

Blood, sex, and violence
Judges 19
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Introduction

When a society turns its back on God...

God is dismissed. (v.1; 21:25)

What happens to a society when God is dismissed?

1. Spiritual hypocrisy (v.1)
2. Sex is for personal gratification (v.1-2)
3. Worship is obligatory and selfish (v.18)
4. Mixed-up priorities (v.22-24)
5. Sexual perversion (v.25-27)
6. Disregard for life (v.28)
7. Unspeakable violence (29-30)

God's response to such a society: Romans 1:24

- God loses patience but not grace.

Christ calls us to a different life in the midst of such a society.

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Internal transformation
Sex as covenant gift
Worship God's greatness
Clear priorities
Purity
Cherish life
Love unconditionally

The problem with grayness:

- It is dangerous.
- Tendency: judge world rather than assess self
- Choosing grayness vs. stumbling into it

Application:

1. Make decisions
2. Set boundaries
3. Keep commitments
4. Monitor time
5. Pray for affections