April 5 Questions

1)	Israel turned their back on God after Gideon's This time their idolatry was revealed as the fruit of an heart. They weren't thankful for the way God had delivered them
	from their enemies, and they didn't show kindness to Gideon's household (Jdg 9:16–18). This helps
	us to see wickedness and rebellion from God's When we refuse to obey God and
	insist on having our own way, we the sacrifice of Christ and on His precious
	blood. Abimelech conspired with the men of, and with their blessing and their money,
	he led a team of assassins to Ophrah and killed all but one of his half-brothers. If only Gideon had
	never taken a in Shechem! A life of sacrifice and service can be ruined by the legacy
	of a sin. How important it is to obey God in all things! Jotham escaped the slaughter
	and called down a on Abimelech and Shechem (Jdg 9:20). Abimelech scoffed at Jotham's
	curse, and he ruled over Israel for the next years. His wickedness, however, did not
	escape God's notice. Abimelech and the men of Shechem had treachery, and God made
	sure they both a bloody harvest. God sent an evil to sow discord between
	them, and it wasn't long before the Shechemites went up in smoke and Jotham's curse came
	crashing down on Abimelech's head (literally). This teaches us that no one ever gets with
	doing evil. Even if the wicked go to their graves in peace, God's fiery judgment will catch them in the
	end.