

Judges: Broken Heroes/Faithful God

Lessons From Judges

1. God is looking for servants.

Matthew 20:26-28 (Voice)

This is the Kingdom's logic: whoever wants to become great must first make himself a servant; whoever wants to be first must bind himself as a slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as the ransom for many.

2. God rules and overrules in history.

Acts 17:26 (NLT)

From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.

3. God gives nations the leaders they deserve.

Psalms 78:72 (NIV)

David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

4. God graciously forgives and helps us begin again.

Romans 5:3-5 (CEV)

We gladly suffer, because we know that suffering helps us to endure. And endurance builds character, which gives us a hope that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love.

Romans 8:18 (NLT)

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

Daniel 3:17-18 (NIV)

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

5. God's Word stands despite people's unfaithfulness.

Hebrews 11:32-34 (NIV)

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we disown him, he will also disown us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

6. God uses human government to accomplish His will.

Proverbs 14:34 (CSB)

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

7. When God's people are worldly, the world decays.

Matthew 5:13-16 (GNT)

"You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it.

"You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

"The church does the most for the world when the church is the least like the world." – G. Campbell Morgan

8. God doesn't tell the whole story all at once.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NLT)

Don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

9. God still blesses those who live by faith.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Romans 14:23b (NIV)

Any action not consistent with faith is sin.

10. God's story isn't finished yet!