



Judges

Part #3 –
Sold Out, but not to
God

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: – Judges 2:21
- That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it*, or not. – Judges 2:22
- Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua. - Judges 2:23
- Now these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, *even* as many of *Israel* as had not known all the wars of Canaan; – Judges 3:1



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; – Judges 3:2
- *Namely*, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baalhermon unto the entering in of Hamath. – Judges 3:3
- And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years. – Judges 3:7-8



Keys

And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. – Judges 3:4

- Five lords of the Philistines, Canaanites, Sidonians and Hivites
- Time of proving
- Dwelling among thorns and pricks
- Judged by their deeds – actions speak louder than words
- Othniel, Ehud, Deborah and Barak



In this lesson

- Deeds, Drifting, Ditches and Deliverances



Deeds

And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. – Judges 2:19

- Weight of their deeds and services
- Originals but useless in value
- Stiff-necked, stubborn and insubordinate



Drifting

And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so. – Judges 2:17

- Prostituting other gods
- Bowing to the pressure of norms in the land
- Turning quickly aside – no convictions, compass, controls, or covenants to remember
- **They knew the way of their fathers but walked not in it!**
- **To walk in – is to obey in word and deed (action)**



Ditches

And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. - Judges 2:12

- They turned into deceit and error
- Their end was corruptions – they lowered the standard left by their fathers
- It was the order of the day to see who could produce something more vile



Ditches – Cont'd

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And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; – Judges 2:20

- They became slaves for hire and bowed their lives into servitude
- A perpetual headiness and backslidden nature
- Refused to hear the call to turn – Judges 2:21; Proverbs 1:24-33



Deliverances

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- Five lords of the Philistines
 - Out of southern Europe or Greece
 - Both peoples desiring to place the levant under their political hegemony



Deliverances – Cont'd

- All the Canaanites
 - Descended from Noah's grandson – a son of Ham
 - Lived on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean
- Sidonians
 - What is today modern Lebanon
 - Skillful sailors
- Hivites
 - Descendants from the sons of Canaan – Genesis 10:15
 - Story of Dinah and Shechem, the son of Hamor – Genesis 34:1; Genesis 34:13, 25, 26



Deliverances – Cont'd

- **Othniel – Judges 3:7-11**
 - Nephew of Caleb
 - Problem – Sin
 - Result of sin - Children sold
 - Duration of slavery – 8 years
 - Duration of Peaceful time – 40 years
- **Ehud – Judges 3:12-30**
 - Left handed Judge
 - Problem – Sin
 - Result of sin – Strengthened the enemy, possessed the city of palm tree
 - Duration of slavery – 18 years
 - Duration of Peaceful time – 80 years



Conclusion

From the pages of Judges

- Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. - Judges 2:16



Next Week

We will continue next week, still in the book of Judges