

**Jug 10-13**

1. Future blessings are not determined by long periods of peace and prosperity in the past – or a stockpile of potential leaders in the present, but whether we will continue to be obedient to God (10:1-7, 12:7-13:1).
2. Not being severe in our treatment of those who blaspheme God will mean severe treatment from God (i.e. God takes separation from blasphemers seriously) (10:6-7 w/Eze 20:27-28; blasphemer = Someone who curses God; e.g. apostate people, false Christians, false gods; Hence 2Jo 1:9-11; Lev 24:16).
3. God uses time as a means of punishment (10:6-8 w/3:8, 14, 4:3, 6:1, 9:22; Jer 25:11; Eze 29:13; 1Co 5:5 [1Ti 1:19-20] w/2Co 2:6-8).
4. God uses the oppression of others as a means of punishment (10:7-8).
5. God refuses to keep delivering people from their problems when they refuse to learn from their past (10:9-13).
6. God is affected by the suffering of His people (10:16 – “He became impatient” = Literally, His soul was shortened/vexed to death/suffering in their suffering; Jug 16:16).
7. God responds (mercifully) to ownership (10:15-16 w/2:18; 2Chr 7:13-16).
8. God has been known to make the outcast the leader/deliverer/savior of His people (10:17-11:11; e.g. Moses and Jesus – Heb 11:24-26, 13:11-13).
9. God has been known to transfer the blessings of those people who unrighteously attack His people to His people (11:12-28, 27).
10. Right interpretation requires righteous thinking (11:29-40 = Jephthah set apart his daughter to serving God which meant remaining celibate for the rest of her life [v39; e.g. Samuel – 1Sa 1:11 w/21-22 = Samuel was Hannah’s burnt offering to the Lord] VERSUS Jephthah committed the abomination of sacrificing his daughter to God [God w/ no different than Molech if He allowed it – Lev 18:21, 20:1-4; Jer 32:35; Why would God allow such a sacrifice w/Jephthah’s daughter but not Isaac?]; “burnt offering” = Offering signifying complete devotion to God or commitment to God’s plan - Lev 1:1-17; 13:15-20 . Hence the reason it was completely burned up versus only a portion being consumed by the flames and the other by the worshipper or priest. Humans – like unclean animals could not be a literal burnt offering and so needed to be ransomed/replaced w/the appropriate animal – Exo 30:12-15 w/Num 31:50; \* This principle [right interpretation requires righteous thinking] applies also to Gideon in 6:36-40 = If God let Gideon test him and get away w/it, then God is unrighteous/possesses a double standard – i.e. He is capricious in justice).
11. It is God’s will that His people root out and destroy all those in the covenant community who constantly take offense, find wrong, want to fight or make trouble for God’s appointed or anointed leaders (12:1-6 w/8:1-3; Rom 16:17-18; Tit 1:10-16, 3:9-11).
12. Unpopular women who love God often end up being the mothers of God’s most popular people (13:2-5, 24-25 – Manoah’s wife w/Samson; 1Sa 2:21 - Hannah w/Samuel; Luk 1:13-17 - Elizabeth w/John; Luk 1:26-48 - Mary w/Jesus).
13. It is the job of covenant parents to: 1) determine the “mission” assigned to every one of their covenant children (13:12), 2) do everything they can to support the “manner of life” that will ensure he/she accomplishes that mission (13:1-14), 3) be fully committed to God’s plan/agenda for their children (versus their own) (13:15-20).
14. Sometimes women must help their husbands be rational thinkers versus thinking according to their feelings (13:21-23).