

“Jephthah, an Unlikely Leader” **Judges 10:17-11:33**

1. At the end of last week’s passage, the Israelites demonstrated genuine repentance by confessing their sins, putting away their foreign gods, and serving the Lord.

We then read in Judges 10:17 that Ammonites set up camp in Gilead and what do the people of Gilead say to one another in verse 18?

2. In verse 1 of chapter 11, we meet the ninth judge of Israel: Jephthah. What 3-4 things do we learn about him in verses 1 and 2?

3. What happens to Jephthah after he flees from his brothers? (vs. 3)

What causes the elders of Gilead to ask Jephthah to return? (vss. 5-11)

4. What question does Jephthah send messengers to ask the king of Ammon? (v. 12)

5. What reply do the messengers return with? (v. 13)

6. Jephthah sends messengers once again and this time with a history lesson (vss. 15-27) on how Israel came to possess the land of the Amorites after the Exodus. His argument is: the Lord had given this land to Israel. What does the king of Ammon do with the message? (v. 28)

7. What does the Lord place upon Jephthah in order to achieve victory?

8. What’s the result of Jephthah’s conflict with the sons of Ammon?

9. The presence of the Holy Spirit with Old Testament leaders was primarily for the purpose of accomplishing a service for God. What purpose does the abiding presence of Spirit have in our lives today as believers in Christ?