

# Hanky?

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**I**n the book of Judges (only a week to read at three chapters a day) is a description of a sex crime, that the angels of the true God were invited to partake of when in Sodom generations earlier, with its consequence. (Did you know the Bible was such a hot read? Read it. Share in prayer what you are learning with the true God. Think of yourself as in the true God's book club. God needs a president for His book club.)

## An X-X-X Rated Tear Jerker

In the sex crime of Judges, a Levite with his concubine -- the one a man chose for himself -- traveled near the city of Jerusalem. He handed his concubine to a crowd of depraved Benjaminites who can only be compared to the sons of Sodom beating down a door to rape the Levite, her owner. After being sexually abused all night by the crowd in the street, she succumbs to her injuries. The Levite put her over the back of an ass, and then butchered her into twelve sections. One section for each tribe. In the gospel Jesus' crucifixion begins with the ass ride into Jerusalem.

The Levite sent out the butchered concubine limbs to each tribe throughout Israel. The tribal leaders declared; "Never before has anything like this happened in Israel." They understood that a human sacrifice was made. Israel went to war with Benjamin. The crime was during the period before Israel had a king, or was divided. The true God was over His people, and Moses and Joshua were laid to rest with their forefathers. The ark of the covenant was still in a tent and Israel was settling the promised land by warfare.

## There is A Reason for The Narrative

Why include such a narrative in the Bible? This story of human sacrifice made by the Levite priest of his concubine paralleled the sacrifice the true God made of His flesh, the first Christ,

Lady Wisdom. If it was possible that a lesson learnt with Lot's offer in Sodom of giving up his daughters (engaged, therefore giving up sons in essence) the angels would not have blinded the crowd. Jesus was not a son in heaven. Jesus was the wife.

## There is No Revenge in the true God

All the tribe of Benjamin was attacked due to the bad conduct of the Benjaminites living in Gibeah. The tribe of Benjamin suffered losses but was not allowed to be extinguished. There is no revenge in the true God. Jews are as welcome to be the true God's sheep as any of humanity. The sacrifice of the Christ assures forgiveness and redemption for all. That a minority of the Jew's of the day were on a war path against the Christ was additionally forgiven in Christ's prayer; "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

In both, the crowd prefers to rape the men. They were never given the angels that looked like men or the Levite. A wife, Jesus, was given as the sacrifice. Sent as a man protected her and paid the highest redemption for humanity but it was the woman who was sacrificed. The price for slaves or servants according to law was highest for a man. The second point of Jesus is that for the firstborn son lost a firstborn son was given.

## The true God Asks

Are you a faithful husband who loves your wife? A woman who delivers you every pleasure and comfort out of her giving and obedient heart? She inspiring fidelity with her gifts to you? A being that from the moment you looked at her you broke into poetry that she was going to be yours the rest of your life? If the lives of billions are saved from you giving her life because you were incapable of dying -- a thought experiment, would you give her life on behalf of others even when it meant you would be separated from her forever? If these billions were your human children, you know your fine wife would make sure she was sacrificed for her children. Where is there a finer parent than My Christ Jesus?

Hanky? (It's okay to notice God handing you a hanky.)