

Why study the book of Judges? It shares with us a picture of our human condition and it shares with us a picture of God's faithfulness.

Why does Jephthah make this vow? Because he does not trust God to act on his behalf unless he can somehow earn God's favor.

Jephthah's sacrifice was not only completely unnecessary but completely counter to the revealed will and character of God.

Three common errors we make:

1) thinking that God is our servant; that God's job is to make us successful and to get us what we want.

2) thinking that we can walk with God without being in relationship with God's Word and God's Spirit.

3) placing our pride ahead of God's grace.