

## Judges 9 • War Within the House of God

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1. (v.1-6) It did not begin by the world attacking God's people from **without**, but from **within** by those who no longer held to the truth of God's Word. They brought in people who looked **legitimate**, used the things of God to provide the appearance of **legitimacy**, but in reality were committed to false **worship** practices and false **doctrine**.
2. (v.7-21) A point comes where corruption and deception are so **entrenched** that the remnant of true believers must cease **fellowship** and **association** with the rest. You cannot save people from their own **choices**, you can only save yourself by making the right **choice** personally.
3. (v.22-25) Ultimately false believers and false organizations are given over to the inevitable **end** to which their **choices** lead.
4. (v.26-45) Individuals and groups will sometimes initially unite over a common **issue** such as "You're against abortion and we're against abortion so let's be against abortion together". But because they each ultimately serve their own **interests** and pursue their own **brand** of false religion, sooner or later they end up **turning** on each other and **liquidating** any temporary alliance.
5. (v.46-49) False **believers** are never ultimately safe as they rush from one false **leader** to another. Ultimately God's final **judgment** is rendered in His own time.
6. (v.50-57) We don't literally **stone** people to death any more, but rather assault them using the **Word of God** as our primary weapon.