



How Can One Person Make a Difference?

Judges 3:15-25, 29-30

Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, and the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab (Judges 3:15—ESV).

One person can make a difference, if God is with them. In the Book of Judges, we learn how God raised up one leader after another to save His people when they called out to Him in distress. Instead of speaking directly to the people in some amazing or miraculous way, God worked through His chosen leaders and gave them special gifts to aid them in His service. When God raised up Ehud as a judge over Israel, God inspired him to use his gift of being left-handed to free His people from the oppression of King Eglon of Moab, who had placed such a heavy tribute on the Israelites that they cried out to God for tax relief.

God did not save the Israelites because of their right way of living, for God had sentenced them to suffering under the Moabites as punishment for their rebellion, their immorality, and their worship of false gods. God saved them because they had come to the end of their sentence, and He took pity upon them as they cried out for help. Pure grace moved God to prepare Ehud and inspire him to use his left-hand to deliver God's people.

Ehud fashioned a double-edged sword and strapped it to his right thigh so he could enter the presence of the king armed but undetected. After he killed the king, he rallied the army of Israel and they conquered their oppressors. Then, the land had rest for eighty years, until the Israelites again rebelled against God.