

Lessons from the Judges

Week #2 – Othniel and Getting Back on Track Judges 3:7-11

Israel's steps towards their problem: (3:5-6)

- They _____ Among Them; They _____ Among Them; They _____ Among Them

God's Two Purposes from Judges 3:1-3:

- To _____ Israel's faithfulness (3:1)
- To teach them to _____ (3:2)

Israel's Journey Back on Track:

1. Israel did not _____ (Judges 3:7-8; Deut. 4:23-24)
 - a. They forgot the LORD who was their God. (Judges 3:7b; Deut. 4:23)
 - i. When man _____, man will make _____ for himself.
 - ii. "take heed" – Be on guard; be alert
 - b. Cushan-Rishathaim literally means "Cushan of _____"
2. Israel _____ in their lives (Judges 3:9-10a)
 - a. Israel cried out to the LORD, and the Lord sent a deliverer
 - i. Othniel's name means " _____ "
 - ii. Othniel is _____ (Joshua 15:15-19; Judges 1:11-15)
 - b. Othniel _____
 - i. He sought to restore _____ living in Israel
 - ii. He Judged Israel before going to war
 - The people of God must first deal with their sin before doing the work of the LORD.
3. Israel _____ on the LORD (Judges 3:10b-11)
 - a. Dependence _____ the True _____
 - i. The LORD wanted Israel to know that fighting for the LORD first starts with *dependence on the LORD for the victory.*
 - ii. "to know war" = to know how to depend on the LORD
 - b. Dependence results in true _____.

Discussion questions:

- We saw that Israel did not take heed to remember the LORD. For the church, how could this lesson be applicable to us? How does 1 Peter 5:8-9 play into this? What would taking heed and "not forgetting" look like in our lives?
- Israel learned to "know war", that is, dependence on God for deliverance and victory. In what ways have we needed to depend on God, and in what areas do we fail to depend on God in our lives?

"Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. – Judges 2:11-12