

1 Samuel 5-6 • When God Defends His Name

1. (5:1-5) God will not reveal His power on behalf of His **sinning** people, but neither will an enemy be allowed to **mock** His glory or **defile** His name.
2. (5:6-12) The repeated and continual rejection of God's signs and message inevitably leads to the wrath of God's **judgment**.
3. (6:1-12) Spiritual issues are always a reflection of the condition of one's **heart**, whether it is willing to repent and submit to the authority of God or is **hardened** in disobedience and therefore must experience God's escalating **judgment**.
4. (6:13-18) Signs always have a dual working for **believers** and **non-believers** alike.
5. (6:19-21) The same consequences of God's judgment are experienced by everyone who does not submit to His **authority**, operate according to His **Word**, and treat Him as **holy**.