

Relinquish Ungodliness & Avoid Retribution

Judges 8:33–10:5

[Abimelech's Appointment, Ungodliness, and Retribution]

Sunday, February 01, 2026 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

I. PROBLEM: ABIMELECH'S ROTTENNESS

- A. Yahweh's absence from the story & absence of an external enemy
- B. Evil doing of the Israelites (8:33–35)
- C. Human appointment of Abimelech as ruler (9:1–4)
- D. Abimelech's cruelty and his **thirst** for power (9:5–6, 25–49)

II. CONSEQUENCES: GOD'S RETRIBUTION

- A. Abimelech's **condemnation** in Jotham's parable (9:7–21)
- B. Appropriate divine **retribution** for evildoing (9:22–24, 50–57)

III. APPLICATION: RELINQUISH UNGODLINESS & AVOID DIVINE RETRIBUTION!

- A. How can we relinquish ungodliness in our lives thereby avoiding retribution for God?

SERMON NOTES

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NEXT WEEK:

Live Under God, Not Over God

Judges 10:6–12:15



THEOLOGICAL FOCUS: THE ILLICIT THIRST FOR POWER, DESTRUCTIVE IN ITS RAMIFICATIONS, BRINGS ABOUT FITTING DIVINE RETRIBUTION.