

Judges: The Beginning of the End

Sermon Study Notes for 3/11/18

Getting to Know One Another:

1. Do you ever feel like God is on your side?
2. Do you ever feel like God isn't on your side?
3. Share about a time when you tried to do something on your own strength and it didn't go as planned.
4. Share about a time when you relied on God and things turned out far better than they should have.

Into the Bible:

Read **Judges 2.6-12**

1. Is there a cause and effect relationship between verses 10 and 11, or could verse 10 just as easily have been put first?
2. Describe a community or environment in which it would be possible for an entire generation to grow up not knowing God or what God has done?
3. Do you agree with A.W. Tozer that "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us?"
4. Do you agree with the statement: "Every action we take comes back to what we believe about God?"

Read **Joshua 5.13-15**

5. Joshua is armed and ready for battle at Jericho. Why does God send an angel to interrupt him?
6. Why does the angel reject the premise of Joshua's question?

Read **Genesis 12.2-3**

7. What, if anything, does this promise have to do with the conquest of Canaan in Joshua and Judges?
8. Who is being blessed in this passage and how?

Read **Exodus 19.5-6**

9. How, according to this passage, can Israel become a kingdom of priests?
10. Priests were set apart in a variety of ways, but the most obvious way was in how they dressed (*if you want have someone google image search 'Israelite Priest' on their phone*). In what way or ways was Israel to be set apart?

Read as many of the following verses as you like or have time for. After each verse is read, ask the two questions below:

VERSES:

1. Num 5.7
2. Lev 19.18
3. Deut 23.24
4. Deut 23.25
5. Lev 25.14
6. Lev 19.32
7. Lev 19.13
8. Lev 19.33-34

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the ethical principle operating in this commandment?
2. Is it relevant to us today?

EXTRA CREDIT:

Read **Joshua 1.2, 3, 6, 11, 13, and 15.**

- 11.** What do all these verses have in common?
- 12.** What assumption about the “land” do all these verses make?