

Destruction and Blessing 2 Chr. 7:13-14

Introduction.

- A. Two alarming articles.
 - 1. John J. Dunphy.
 - 2. Equality Act.
- B. A principle is laid down in 2 Chr. 7:13-14.
 - 1. Forsaking God leads to destruction.
 - 2. Obedience to God leads to blessing.

I. The book of Judges.

- A. A constant cycle.
 - 1. Sin.
 - 2. Judgement.
 - 3. Repentance.
 - 4. Deliverance.
- B. The absence of a standard (17:6; 21:25).
 - 1. They had the Law and Joshua.
 - 2. As soon as they were comfortable, they abandoned the Law.
- C. Select passages from Judges.
 - 1. 2: 10 - 19.
 - 2. 3: 7-9.
 - 3. 3: 12-15a.
 - 4. 4:1-3.
 - 5. 6: 1-10.
 - 6. 10: 6-16.
 - 7. 13:1.

II. The life of David.

- A. Adultery and murder (2 Sam. 11).
- B. Judgement (12: 9-12).
 - 1. Death of the child (12:14ff.).
 - 2. Rape of Tamar and murder of Amnon (13).
 - 3. Absalom's revolt (20).
- C. Numbering the fighting men (24:1-9).
- D. Judgement (24: 10-17).
- E. All this on one who was devoted to the LORD (2 Chr. 11:4).

III. The history of Israel.

- A. Summary of northern kingdom (2 Ki. 17:7-20).
- B. Summary of southern kingdom (2 Chr. 36: 15-21).

IV. Does this apply to today?

- A. America (and the Western world generally) is forsaking God.
- B. God has not changed.
- C. Need for personal holiness.
- D. Need for national cleansing (2 Chr. 7:14).