

Live Under God, Not Over God

Judges 10:6–12:15

[God's Displeasure; Human Installation of Ruler; Jephthah's Vow & Violence]

Sunday, February 8, 2026 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

I. MANIPULATION OF GOD

- A. Evildoing of Israel, suspect repentance, consequence (10:6–18)
- B. Unilateral installation of leader; Yahweh not involved (11:1–11)
- C. Jephthah's egoistic battle to force God's involvement (11:12–28)
- D. Jephthah's vow & the **manipulation** of God (11:30–31)

II. DISASTROUS LOSS & CANAANIZATION

- A. Spirit of God, troop mustering & victory (11:29, 32–33)
- B. Jephthah's lack of sympathy & his sacrifice (11:34–40)
- C. Jephthah's vicious and pagan acts of violence (12:1–6)
- D. Jephthah: a **tragic** figure in the midst of prolific judges (12:7–15)

III. LIVE UNDER GOD, NOT OVER GOD!

- A. Specifics on how we can submit to God, rather than try to manipulate Him.

PASSAGE STRUCTURE

EPISODE	DIALOGUE
1	Yahweh & Israel (10:6–16) Israel (10:10, 15); Yahweh (10:11–14)
2	Gilead & Jephthah (10:7–11:11) Gilead (10:18, 11:6–10); Jephthah (11:7, 9)
3	Jephthah & Ammon (11:12–28) Jephthah (11:12, 15–27); Ammon (11:13)
4	Jephthah & daughter (11:29–40) Jephthah (11:35, 38); daughter (11:36–37)
5	Ephraim & Jephthah (12:1–6) Ephraim (12:1, 4–6); Jephthah (12:2–3, 5–6)

SERMON NOTES



NEXT WEEK:
Control Your Passions
Judges 13:1–14:20