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LESSON 25: Abimelech, the son of Gideon's concubine, intends to make himself the King of Israel. He has the support of this mother's family and the leaders of Shechem. We continue today in Judges 9.

Genesis 2:24, 29:15-35, 30:1-24, 37

Leviticus 18:18

Deuteronomy 21:15-17, 23:21-27, 27:16

Joshua 8:30-35

Judges 3, 4:4, 6:12, 8:22-23, 29-32, 9:1-7

2 Samuel 3:2-5, 13

1 Kings 1

2 Kings 17:15

Proverbs 19:5,9,28-29, 22:8, 24:1,8,19-25, 26:23-28, 27:4, 29:22, 30:11-14

Malachi 2:13-16

Matthew 12:46-50, 18:21-35, 19:3-8

John 8:44

Romans 5:1-11, 8

1 Corinthians 7:39

Galatians 6:7

Hebrews 12:15

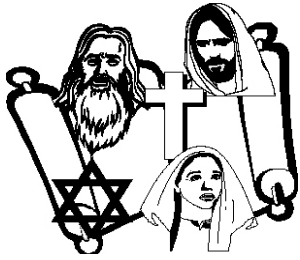
James 4:6-10

1 John 1:9

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APPLICATIONS FROM LESSON 25

REOPENING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD IN REGARDS TO MARRIAGE

1. If you have divorced a spouse confess this as a sin against God. God always blesses a repentant spirit. (1 John 1:9)
2. Ask forgiveness to those devastated by your actions. This will prevent bitterness from taking root in them causing ongoing problems. (James 4:6,10)
3. Never encourage anyone to divorce their spouse. (Malachi 2:16)
4. Understand that every marriage is a lifelong commitment and teach your children this truth. (1 Corinthians 7:39).
5. Following these steps will begin the process of restoring the years the locust has eaten (Joel 2:25).

CHOOSE GOD'S GRACE INSTEAD OF BITTERNESS

You choose God's grace:

1. By understanding who you are in Christ (Matthew 12:46-50)
2. By mediating upon God's unconditional love for you. (Romans 8:38-39) (Romans 5:8)
3. By choosing to forgive because God has forgiven you. (Romans 8:1)

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