



Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 12 (Part 3)

Passage: Judges - Survey

Pressing Forward into 2022

- Our Discipleship Catechism Questions
 - ① What is the chief end of man?
 - ② What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify Him?
 - ③ What do the Scriptures principally teach?
 - ④ What is God?
 - ⑤ Are there more gods than One?
 - ⑥ How many persons are there in the Godhead?
 - ⑦ What is the decree of God?
 - ⑧ How does God execute His decree?
 - ⑨ What are God’s works of providence?
- Our memory work:
 - 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - Psalm 73:25-26
 - Isaiah 46:9-10
 - John 1:12-13
 - Proverbs 19:21
 - Daniel 4:35
 - Psalm 115:1-3

For whatever things were written before were written **for our learning**, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

(Romans 15:4)

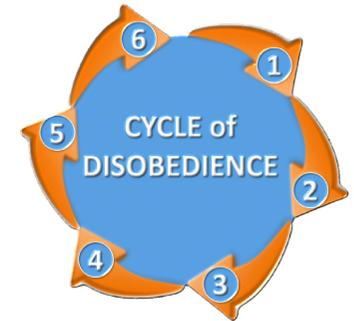


How Do You Answer “Who Is God?”

- Our greatest problem and need for this time in history?
- What is eternal life? (John 17:2-3; Isaiah 1:3-4; **5:12**; Hosea 4:1; Jeremiah 4:22; 9:3-6) **Do you have eternal life?**
- What is the meaning of the word “know” in John 17:2?
- Are you in AWE of God? (Psalm 33:8)
 - ➔ What is the definition of AWE?
- Do you tremble at His Word? (Isaiah 66:2; Psalm 119:120, 161; Habakkuk 2:16; Philippians 2:12)
- Is God angry at you or pleased with you? (Psalm 5:5; 7:11; Eph 1:6)
- Are you a child of God or a child of the devil? (1 John 3:10)
- How does God review history? (See Joshua 24; Nehemiah 9:5-31; Acts 13:13-41)

The cycle of disobedience:

- ① Israel disobeyed.
 - ② God hands them over to their enemies.
 - ③ Israel cries out to the LORD.
 - ④ God raises us a judge to deliver them.
 - ⑤ God’s people experience peace.
 - ⑥ As soon as the judge dies they revert back and do worse than their fathers.
- See Handout: The Period of the Judges

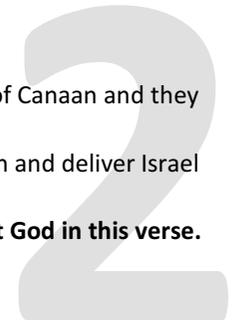


Cycle 1 - Othneil (Judges 3:7-11)

Cycle 2 - Ehud (Judges 3:12-30)

Cycle 3 - Deborah (Judges 4-5)

- The LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin, king of Canaan and they served Jabin for **twenty** years.
- The LORD commanded Barak to fight against Jabin and deliver Israel out of his hand. (4:6) See handout.
- (4:7) **READ CAREFULLY** - **what do you learn about God in this verse.**
- (4:11-15) The **providence** of God.



- Jabin's commander, Sisera dies at the hand of woman, Jael, yielding a tent peg.
- The land rested for **forty** years.

Cycle 4 - Gideon (Judges 6:1-8:32)

- See handout.
- God delivered His people into the hands of the Midianites for **seven** years.
- Read the LORD's rebuke in Judges 6:7-10.
- God raises up Gideon - see Judges 6:12-17.
- GOD IS TO GET THE GLORY IS ALL THAT WE DO! Consider Judges 7:1-7!
 - ★ From 32,000 to 22,000 to 300!
- God gave the Israelites rest for **forty** years. (8:28)

Then There Was . . . (Judges 9-10)

- Abimelech, Tola, Jair
- (10:6-7) Read Israel's sin AGAIN.
- Israel cried out to the LORD. Read the LORD's rebuke: Judges 10:10-16.

Jephthath (Judges 11-12)

- See two handouts.
 - Jephthath the Judge.
 - Jephthath's Vow.

Samson (Judges 13-16)

- (Judges 13) Samson's **miraculous** birth.
- (Judges 14) Samson's marriage - **meditate on vv. 1-4**.
- (Judges 15-16) Samson's judgeship, failure, and death.

Idolatry and Immorality

- Personal idolatry - Judges 17
 - ★ "... everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (v. 6; 21:25; Deuteronomy 12:8)
 - ☆ Proverbs 12:15; 14:12; 16:2, 25; 30:12
- Tribal idolatry - Judges 18
 - ✗ Read verses 24, 27, 30-31

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- Personal immorality - Judges 19:1-10
- Tribal immorality - Judges 19:11-20:48
 - ✗ Read verses 20-25.
- War between Israel and Dan (Judges 20)
- Foolish vow, murder, kidnaping. (Judges 21)

Vow Making in the Bible

We make promises every day, such as, "I'll call you" and then we don't. We make formal vows such as wedding vows. We break many of these promises and think nothing of it! We sing hymns and songs with promises such as, "I will follow you" and then not even consider our Sunday promises on Monday. **A vow is a promise to DO something. A promise to do something is a vow.** A vow does not have to be preceded with words such as, "I promise . . . or I vow . . .". Christ said that our "YES" is our word – our vow (Matthew 5:37). Consider what God reveals about what He thinks of our vows.



Deuteronomy 23:21-23

- Do not be slow in fulfilling
- The LORD will demand it of you
- You are guilty of sin

Leviticus 5:4-6

- Even thoughtlessly made
- Good and evil vows
- Aware or Unaware of making them (i.e. singing hymns)

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6

- Do not delay in fulfilling
- God has no pleasure in fools
- Better not to make a vow

Numbers 30:1-3

- Must do everything he said
- (Mark 10:1-12)

Galatians 6:7-8

- God will not be mocked

God's Example: Psalms 89:30-34

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