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Jdg.10,15: *“But the Israelites said to the LORD, ‘We have sinned. Do with us whatever you think best, but please rescue us now.’”*

Lk.15,7: *“In the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.”*

Having been given over into the hands of their enemies the Israelites realise: We have forsaken God’s ways, done what is wrong in his eyes and have worshiped other gods beside him. They acknowledge it is his doing and the justice of it. But knowing that God is so at work they cast themselves on him, saying: It is better to be in his hands than in that of the enemy, for our God can rescue, but the enemy enslaves.

And so they made known that God is one who rescues those who call on him and that, fierce as his hands are in judgement, it is better to commit oneself into his hands than to remain on a path that leads to destruction and means enslavement, for his hands are those of him who rescues.

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* (Rm.10,13; Acts 2,21)

*“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realising that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”* (Rm.2,4)

Lord God, give us grace to know that you judge us so that we may learn righteousness when you rescue us through Jesus Christ. Amen