

God's Gruesome Salvation  
Judges 3:12-30  
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The details must not cause us to miss the purpose of this story.

V. 15 - Theme of the story...how God saves His people in their afflictions. This is a story of God's salvation.

**God is a God of Justice**

We have to view this story through the lens of the Israelites. They had been under his oppression for 18 years. They were servants, no doubt taxed to the bone while living in poverty.

The Israelites weren't embarrassed by this at all. These details are important. This king had oppressed them, persecuted them, and mistreated them for 18 years. And now, God has returned this on his head. He has reaped what he sowed.

*This truth of God being a God of justice is important for two reasons:*

- He brings oppression on the oppressors.
- But he also saves the oppressed.

**God Saves Us Out of Dirtiness and Chaos**

Why are the details important? Because God is a god who is willing to get down and dirty with us.

**God's Eternal Salvation is Only through Jesus**

V. 30...the land had rest for only 8 years. Why only that long? 4:1