

## Responsibilities

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### Introduction

1. Judges 9:7-21
2. We need to understand the Old Testament to better understand the New Testament. Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 5:7
3. The time of our text is the Judges, when Israel was oscillating from other gods to the true and living God.
4. Every man was doing what was right in his own eyes Judges 17:6; 21:25
5. One of the problems in this text is a lack of leadership which may extend to a lack of accepting responsibility.
6. We can learn many things from our text and here are a few that I would like to point out.

### II Discussion

1. Listen to others verse 7
  1. If we do not have the right leadership our prayers can be hindered John 9:31; 1 Peter 3:7
  2. We must listen to the right source John 10:10; 12:48; 14:6
  3. We need to listen to the truth John 1:17; 17:17; Proverbs 28:9
2. Letting those not qualified serve as leaders verses 9, 11, 13
  1. There is no need to set aside God's way John 6:68; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 20:30-31
  2. They offered the government to the wrong people 1 Timothy 3:6
  3. They made excuses for not doing verse 9, 11, 13
  4. Excuses by Moses was not accepted Exodus 3
  5. Excuses offered Luke 14:18
  6. None of those who offered excuses received the blessings of the Lord!
  7. They did not want to go forward. They wanted to keep on doing what they had been doing, No change Matthew 25:24-30
3. We can trust in the wrong thing, they started trusting in the bramble
  1. Men offer the wrong things John 10:10; 1 Corinthians 1:12-13; Romans 16:17-18
  2. We need to trust in the Lord, truth Proverbs 3:5
  3. Only truth can give us heaven John 17:17; 14:6; Matthew 7:13-14

### III Conclusion

1. The time is now for us to come face to face with our responsibilities
2. Putting this off will not help us now or in the long run!
3. If we seek after truth we will find it and we can enjoy the blessings that are therein.
4. Are we making excuses and not receiving the blessings that God has in store for us?

Sources: sermon preached 1998