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Msg #1115 God's Promise

What the Bible Says, Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Dear Editors and friends, Please freely print this weeks Penny Pulpit Column in your papers, bulletins, emails, bloggs and twitters . Thank you for this consideration. Pastor Ed Rice, Good Samaritan Baptist Church, Dresden NY 14441 These Baptist Penny Pulpits are an asset to many Missionaries and young Christians, Please Use the FORWARD below. Msg #1115 God's Promise What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice In leadership schools of military or industry we are taught that "Everything rises and falls on leadership", but in God's Hall of Fame of Faith, in Hebrews 11, we are taught that "Everything rises and falls on Lordship." Jephtha, the fourth and final judge in that hall of fame "was a mighty man of valour" (Judges11:1), an outcast of the family, recalled by the elders of Gilead in order to fight off the Children of Ammon who were oppressing Israel. God surely gave the Promised Land to Israel, his chosen people, but "Democracy Now" of NPR funded by our own Government, calls Israel dwelling in their own Promised Land an 'occupation'! President Obama, in Egypt, called Israel the occupiers in a Palestinian Occupation. When the Children of Ammon called them occupiers thirty two hundred years earlier,. Jephtha was filled with the Spirit of God and took up arms to drive the Ammonites out of God's land. For his faith, he is given mention in Hebrews 11, but for his foolishness in making a vow unto the Lord he is remembered throughout history. When God fills us with His Spirit to accomplish great things for Him, as he does every born again believer, never get the idea that purposing harder in the flesh or vowing for greater and grander things is going to improve your performance. God's point throughout judges is what He told Zerubbable, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." Jesus gives instruction "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; ...But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay." Never forget Jephtha's stupid vow; never make one of your own. He said to live for Him "by my Spirit, saith the LORD." An Essay for week #15 Sun, Apr 17, 11 Posted at <http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com> In paper back at <http://stores.lulu.com/GSBaptistChurch>

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