

WHEN LEFTY GAVE IT TO FATTY OR A MESSAGE FROM GOD

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As we consider Judges Chapter 3 this morning I have two titles, When Lefty Gave it to Fatty or A Message from God. Regardless of the title for this morning, this story is very applicable to us. We can present this story in two different ways:

- The Christian's battle with sin, that is, our battle with the flesh and how to mortify sin in our lives.
- The picture of a sinner's judgment that rejects the gospel; that is the two-edged side of the gospel or if you wish the two effects of the gospel. Remember the gospel is an aroma or savour of life unto life or of death unto death. In other words the gospel saves and or to condemns. The gospel saves or the gospel slays, it converts or it condemns, it humbles the heart of it hardens the heart...

I will apply in with the latter in mind, that is, the judgment of God upon sinners who obey not the gospel of Christ. I have 8 things I would like to share with you.

I.	THE REST	(vs 11)
II.	THE RETURN	(vs 12)
III.	THE REIGN	(vss 13-14)
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VI.	THE RESULT	(vss 20-26)
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I don't want to take away from the literal interpretation of this story, but we want to make application of this story for us in 2010. We are reminded in the New Testament that the things written in the OT are for our admonition and learning. Judges covers the period from Joshua's death until the prophet Samuel. It is a good book to study in order to be warned of what not to do. Because Judges is a pathetic history of a nation, yea a covenant nation with great light and truth that turns from living and true God to serve idols. It is a book of complacency and compromise which led the people to awful apostasy. Judges illustrates the cyclical history of the depths of despondency to the heights of revival. This cycle consisted of four things:

- Sin: "...*the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD ...*" Judges 3:7
- Servitude: "...*the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of ...*" Judges 3:8
- Supplication: "...*the children of Israel cried unto the LORD ...*" Judges 3:9

- Salvation: "...the LORD raised up a deliverer ..." Judges 3:9

To show the depths of disobedience and deception that ought to keep our hearts in constant guard is the fact that the phrase "...Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD ..." is mentioned 7 times in the Judges. Now, how interesting that the phrase "did evil" in not found in 1 or 2 Samuel, could be because of godly man like Samuel and David over Israel.

The LORD had just delivered Israel under Othniel and blessed them with 40 years of rest. This our first point:

I. The Rest. (vs11)

"And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died." The LORD blessed them with 40 years of rest without any afflictions and or problems. Too much liberty can lead to lawlessness which can lead to bondage. They abuse the rest God gave them, they took it for granted, they became lethargic, they put down their guards, they became lazy, they begin to compromise and they finally and willfully returned back to evil. It didn't happen overnight, it was a process that finally brought them back to bondage. Look at the history in the first 11 verses. This brings to the second point:

II. The Return. (vs12)

"And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD." The oppression of bondage didn't just come out of anywhere. They have been blessed by rest and peace for 40 years and now they return to idolatry and to serve other gods. It's that word "AGAIN" that strikes the post of the heart. Sometimes we read over words that are so important. No, its not the first time, they did it again. The Moabite served a god called Chemosh which included child sacrifices. How can you revert back and accept something like that after you have been delivered? How can you go back again to that which is falseness after you have known the truth. Don't be so hard, it can happen to anyone who lets their guard down and leave from serving the Living and True God to idols or exchanging the truth for a lie. God help us to be spiritually sober and on our toes so that it will not be said of you or me, they return again to falseness, which is doing evil in the sight of God. This is what is called spiritual adultery. Just so that you or I will not miss this awful condition, I don't know if you notice it is mentioned twice in this one verse. One is good enough, two should cause us to look to our own hearts and seek to guard it. Proverbs 4:20-23, "*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*" Proverbs tells us clearly in chapter 23:23, "*Buy the truth and sell it not...*" It grieves my heart to see people who have been given truth to exchange it for a lie, God help us to have great conviction of heart and a great guarding of our hearts! Notice also the sovereignty of God is in control in the affairs of men, kings, governments and nations, "...and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel ..." It is a fearful thing when God strengthens the enemies of His people.

One person made this interesting statement, *“Behind these mysteries we can see something of the reason for the strength of false religion today.”* May God grace us not to return to that which God has delivered us from? There is much but we must press on. Our third point:

III. The Reign. (vss. 13 - 14)

“And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. 14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.” God strengthen the hand of the enemies of Israel for 18 years. Eglon sought the help of the Ammonites and Amalekites and went and smote Israel. They had 40 years of rest and blessing, but they became slothful and reverted back to idolatry and God brought them into bondage to their own enemies. As though, God said, you want to serve their gods, then, serve the people also. Very interesting group we have here going against Israel, they are very typical of backslidden Christians in our day. Moab and Ammon are brothers. They represent the worldly Christians. Moab and Ammon are children of Lot how typical that they would be enemies of Israel. Moab was son of Lot’s oldest daughter and Ammon was the son of the youngest daughter of Lot. We know the story of Sodom and Gomorrah and what happen to Lot and his daughters. Moab and Ammon represent the worldly compromising Christian. Amalek is the grandson of Esau whose legacy was nothing but evil and he never had any desire to serve or obey God. Amalek is a type of the flesh. Amazing all these 3, Moab, Ammon and Amalek went and smote Israel. A worldly Christian always gives the flesh the opportunity to attack the spiritual man. These 3 took the offense and went and smote Israel. This is also the same way that worldliness and carnality attack and assault the church and gives an awful blow to the churches spiritual life. Do not take lightly your sins before God, you might yourselves in 18 years of bondage. Eglon reign over Israel, this is type of sin reigning in lives of the lost. SIN REIGNS, it doesn’t lie low, it reigns in the hearts of all unbelievers. Turn to Romans 5 quickly: 12, 14, 17 and 21. This is the condition of the lost, sin reigns unto death. Sin makes us slaves. John 8:31-36. *“So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab ...”* Instead of serving God, they served Eglon. Again, there is much here but we must press on. When God shows us our sins, it causes us to cry unto Him. This leads to our 4th point:

IV. The Raising. (vs 15)

“But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.” My question is why did they wait 18 years to call upon the LORD, but nonetheless they did. They cried unto the LORD and the LORD heard their cry and He raised up a deliverer. If you are outside Christ this morning, Christ is your deliverer, cry out to Him this morning. God in His longsuffering and mercy raised up a deliverer to deliver them from the oppression and bondage of Moab, Ammon and Amalek.

The LORD raised up a Benjamite named Ehud. This is the second of the judges and as deliverer he is a type of Christ. The word deliverer or deliver comes from the

Hebrew root “Yasha,” which means to save. From this root word we get the name “YASHUA,” meaning Jesus saves or YAHWEH saves. But we must caution again that every type comes short of the true anti-type, who is Christ Jesus Himself. Benjamin was the youngest of the sons of Jacob and of Israel. We know that Benjamin means son of my right hand indicating great power, that is, God’s strength. Ehud means unity or united that is to be undivided. It also gives the connotation I will give thanks or I will praise. If you read this verse too fast you might miss a very interesting phrase that is very important and very significant to our story. It seems to be a play on words, because if Benjamin means son of my right hand or strength how ironic that Ehud is described as being left handed, “...*Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded ...*” In the Hebrew it basically reads, shut of his right hand, that is, Ehud was hindered, he was bound or handicapped in his right hand. Some believe he was crippled on his right side and therefore was forced to use his left hand. I believe this is mentioned because many of those in the tribe of Benjamin were ambidextrous, Judges 20:15 & 16 and 1 Chron.12:2. They could sling stones and hit the target within a hair breath. Amazing hit a target with the right or left hand within a hair breath. “*And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.*” “*They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul’s brethren of Benjamin.*” In the Septuagint the word left-handed is translated in the Greek, ambidextrous. Poor Ehud, he is from the tribe of Benjamin, which again means, strength of right hand or arm, but he is only left-handed. Wow, he is from a tribe that is ambidextrous and he not like everybody else, he cannot use his right hand as he does his left hand. In the ancient world a person who was left handed, not to cause any type of offence to anyone left-handed here this morning, was looked down at as being somewhat sub-standard and maybe even considered handicapped or disabled. It is different today. Notice the etymology for the words left-hand and right-hand, this is interesting. The word sinister which basically means wicked is a Latin word that means ‘left-handed.’ Someone with skill is said to be dexterous, which is the Latin word for ‘right-handed.’

God is going to use one who seemed to be handicapped, one who is considered disabled or basically sub-standard. As though God is saying to us, whatever your restrictions may be, I will use you if you seek to be used. Sometimes we use our inadequacies as excuses not to do the Lord’s service. I did not want to be in the ministry because I butchered the English language and sometimes I still do when I get too excited in my preaching and sound like speedy Gonzales. You know how hard it is to get in front of people and know that you can’t speak correctly. This is why I love Moses, this was one of his excuses before God, it says in Ex.4:10, “*And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.*” I just had to accept the fact that I wouldn’t be a Paul or like a Hal Brunson who masters the English language with such greatness. I was petrified the first time he asked me to speak at his church. I told brother Hal one day, “brother Hal you might master the English language and you are

a great orator, but my dear brother you do not have more passion than me when I preach.” He is one of my favorite preachers and I enjoy hearing him speak. I’m so thankful that God took this poor Latino from the west side of San Antonio and called him to the ministry. I might not pronounce words correctly and yes I still struggle at times, but you will never question my passion in preaching, for it burns to exalt my Lord and my God! As Jeremiah would say, “*Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. **But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones,** and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*” Jer.20:9. So whatever your shortcoming may be, God use you, but the question is; are you willing to be used of God?

Well, Ehud in his supposed handicapped was willing to be used of God and man did God use him powerfully. Again, it says, “...*the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded ...*” Ehud was sent by God and I know that it does not say that the Spirit God came upon him, but that does not mean that God did not use Him and sent him in the power of His Spirit. You might be thinking, Pastor Joe, why are you making such a big thing regarding the issue of Ehud regarding him being left-handed? Thanks for asking, you see in this there is a principle of weakness. God’s strength in made perfect in our weakness and thus, we are reminded that that our strength lies in His grace and not in our nature or talents. How true is this also in the application of the gospel. I Cor.1:27 - 29, “*But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.*” Some might have said, LORD, isn’t it foolish to send a left-handed man, why don’t you send someone who can use the right hand as well as the left hand. This, my dear brethren is also a good type of the gospel; please turn with me to 1 Cor.1:17-26. To some the gospel is foolishness and that’s why they do not embrace it or believe it. To some who profess to be Christians the gospel is also foolishness and this is why they replace it entertainment, drama, dancing, psychology and philosophies of men. This is why Paul so clearly and succinctly said in Col.2:8, “*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*” The all wise God knew exactly what He was doing when He sent Ehud to king Eglon and the all wise God knew what He was doing when He sent His Son from Heaven to die on the cross for sinners and that this would be the means of the gospel, of His beloved Son as the only hope for sinners regarding salvation. By Ehud a present or tribute was sent to the king and this brings us to our 5th point:

V. The Readiness. (vss 16 - 19)

“*But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. 17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man. 18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. 19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.*” Here we see the readiness of Ehud; he was willing to be used even in his supposed handicap. I love his promptness and eagerness to be used, even if he was

hindered or bound in his right hand. Israel was required to pay a tribute to king Eglon and send their gift to him by the hand of Ehud and his delegation. We see that Ehud took the liberty to of making himself a double edge dagger or small sword of about 17 to 19 inches long. This should remind us quickly of at least two things, of Christ and His Word:

- In Rev.19:15 it says, *“And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.”*
- In Heb.4:12 it says, *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* More on this in a moment.

Ehud’s supposed disability is what God was going to use to deliver Israel. The supposed defect turned out to be the tool or means God was going to use. Ehud was so ready to be used by God that he even had a covert plan to deliver Israel. He becomes part of the group or commission that sends the present or tribute to the king on a yearly basis. Ehud took the dagger and put it under his clothes, *“...and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.”* He put it under his raiment or cloak on his right thigh. We get the term “cloak and dagger” from this. His left-handedness gave him the opportunity to execute his plan. He had to gain access to the king without arousing suspicion. Remember that back then they did not have metal detectors, but because most were right handed, they checked the left side for sword and knives. Once the presents were given, Ehud sent his entire group back and made a bold move to return by himself. He was cunning and courageous. He seeks to get a private audience with the king; he knew that if he went by himself he would not be perceived as a threat. He requested a private audience with the king and the king thought he was bringing news from one of their idols, told his all his guards to go out from him. *“And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man. 18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. 19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.”* Point number 6:

VI. The Result. (vss 20 - 26)

“And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. 21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: 22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. 23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them. 24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. 25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth. 26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath.” I going to skip all the gory details of what happened, but as Ehud came into the kings summer parlor he said, “I have a message from God.” No, Ehud did not tell king Eglon, listen God loves you so very

much and he has a wonderful plan for your life...no Ehud stool bold before the king and said I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM GOD! The king stood up and Ehud completed his plan. Ehud escaped because the king's guards thought he was using the bath room, by the time they realize something was wrong, Ehud has escape to finish the deliverance. Verses 23 -26.

Now, we need to understand that God's message is always effectual, God message never returns void, Isaiah 55:11, "*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*" As you can see I want to make spiritual application to this. A few weeks ago I preached on the two effects of the gospel. The gospel saves and the gospel slays. This is a type of one of the effects, that is, the effect of someone who rejects the gospel. The message of the gospel is not sugar and spice and everything nice, it has its consequences if rejected. If received it leads to eternal life, thus, the two effects of the gospel. You think Ehud has a sharp dagger, yea, the Word of God is sharper still and penetrates deeper than the dagger of Ehud. As the dagger penetrated so deep that nothing but the refuse came out, the Word of God penetrates deeper and is so sharp that it divides asunder soul and spirit. I don't know of anything else that can do that. It also pierces deeper into the thoughts and intents of the heart. When the Word of God does this with the Power of the Holy Spirit, yes, the refuse comes out, you see, it reaches where no one else can, where nothing else can, it reaches all the way down to the depths of sin and depravity which comes out in confession of sin and real repentance. Yes, it comes out full, as it did with Eglon, his was physical and of course in salvation it is spiritual. Eglon's fatness provided an incredible aspect of resistance; this is why the dagger had to be at least a foot and a half long. We are also overlaid with great depths sin, we are fat with sin and the sword of the God with its message has to penetrate deep into the resources of the heart. The gospel saves or it slays, the gospel cut and it condemns, it humbles the heart or it harden the heart, yea, the who effects of the gospel. The gospel thunders with a message of deliverance or a message of doom. Remember, Paul tells us in Romans 1:16, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*" Greek word for power is 'dunamis' we get our English word dynamite from this. The gospel is not some fire cracker message; no it is a message full of spiritual dynamite. Talk about the two effects of the gospel; consider these two events when the gospel was presented:

- Acts 2:37, 38 & 41, "*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*" They heard the gospel and their hearts were pricked or humbled, they believed and repented and that day 3,000 were saved.

- Acts 7:51-54, “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. 54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.” These heard the gospel also and harden their hearts to it.
- Acts 17:2 – 5, “And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. 4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. 5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.” Some believed and some believed not.
- Acts 17:31 -34, “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.”

The gospel has its two effects, or two results of the gospel. God will judge all those who reject and spite His message of the gospel. Thus, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM GOD THIS MORNING:

- Except you repent you shall likewise perish.
- Except you are born again you will not enter the kingdom of God.
- Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- Except you bow the knee and confess the tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, you shall be judged worthy of death as king Eglon.

The result or effect of Ehud’s message was fatal to the ears of king Eglon, oh to God that this morning the message is a sweet odor or aroma to your soul and that your embrace the gospel by coming to God in repentance and in faith to Christ.

VII. The Rescue. (vss 27 - 29)

“And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. 28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. 29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.” Don’t you just love this; Ehud also led the charge, what a

glorious picture of our Lord Jesus Christ leading us in the battle after dying, being buried and now resurrected. Christ leads the charge upon His white horse going forth conquering and to conquer. He does this after first winning the victory over the chief enemy single handed. Now, our Lord Jesus Christ leads His band of people into the world to proclaim the glorious and good news of the GOSPEL! Don't you love verse 28 also, "*And he said unto them, Follow after me...*" Is this not the mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ? Matt.4:19, "*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" Matthew 16:24, "*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*" John 10:27, "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*" Revelation 14:4, "*These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*"

Look at verse 28 again, "*And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. **And they went down after him...***" If you name the name of Christ this morning, I pray you follow the Lord Jesus Christ in boldness and convictions seeking to carry His message to all people. In verse 29 it says "...and all men of valour..." May God grace us to be men and women of valour for the furtherance of the gospel! Again there is much here and no way to cover every aspect of application but we must conclude with point 8:

VIII. The Restoration. (vs 30)

"*So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.*" When God saves a sinner He subdues their hearts. We believe in the Lordship of Christ. When God saves a sinner whatever sin is lord of their hearts it will be dethroned! Notice the phrase in verse 26, "...and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth..." Whatever lord is in your heart, it will fall down or if you wish it will be dethrone and Jesus Christ shall be enthroned upon the throne of your heart. Remember the story of Dagon in 1 Samuel 5, the same result happens in the heart when God saves a sinner. Christ is put upon the throne of your heart. 1 Sam.5:2-4, "*When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.*" Yes, God becomes LORD of your life at salvation, He effectually subdues our hearts! We become like Paul and ask like he did in Acts 9:6, "...Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The question this morning is, what will you do with Christ? Matthew 27:22, "*Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.*" As I conclude this morning, I would like to repeat that, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM GOD THIS MORNING: **Except you** repent you shall likewise perish. **Except you** are born again you will not enter the kingdom of God. **Except you** be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Except you bow** the knee and confess the tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, you shall be judged worthy of death as king Eglon. Come to Christ this morning in repentance and faith. Let's pray.