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The Gospel Story—Judges 2:11-3:6

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I. Introduction

Key to Understanding : The Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3)

1. I will make you a great nation
2. I will bless you and make your name great so that you will be a blessing
3. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who dishonor you and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

The Plan:

Moses→Joshua→God (Theocracy)

As a book, the message of Judges is one of spiritual failure and God's mercy in the midst of that failure.

The Sunday School Version: Gideon, Samson

The essence of this book is found in Judges 2:11-3:6

II. Exposition

Israel's Actions:

- They Forgot the God of Their Fathers and went after the False Gods of their Surroundings.
- They Would Cry and Groan when they experienced God's Chastisements.
- They Would Obey God Temporarily When God Provided a Judge (Prophet-Deliverer)
- They Would Repent of Their Repentance and Turn Back to False Gods When a Judge's Lifespan was Complete.
- They Would Intermarry With Those They Were to Drive Out and Dislodge from Canaan and Thus Went from Conquerors to Being Compromisers.

The Lord's Heart:

- The Lord was provoked to Anger
- The anger of the Lord was kindled
- The Lord was against them for harm.
- The Difference between Human Anger and God's Anger

The Lord's Actions:

- He gave them over to plunderers
- He sold them into the hands of their enemies
- He was moved by pity when Israel groaned to him about their oppression and raised up deliverers.

And this more or less a summary of the entire book of Judges. Wash, Rinse, Repeat (12 times)

III. Thoughts for Application:

1. We have an absolute need for a Prophet Deliver to save us from our sin and lead us into the covenant blessings of God (Gal. 3:10-14)

"The cross shows us the seriousness of our sin—but also the immeasurable love of God." —Billy Graham

2. For we walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7)

--Difference: Living by sight, they inherited a faith from their fathers, but it was not in their hearts.

--Rom. 12:1-2 charges us to be transformed not conformed to this world

--American Bible Society Report:

--Deconstruction

--Engagement not inheritance or osmosis