

Right In Their Eyes

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Judges 19, 20, 21

Cycles of Disobedience

- Disobedience
- Disaster
- Desperate cry to God for help
- Deliverance

1. This is a cycle we've all experienced, Christian or not.

While they were enjoying themselves, some of the wicked men of the city surrounded the house. Pounding on the door, they shouted to the old man who owned the house, "Bring out the man who came to your house so we can have sex with him."

The owner of the house went outside and said to them, "No, my friends, don't be so vile. Since this man is my guest, don't do this outrageous thing.

Look, here is my virgin daughter, and his concubine. I will bring them out to you now, and you can use them and do to them whatever you wish. But as for this man, don't do such an outrageous thing."

But the men would not listen to him. So the man took his concubine and sent her outside to them

Judges 19:22-25

When he reached home, he took a knife and cut up his concubine, limb by limb, into twelve parts and sent them into all the areas of Israel. Everyone who saw it said, "Such a thing has never been seen or done, not since the day the Israelites came up out of Egypt.

Judges 19:29-30

In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

Judges 21:25

2. Everybody did what they thought was right, but collectively, it was all wrong.
3. Our culture tells us we have the freedom to do what we want, when we want, with whom we want, and nobody can tell us what to do... as long as it doesn't hurt anybody.

Problems:

- 1) This only works for those who can afford it.
- 2) This works better for some people than others.
- 3) You can't do what's right in your own eyes without eventually hurting someone.
 - You hurt you.
 - You hurt the people with you.
 - You hurt the people who care about you.
 - You hurt the people coming behind you.
4. When we begin to reap what we sow, we all look for a king to bail us out.
5. We don't want God interfering in our life, until there's no one else to turn to for help.
6. No matter how many times you've blown it, it's okay to ask God to deliver you again.

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*