

Because He Slew the Gibeonites.

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We can trust in God's unbreakable covenant, which promises to take us as His people and forgive our sins.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 21:1, Psalm 89:34, Isaiah 54:10, Matthew 26:28, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 8:12, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 John 1:9

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Description

F.B. Meyer discusses the grave sin of Saul in slaying the Gibeonites, who were under a sacred covenant with Israel, emphasizing that the violation of such an oath demanded atonement through blood. He draws a parallel to the covenant established between God and humanity through Jesus Christ, highlighting that our worthiness is not the basis of this covenant, but God's grace. Meyer reassures believers that, despite their sins, they are secure in this everlasting covenant, which promises forgiveness and transformation through Christ's sacrifice. The sermon emphasizes the importance of God's faithfulness to His promises and the assurance of salvation for those who trust in Him.

Transcript

Because he slew the Gibeonites. 2 Sam, xxi. 1.

THE Gibeonites were under the protection of a special covenant, which had been entered into between them and Joshua. That covenant was the outcome of a ruse on their part. But since it had been most solemnly made by the leaders of Israel, it held good. The fact of their deceit and chicanery could not absolve Israel from the oath which had been passed for their safety. For centuries the provisions of this covenant had been observed, till Saul invaded them, and slew the Gibeonites. This was a grievous sin, which, according to the religious light of the time, seemed to demand blood; and David proposed to atone for blood by blood. Nothing but blood could atone for sin so black and dark.

We are also protected by a covenant, into which the Father has entered with the Son, not for our worthiness or merit, but only because He would. The provisions of that covenant engage to take us to be his people, to remember our sins no more, and to make the Divine law the object of our love (Heb. viii.). And the argument is irresistible, that if man is so mindful of a covenant as to feel that its infraction is a sin which can only be expiated by blood's shedding, it is impossible to suppose that God will ever run back from his.

O my soul, thou mayest rest secure in this: here is an everlasting rock; this foundation shall suffice thee for evermore. Thou art in the Son of his love. Though thou art sinful and evil, yet thou art included in the covenant which is more lasting than that of day and night. Jesus has met its conditions on thy behalf, and has undertaken to secure thy obedience and holiness.

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