Mistakes at Gilgal

Jared Byers · Hosea 9:15

INTRODUCTION

- Just as Hosea's wife left him, and he is actually commanded to go back and find her again and purchase her back, the people of Israel left God time and again.
- We're actually going to talk about the good and the bad of Gilgal.
- This place that had so much good now has so much evil.

1 This Is Where God Got Us

Joshua 4:19–24

- The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.
- They put their faith in God. And they said, This is where God got us.
- This place was named Gilgal because this was where God took away the reproach of Egypt.
- So here we have the people yet again professing their faith in God.

2 They Failed to Seek the Counsel of God

Joshua 9:3–15

- But the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai. They on their part acted with cunning.
- So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord.
- And so we have their first stumble in this place called Gilgal. They failed to seek the counsel of God.

3 The People Rejecting God as Their King

1 Samuel 11:14–15; 1 Samuel 8:7–9

- Then Samuel said to the people, Come, let us go to Gilgal, and there renew the kingdom.
- Now this almost sounds like a good thing. I could call this a positive. But it's not.
- So we see the people now rejecting God as their king. They want a man who can lead them into battle.

4 Saul Failed the Commandment of the Lord

1 Samuel 13:8–13; 1 Samuel 15:13–15; 1 Samuel 15:32–33

- So Saul said, Bring the burnt offering here to me and the peace offerings.
- You've done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you.
- So he falls back on another good one, and he just blames the people.

- The important thing is not sacrifices, it's not burnt offerings. The important thing is obeying the voice of the Lord.

5 Seek the Counsel of God and Remember God's Place

2 Timothy 3:16–17; Colossians 1:15–20

- It's rather easy to find that we need to seek the counsel of God at all times in our lives.
- There's only one way that we are complete and equipped for every good work. And that's through the Word of God.
- We need to remember God's place at all times. And remember that God should be first in our lives.
- And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

6 Remember Our Place and Take Responsibility

Colossians 1:21–23; 2 Samuel 12:13; Luke 22:61–62

- Saul forgot his place, and we have to remember ours.
- We have to remember that it wasn't us that did anything. It was Christ.
- We have to be able to admit wrongdoing and take responsibility for our actions.
- David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. He took responsibility for his actions.

THE CHALLENGE

And so I encourage you today to do these things, to remember God's place in your life, to remember your place.

MY NOTES