

## Causes for a National Tragedy

Judges 20:1-18

1. Levite – a trouble-making individual
  - a) Quick to lay blames
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Slow to take responsibility
  
2. Israelites – a self-righteous nation
  - a) Quick to take drastic action
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Slow to seek God’s guidance
  
3. Benjaminites – an unrepentant tribe
  - a) Quick to protect tribal pride
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Slow to chastise acts of sin

Conclusion: Most human conflicts are brought on by people’s selfish interests and self-righteousness. Many tragedies could have been averted if only we are willing to repent of our sins, humble ourselves and seek God’s will instead of our own.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do I sometimes concern more on being right than doing the right thing?
2. Do I sometimes over-protect my own “clique”?
3. Do I look at punishment as a means to restoration, rather than an end to itself?
4. What lessons have I learned from today’s passage that would make be a more effective leader?