

Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied
2 Samuel 21:1-14
May 16, 2021

I. The Genocide Against Gibeon (2 Samuel 21:1-14)

- A. Sin is everyone's _____.
- B. Ignorance is everyone's _____.
- C. Jesus is everyone's _____ (Romans 3:21-26).

II. Interview with Michelle Clements

- A. What are some things that stand out to you about 2 Samuel 21:1-14?
- B. How did you become a Christian?
- C. How did you get involved with Arizona Baptist Children's Services?
- D. What are some things about New Life Pregnancy Centers that you are really excited about?
- E. How is New Life helping mothers as well as their babies?
- F. What are some great testimonies of God's work you have seen in this ministry?

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 21:1-14.
2. How can God hold all of Israel accountable for an atrocity their king committed against a minority group? How is that every Israelite's fault?
3. Why did David personally go to the Gibeonites to seek reconciliation even though the offense happened long ago under an entirely different regime?
4. What does this passage tell us about our need for Christ, given our atrocity against His name and original purpose for us?
5. What are some of your takeaways from Pastor Gary's conversation with Michelle Clements?
6. What are some ways Christians can pursue God's justice while living by God's mercy?
7. Pray for each other, that you would all pursue justice and mercy in the world. Consider attending tonight's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 8 pm (time difference because of the 6 pm Planning Meeting)! Also, consider signing up for the Apollo Volunteer Day at New Life Pregnancy Center by emailing sylviamiller@apollobaptist.org.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Ephesians 1-2

May Memory Verses: Ephesians 3:8-10

1 John 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for the new believers in our church.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety or employment issues because of COVID
 - Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. (process of returning to Thailand by the end of May)
 - Jules Spencer (permission to go to Thailand)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus.
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
 - Raul O. (mother, Josie), Zelma W. (father), Family of Ella Rae T., Don R. (wife, Brenda), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal)
- Those struggling with on-going health and emotional issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Mary R. (possible dialysis), Don R. (sciatica pain), Harry and Pam D. (Harry's health and Pam's ongoing care-giving needs), Phyllis W. (in assisted living facility), Korrena C. (home but still receiving therapy), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Linda C. (anxiety over Greg's recent heart issues), Floyd and Pat W. (mobility issues and dementia), Mimi M. (spiking temperature and blood count issues)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair), Ann W. (gallbladder removal)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Greg C. (stent in his heart), Yvonne P. (successful knee-replacement surgery), Dave C. (shoulder surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Julia B., Reginald G.
- Others that you are aware of