

“Fat Enemies, Abounding Grace”

Judges 3:12-30

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I. Elgon, Ehud, Daggers, and Dung

- A. Israel’s idolatry had once again resulted in their oppression – this time by fat King Eglon.
- B. God raised up Ehud whose left-handedness (disability?) gave him the appearance of weakness.
- C. Ehud’s appearance allowed him to get close enough to gut the rotund Eglon with his concealed dagger.
- D. Eglon died a humiliating death in his own filth, inspiring Israel to share in full victory over the Moabites.

II. Reflections

- A. It’s nothing but God’s grace that motivates Him to rescue His wayward people so soundly and dramatically.

Romans 5:20–21 - ²⁰ The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- B. Jesus delivered us while appearing to be profoundly weak and soundly defeated.
- C. Yet in His surprising triumph, Jesus has humiliated our greatest enemies.

1 Corinthians 15:55 - O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

Colossians 2:15 - And having disarmed the spiritual powers and authorities, he [God] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- D. Even we will one day share in the fullness of His victory.

Romans 16:20a - The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

1 Corinthians 6:3 - Do you not know that we will judge angels?