

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

January 10, 2022 The Gibeonites Avenged - [2 Samuel 21:1-22](#)

Open It

1. In your opinion how much does a leader or governor need to know about the history of the people he or she leads or governs?
2. In what ways do you feel the effects of the way your parents lived?
3. What characteristics make a person an honorable man or woman?

Explore It

4. Why was Israel suffering famine during David's reign? ([21:1](#))
5. How had the Gibeonites been wronged by Israel under Saul? ([21:2](#))
6. What bargain did David propose to strike with the Gibeonites in exchange for their blessing on Israel? ([21:3-4](#))
7. What price did the Gibeonites request to settle Israel's wrongs against them? ([21:5-6](#))
8. What oath did David have to take into consideration in meeting the Gibeonites' demands? ([21:7-9](#))
9. How did the mother of two of the slain Israelites demonstrate her devotion and grief for the dead? ([21:10](#))
10. What gesture of respect did David make toward Saul's family in response to Rizpah's devotion? ([21:11-14](#))
11. How did God respond to David's gestures to right old wrongs? ([21:14](#))
12. What happened to David the next time he went out with his troops to fight the Philistines? ([21:15-16](#))
13. What new policy was established after Abishai rescued David from mortal danger? ([21:17](#))
14. How did Israel fare against the giant Philistine warriors, descendants of Rapha? ([21:18-22](#))

Get It

15. Based on the case of the Gibeonites, how seriously does God take our oaths, even those made to unbelievers?
16. How do unresolved sins come back to haunt us or successive generations?
17. As David got older, why was it more important to preserve his life than to have his leadership at the battlefield?
18. What delicate balance did David have to maintain as he made judgments on behalf of the nation?
19. How were Rizpah's actions more effective than if she had made a verbal plea to the king?
20. Why is it unwise for a government to completely satisfy one party at the expense of another?
21. In what sense are respect for the dead and justice for the living both ways of removing shame?

Apply It

22. What unresolved conflict should you address today in order to prosper spiritually in the future?
23. What gesture of respect could help heal a damaged relationship?