

Sins of the Fathers; Sins of the Sons

Takeaway Truth

*We try to set ourselves up as kings;
yet we must place our faith in the one, true King: Jesus Christ.*

Text Walkthrough

Judges 8:22-33 (NIV)

22 The Israelites said to Gideon, “Rule over us—you, your son and your grandson—because you have saved us from the hand of Midian.” **23** But Gideon told them, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The Lord will rule over you.” **24** And he said, “I do have one request, that each of you give me an earring from your share of the plunder.” (It was the custom of the Ishmaelites to wear gold earrings.)

25 They answered, “We’ll be glad to give them.” So they spread out a garment, and each of them threw a ring from his plunder onto it. **26** The weight of the gold rings he asked for came to seventeen hundred shekels, not counting the ornaments, the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian or the chains that were on their camels’ necks. **27** Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family.

28 Thus Midian was subdued before the Israelites and did not raise its head again. During Gideon’s lifetime, the land had peace forty years. **29** Jerub-Baal son of Joash went back home to live. **30** He had seventy sons of his own, for he had many wives. **31** His concubine, who lived in Shechem, also bore him a son, whom he named Abimelek. **32** Gideon son of Joash died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. **33** No sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again prostituted themselves to the Baals.

1. Sins of the Fathers (Judges 8:1-35)

- A. Listen to the _____ of the Lord
- B. Be _____ against the danger of success
- C. Pursue the _____ of the Lord’s name, not your name

2. Sins of the Sons (Judges 9:1-57)

- A. Call to be a good _____
- B. God’s justice is _____

3. Look to the Faithful Father and Son

Answers: Voice, Guarded, Glory, Father, Coming