

“Should You Break A Promise To The Devil?” with Doug Batchelor (Amazing Facts)” posted the day after the premier on 1/23/20.

So Jephthah's daughter (see discussion around 7:38) wasn't offered as a burnt offering? Is that what the Bible says?

Judges 11:31 from the King James Version (KJV) - "Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering."

Judges 11:34 from the King James Version - "And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter."

Judges 11:37 from the King James Version - "And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows."

Judges 11:39 from the King James Version - "And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,"

According to the Version of Doug (VOD), Jephthah's daughter wasn't offered as a burnt offering but merely remained a virgin and served God at the sanctuary for the rest of her life. Carefully read the above again in the original ENGLISH. Jephthah said he would offer up a "burnt offering" and then that he "did with her according to his vow." Jephthah's VOW was to offer a BURNT OFFERING. THIS ISN'T HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

On 11/15/20 Doug again discussed this. The YouTube title is “Q&A: What happened to Jephthah’s daughter (Judges 11)” and it was posted by Aaron. It is billed as “Bible Question & Answer by Pastors Doug Batchelor and Jean Ross.”

According to Doug, Jephthah’s dedicated his daughter “as a living sacrifice to the Lord. He did not burn her.”

Doug did try to explain his novel conclusion. According to him “God did not endorse human sacrifice.” That is true but you can read in multiple places in the Bible (maybe not in the VOD) where the children of Israel did things that weren’t endorsed by God including burning their kids. It doesn’t change the fact that the real Bible says Jephthah promised to offer “a burnt offering” and that he “did with her according to his vow.” Doug also said, “the daughters of Israel would go up yearly to weep with the daughter of Jephthah; she was still there.” Lets see what the Bible says.

“And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.” Judges 11:39-40 from the King James Version.

The Bible says the daughters of Israel lamented her yearly. It doesn't say anywhere that “she was still there” nor does it say anyone wept “with” her. You could visit your mother's grave yearly and lament her but that wouldn't mean “she was still there.” It is an Amazing Fact that Doug thinks this would pass as an answer to a Bible question. Doug apparently doesn't know how to read. Hopefully some of his listeners fact check the things he says or perhaps instead listen to someone who does know how to read.

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