

SERIES: JUDGES
TEXT: Judges 9: 22-57
DATE: May 12, 2019

People of importance in this text:

Abimelech (Son of Gideon by way of his concubine). Current "ruler" over Shechem/Israel.

Jotham (Half-brother of Abimelech) Only remaining sibling after Abimelech and his henchman slaughtered the other 70 brothers. Pronounces a curse on Abimelech and Shechem.

Gaal - Stranger to Shechem, didn't fall under the curse pronounced by Jotham, has a big mouth and a big ego.

Zebul - Under Abimelech's command, current leader of Shechem as Abimelech chooses not to live there.

What are some curses from Scripture that still have application today?

What temptations to unholy alliances has God given you the grace to avoid?

Where do you tend to give yourself a pass as if God's warnings or His universal Harvest Law (reap what you sow) does not apply to you.

Warren Wiersbe: Indeed, the fire did "come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon" (v. 15). The phrase "cedars of Lebanon" represents the leading citizens of the city, who had supported Abimelech's rule (v. 20).
