

LESSON 14

JEPHTHAH

(The who opens)

Portion: Judges 11: 1-12:7

Memory verse: 1 Cor.1:27-29. :- 27. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28. and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29. that no flesh should glory in His presence.

Central verse: "For who ever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk.14:11)

Objective: God will elect the most wretched man in the eyes of the world for his ministry. Jesus came to this world to deliver the sinners and to set them among His princes. We should be thankful for the mercies of God in our life and offer our best things for his service.

Introduction:

Jephthah rises to Israel's leadership (Jud. 12: 1-11)

Jephthah's talk to the king of Ammonites (11: 12-17)

Jephthah wages war, and his vow (11:29-32)

Jephthah fulfils the vow (11: 34- 40)

Ephraimites who opposed Jephthah are Slain (12:1-6)

Jephthah's end (12:7)

Questions:

1. Write the meanings : Mizpah, Jephthah, Tob, Shibboleth.
2. Why did the brothers drive out Jephthah from their house?
3. How was Jephthah lifted up to the leadership of Israel?
4. What was the reason behind Jephthah's victory?
5. Write a short note on the battle that Jephthah had against the Ammonites?
6. Why did Ephraimites oppose Jephthah? What was the reason?