## The Spirit of Rizpah

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**II Samuel 21:9-10** And <u>he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites</u>, and <u>they hanged them in</u> <u>the hill</u> before the LORD: and they <u>fell all seven together</u> and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest. **V10** <u>And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took</u> <u>sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock</u>, from the <u>beginning of harvest until water dropped upon</u> <u>them out of heaven</u> and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

- "I don't know about you! but I desire to have a Spirit of King David, and a spirit of Rizpah! I do not want to stand, in the way of sinners. I said... I don't want to stand in the way of sinners. Souls are important.
- "I believe there are people in this building today that are only a few steps from God and what he wants for them and for a miracle ministry. (I believe there are men and women that are here that are a few prayers away from a new dimension in the Holy Ghost that will be the ultimate expression and dream that you have desired.)
- "How many of you really believe that you are not far from it today? (Look at somebody and say to them, that you are closer to what you want from God than you think!)
- I would like to bring to you from the book of 2 Samuel a spiritual brief overview and an observation of what was happening in the time of this scriptural setting.
- "First of all, I would like you to understand that it greatly parallels the hour we all are living in.
   The bible says It was the days of harvest! How many here believe the harvest is here and nodding white? "How many believe we are living in a harvest of end time revival?
   "But we can all get an inadequate perception of what revival looks like!
   And it can cause us to miss a significant visitation of God.
- "Consistent revival is not always high octane; Revival is not a sudden, earth-shaking, high profile thing all the time!
- "But it is based on perseverance, and a spirit in the things that matter.
- "Revival is happening in places you may not hear about right now!
- And then the bible says...V1 It was a time of famine "Church I've never seen a time like our time. A time of great opportunity so full of the things of God. and yet a time so full of the things of this world and the devil!
- "I have never seen so many changes and things that are taking place and causing us to lose our kids and families so much. "I am feeling that there is a lack of concern due to some spirits that have snuck in!
- "I've seen many receive the Holy Ghost, begin and start out right living for God! And then poof! They're gone? (So many <u>delivered into the hands of the Gibeonites</u>, and then strung out upon a pole, left to rot.)
- "Recently people I have known have fallen by the wayside. I have seen many changes and return to their old ways...they have refused to stand and persevere.
- "But brothers and sisters, we need a spirit of Rizpah to stand firm until the king comes!
- "We need a spirit of Rizpah! "Because It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."
- And just like Rizpah proved in 2 Samuel (When she refused to quit!) your determination will get the attention of the king. (You may be fighting to save your dreams, fighting to save your ministry, fighting to defeat sickness or fighting to protect your family like Rizpah.) (But keep

persevering and pursuing and grab a hold of a determination that says....

"None of these things are going to move me away from Gods promises. (Even when there's no fight left in me; I won't let go!)

- "Israel experienced a famine for three entire years, without relief!
- "But Rizpah made up her mind and stayed and fought there <u>until the rain began to fall upon the</u> <u>ground again</u>.
- "How many of you of you want heaven to come down in your life? (Just Keep fighting and beating off the Spirits by day and by night!) (God's fixing to bring the rain again.) (God's about to stop the famine.)
- <u>Come on Rizpah!</u> Your determination and spirit will get the attention of the king! "Because the prerequisite <u>of any victory and successes in the kingdom of God</u>, Has got to come from the results of somebody that will challenge and knows how to bare a spirt and a burden and win a solid victory!
- "End time revival must not be relegated to the virgin soil where the gospel has never been preached!
- God is trying to move us and place us into a place where we can have a revival that we <u>cannot imagine!</u> "Because when God gets the church where he wants us! <u>The victory is a</u> <u>cinch</u>!
- The bible says in V8. <u>Rizpah had borne two son's</u> Armoni, and Mephbosheth! She knew what was like to bare children!
   But
- Michal!....<u>The wife of King David</u>, and <u>the daughter of the first king of Israel King Saul</u>.... The scriptures said, "She <u>was barren unto the day of her death</u>!" **2 Samuel 6:23**
- **Michal!....**<u>Who's name even meant "**Who is like Jehovah?**"</u> Bore no children! "And if you couldn't bare any children in the bible days you were made fun of and looked upon with distain.
- "Because in the old testament you were looked upon as in a reproach!
- "Hey!... <u>If Hannah viewed not barring a child as an affliction!</u> Bareness disturbed Hannah! Bareness disturbed Rebekah! Bareness disturbed Jesus! And bareness should disturb the church! (Barren altars ought to get us upset!) (Barren prayer rooms ought to get us upset!) (Barren baptistry's ought to make us want to check ourselves!) (Barren pews ought to make us upset!)
- Come on! If you are Michal and you're a king's kid!
- "I want to tell you this morning! You are more than just a pew warmer!
- "God wants us all to bare new children!
- "I want to tell you this morning that new converts are the lifeline of the church.
- "They are the answer to lifeless and unenthusiastic services! It is the answer to shutting the mouths of gossip, fault finding, and criticism and uninvolved lazy Gospel critics! Those who just sit there and say they have heard the best, and they have heard the most! "And you can't move them with nothing!
- "But a new convert all they have to hear is "Jesus is God!" All they have to do is hear Acts 2:38 and wow! Here comes a Rizpah! "Let's shout awhile!
- Come on now! **Rizpah** Name means "<u>A hot, or baked stone, or hot coal!</u>" "We are not going to win anybody with dead saints!
- "We need a spirit of Rizpah that is Hot on fire! Hot coals, white and ready for apostolic revival!
   Jesus said Pray ye therefore that the Lord of harvest would send forth labours into his harvest and into his field.
   "We must produce sons and daughters that think like we do.
- And they must be led by the Holy Ghost!

- "We need <u>a spirit of Rizpah</u> that will fight for <u>the rich</u>, fight for <u>the poor</u>, fight for the <u>white folks</u>, and fight for the <u>black folks</u>, fight for the <u>Spanish folks</u>, <u>Lets bare a spirit and a burden to win</u> <u>everyone we can to this wonderful truth</u>! **God wants somebody to have a Rizpah revival**.
- "We must produce sons and daughters that think like we think, that believe like we believe, and that dream like we dream!
- <u>"We must fight off the spirits</u> of the enemy or our generation will not know the consistent continuity of apostolic ministry. "So, when the devil says...<u>Give us seven sons</u>, and daughters! <u>The spirit of Rizpah</u> will rise to the challenge and say no! No! No! No! this is my future, and this is my past. And I'm going to fight for them! <u>God give us all a Rizpah revival!</u>
- "I can sense in this service an intensity, an anxiousness, and an eagerness and desperation. Where you feel that something has got to happen! (We can't go on without him <u>giving us his</u> <u>direction</u>! <u>Our church is depending on us!</u> and <u>our world is depending on us!</u> and most of all <u>Our God is depending on us!</u>) (<u>And I feel God wants to give us all a Spirit of Rizpah!</u>)
- I confess I've never preached quite like this in my life!
- "Let me expose Satan here this morning! Let me tell you how he does things and show you how he gets into the church and how he begins to cut and slice it up and hang us out to die!
   "Let me show you how that sorry Gibeon spirit rat face does things in people's lives.
   "Because the Gibeonites are after us!
- "He comes and cuts our lives into little bitty pieces ..and then he blinds us into believing that even though you have lost a little bit here and a little there! "That there's no worries and everything is still ok! Your still alive and kicking! But he likes to slice us in all different areas of our life.
- Because he has got a Motus operando too! <u>He makes us believe that even though you</u> <u>have been cut here and cut there</u>. "There is no worries because you still are living and coming to church and you can still make it.
- "But then after a while he starts isolating another area of your life!... and then another little area of your life! And before long <u>church is not that important anymore</u>! And <u>bible study is not my</u> top priority anymore. And <u>prayer</u>, and fasting ect...
- "And before long <u>the spirit of the Gibeonites has snuck in</u> and has only one purpose in their minds and that is to hang every one of us out to dry! The bible says <u>they hung all seven of</u> <u>them</u>!
- "But that wasn't the end of it. I'm going to come back to the end in a moment.
- So Rizpah, I'm talking to you this morning
- "Hey, You Gibeonites...<u>what do you want</u>?
- "They said we don't your money or your gold just ...Give us seven of your sons....
- Okay, ...here's five from a Michel... two from Rizpah. You can have them....
- "They Killed them boys, stretched them out... and let the sun bloat their bodies... (<u>That's how</u> <u>the devil works</u>!)
- "She followed the guards to the mountain. filling her mind with every last memory of their faces!
- "Michel cried for a day or two...then she just forgot about it...
   But not the spirit of Rizpah! (Brothers and sisters, <u>I have to get ahold of God!</u>) (<u>I was designed to bring forth children...</u>) (I was designed to bare a burden!)
- They took those boys up to the top of the mountain.... and a little old woman followed them up there.

- "When they took the old wagon and they dumped it over...straightened it back up. It was the intent of the Gibeonites to have these sons of Saul ripped apart by the vultures and wild beasts.
- "There was that whole pile of bones, skin... That little old woman got her some sack cloth... "Got out there on a stone...staring at their lifeless bodies on a rocky hillside.
- The feeling in her system was.....(Ohhhhhhhh...God! Ohhhhhhh....God! Not my babies! Not my son's! Not my daughters! They are mine!....They belong to me!....God please come and save our children!
- I can see ... A vulture drifting on the hot thermals rising above the cliffs. And he is eyeing the bones on the stone below. The spirit of Rizpah tracked its flight cautiously.....taking a stick (No! no! you get away! you cannot have them! they are mine! They are mine! There not going to get you! No! No! No!)
- "She spread out a sackcloth bed... Determined to make the crags of the hot desert her new home! "And with sleeplessness and burning eyeballs day and night she would fight off the beasts! No! No! No! "In the daytime she covered would them up!
- "I can see the lion would try to come up, smelling the decaying flesh.
- "But when she saw that lion in the bushes, Her spirit was bold and not afraid! She took the sackcloth...(No!! No!!! Get away! You will never get them! Their mine!)
- "And then when the shadows of twilight came In the night, she would hear the howl of the jackal.!!!
   She'd get up....
- "The next day, She looked up, There was vultures circling, She'd wait...she'd get down low until those vultures would almost come in on those boys. And she would get up...NO!!!NO!!!NO!!!
   Hey
- **Michal**! we better wake up! because when the devil has stolen your daughter...when he has stolen your little girl...when he has stolen your boy...and has taken our families...he'll sit back in the corner and laugh at you! "You better wake up sir, because we forgot how to bare a burden and to pray!
- "We're feeding our kids to the lions. We're feeding our kids to the jackals. Nobody is here to fight off that horrible hyena of drugs... that is Stalking him every day. Nobody is here to <u>fight off</u> the jackals of the internet No! No!
- <u>The spirit of the Gibeonites</u> will laugh Hahahahaha! You saved others but your own you couldn't save! Ahahahaha! "You better wake up and get your eyes on something else and get ahold of something and fight that devil off and say NO!!!NO!!! NO!!! (Hey I am sick of myself...I need a spirit of Rizpah)
- "The pills will be going down their throats...the marijuana will be between their fingers because no one will fight those buzzards away and fight the lions off. <u>Oh God Give us a voice and a</u> <u>burden to pray! help us God, help us God!</u>
- One day the traveler came by, and saw Rizpah "Rizpah <u>what are you doing?"</u> "That traveler came by again, <u>he saw those bleached bones now...still sitting there</u>. (Not one lion had chewed on one bone, and not one jackal had broken through the hanging flesh of those boy's) (not one buzzard had come to pick the eyes out.) <u>But Her Spirit!</u>, <u>her</u> <u>perseverance</u>...<u>No!</u>...I will not leave my kids alone...I will not leave my kids.
- "That traveler went to town and saw David. The king!
  "He said... David, out there on the mountain, I saw a woman standing over skeletons. Over Dry skin. Bones. (She's thin, she's haggard and she's worn.) ...David said, what is she doing? Where was she? He told him. "David sent a runner out there. He said go and see what this man is talking about. The runner came back and said... King David she is out there!

- "That old king turned around and said go get my chariot! They brought out that gold plated chariot...they brought out them big super stallion horses. Set them all up and started marching them down the street..
- <u>Hey "where you going?</u>" <u>We're going to get Rizpah because word has come to the king</u> that she has a right spirit!
- Hey Church! <u>Can you see what I'm looking at right now?</u> Whatcha gonna do? <u>Jesus is</u> <u>saying</u> We're gonna put them in my grave, we're gonna put them in my tomb, everything is going to be alright.
- "Here's what I am telling you, if you will watch long enough...if you'll hold on long enough...word is going to get to King Jesus. <u>He's going to send a chariot full of the Holy Ghost</u> and fire. (<u>He's gonna pick up these dry bones. They're going to be buried in a watery grave...in</u> <u>His tomb.</u>)
- <u>"They're gonna come out of there to live, to walk, to be real</u>. Because somebody knows how to pray. Who is it this morning?