FOR WHEN IT'S TIME TO FORGIVE AND FLEE

Judges 9

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

(v.1) Abimelech- father is king

(v.5) What makes this even more painful is that this treachery comes from where _____

Between sowing and reaping there is a _____

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

Jotham– Yotham - the Lord is perfect

(v.6) Abimelech is made king of _____

Shechem- (shoulder, or upper part of the back just below the neck) (Fausset)

(vv.8-20) Notice: Trees that were most _____ were least _____

Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, also your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian." [23] But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you." Judges 8:22-23

BRAMBLE Shrub (Lycium Europaeum) with sharp spines and runners usually forming a tangled mass of vegetation It had beautiful, attractive flowers, but its thorns gave flocks trouble. (Holman Bible Dictionary)

Let's wait and see if the Lord _____ (v.20)

...and if not — fire cometh out from Abimelech and devoureth the masters of Shechem and the house of Millo, and fire cometh out from the masters of Shechem and from the house of Millo, and devoureth Abimelech.' Judges 9:20 (YLT)

For there must also be factions **(hairesis)** *among you, in order that those who are approved may have become evident among you. 1 Corinthians 11:19*

(v.21) Jotham can't _____ this relationship, and for safety's sake he cannot _____ in this relationship. Jotham may be able to _____ but Abimelech hasn't _____

Jotham needs to:

1. _____ this relationship

Fled- barach- to bolt, to flee suddenly (Strong's)

2. Go a _____ away

3. To a place of _____ among _____

Beer- well (Strong's)

4. Jotham needs to _____ there (v.21)

(v.22) Here's what we will find: God's grinding wheels grind _____ but they grind _____

Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil. Ecclesiastes 8:11

(vv.26-27)

Gaal- contempt; abomination (Hitchcock's)

rejection or loathing (ISBE