

“Good An’ Angry”
1 Samuel 11

EMERGENCY (11:1-5)

- *Ammonites are Lot’s descendants (Gen. 19:30-38) and often pester Israel (Jer. 49:1-6). They are a bigger problem for transjordan tribes.
- *Nahash = unwitting cure for Saul’s prestige problems. He’s later a buddy of David (2 Sam. 10:1, 17:27-29).
- *He wants a humiliating victory plus it’s shrewd . . . but 1 Sam. 2:3,4.

RESCUE (11:6-11)

- *The Spirit mightily comes upon Saul (10:10), as in Jdgs. 3:10, 6:34, 9:23, 14:6, 15:14. How does this contrast w/Spirit empowerment in the NT? Consider Acts 1:8, 4:8,31, 9:17-20.
- *Note the hauntingly familiar similarities to Jdgs. 19-21 (mutilations, places, tribes involved). The attack is between 3-6 am.

REDEDICATION (6:12-15)

- *Excitement over deliverance leads to a desire for vengeance (12)
- *Saul kindly forgives his critics. Recall his earlier silence in 10:27b.
- *Renewing of covenant vows at Gilgal (Josh. 4:29-5:11).

Issues to consider:

*Am I one who can
get upset about the
right things? Can I
unite to do so?*

*Am I able to forgive
those who have
criticized me?*

*Am I able to show
my gratitude for the
deliverance I have
experienced by
delivering my own
critics?*