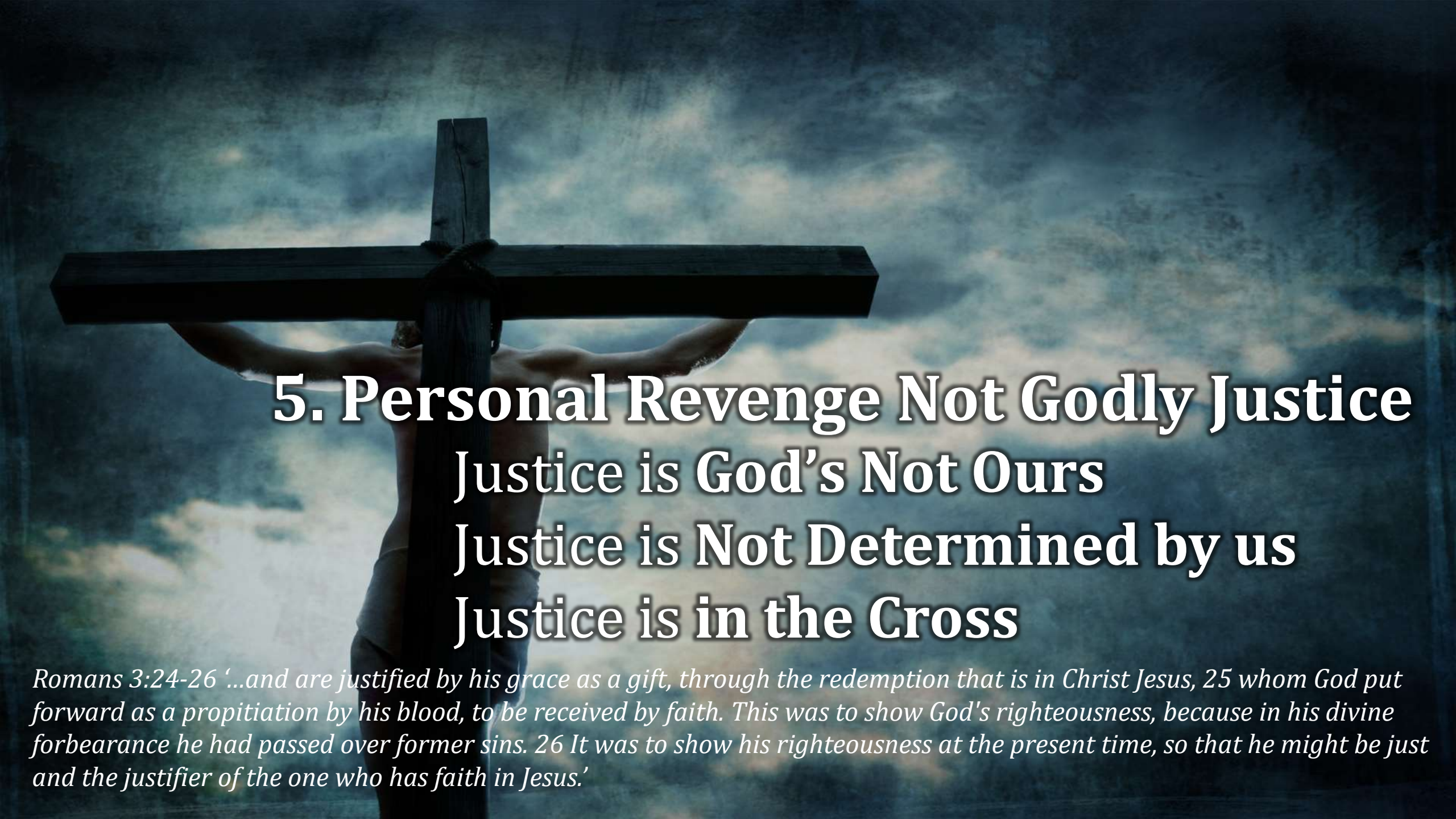
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Lessons:

Watch Out for Pride

Watch Out for Fighting like World

Watch Out for Anger



5. Personal Revenge Not Godly Justice
Justice is God's Not Ours
Justice is Not Determined by us
Justice is in the Cross

Romans 3:24-26 '...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.'

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6. Dependence on Ourselves Not God

1. He Had Wealth
2. He Had Religious Power
3. He Had Women
4. He Had Concubine
5. He Had Son Abimelech 'my father is King'
6. He Had No lasting Impact

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Application

- 1. Watch out for Pride**
- 2. Stay Dependent on God**
- 3. Jesus Uses Flawed People**